Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Christian Arney S8023 f32NC
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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: Court of pleas & quarter Sessions July Session 1832

On this 19th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Christian Arney a resident of Lincoln County in the state aforesaid, aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] & Major Davidson entered service in the year 1781 was ordered by General Davidson to make shoes, during the term of service, he made 85 pair of shoes – entered service again as a volunteer under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Major Lawman, Captain Robert Alexander, Lieutenant William McKinsey [William McKenzie] who was afterwards promoted to Captain, served five months-- he resided in the County & State aforesaid – Marched to Charleston in South Carolina was discharged at black-bluff on Savannah River. He was acquainted with Colonel Bramfield of the regular Army – has had in his possession ever since the annexed discharge[1] from service & also states that he can prove his service by Adam Reep[2] & Jacob Plunk.[3]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Christian Arney, X his mark

[John G Fritchey, a clergyman, and John Hoke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: Court of pleas & quarter Sessions January Sessions 1832

Jacob Plunk swears that he knows of the service of Christian Arney under General Davidson & Major Davidson & of his being ordered to make shoes for the Army -- & knows that he was absent & was said to be in service under General Rutherford but did not see him in Rutherford's Army.

S/ Jacob Plunk, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: Court of pleas and Quarter Sessions

Adam Reep swears that he knows of the service of Christian Arney, under General Rutherford and those that he served five months as a volunteer between '78 & '79.

S/ Adam Reep

[1] This document is not in the file
[2] Adam Reep W4779
[3] Jacob Plunk S7321

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: October Sessions 1833

On the 14th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Lincoln County now sitting Christian Arney a Resident of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina aged 84 years who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 – that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated.

First that he volunteered as a soldier under the Command of Captain John Dillinger [John Philip Dellinger?] that the Company was mustered into Service at Moses [? name largely obliterated] Moore's on Indian Creek in said County that he marched from said County through Burke County to the Turkey Cove in pursuit of Indians in which tour they were marched to different places in which tour he continued in Service for three months that he received a discharge from Captain Dellinger Specifying his Service for Said term but does not know that he can find it.

That he next volunteered in company of Militia Commanded by Captain Peter Carpenter to go against the Indians a second time that the company was marched from this County in pursuit of the Indians in the mountains as far as the Turkey Cove that in this tour he again Served three months that when the Company was discharged he did not get a discharge from the Captain of the Company.

The next tour of Service he volunteered in Lincoln County under the command of Captain Robert Alexander that he Joined his company near Charlotte in the month of November 1778 that he was marched into Charlotte and Joined the Army under the Command of General Rutherford there Colonel Francis Locke that he marched in said Army within Ten miles of Charleston in the State of South Carolina, and from there they were marched under the Command of General Rutherford to Purrysburg that they remained near Purrysburg guarding different places on Savannah River that they were discharged at Black Swamp on the 10th day of April 1779, that he received a discharge Signed by Captain McKinsey which has been lost in this tour he Served five months.

That previous to This Tour of Service about the Beginning of the Revolutionary War he was drafted as militia and marched under the Command of Captain Robert Alexander and Lieutenant Jacob Forney against the Indians the Company was marched to Turkey Cove and from thence to French Broad River in which and they were Employed in Scouting in pursuit of the Indians in this tour he Served three months when he received a discharge from his Captain.

That he was drafted again Shortly before the Battle of Ramsour [Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780] under the Command of General Davidson that he was employed in the Service Scouting in Lincoln County and Served three months he further states from old age and loss of memory he cannot be particularize the dates and as he cannot read or write he was unable to keep the dates of the different Services Relying entirely on his memory.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Christian Arney, X his mark

Questions by the Court

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was Born in York town in the State of Pennsylvania but do not recollect the date.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ans: I have no record of my age as I cannot read or write.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived near Lincoln then when called into Service and ever since to this time.

[4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute

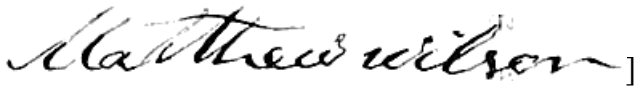
and if so for whom did you substitute?] [omitted]
5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans: General Rutherford, Colonel Locke but from old age do not recollect any but the officers that I was Commanded by but further to substantiate my Claim I have introduced the testimony of Adam Reep, Joshua Roberts and Jacob Plunk whose testimony will be annexed.
[6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?][omittted]
[7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.][omitted]
He has no personal acquaintance with any Clergyman that could prove his Revolutionary Character.

State of North Carolina, Lincoln County
Jacob Plunk aged 84 years of age has been acquainted with Christian Arney the applicant for 67 years that the Said Plunk was in the Same Company with Said Arney for three months in the tour to Munsford Cove, and French Board River; and that he knows that he Said Arney Served three months; he also on his oath States that he Served three months with the said Arney three months under General Davidson a Second time.
S/ Jacob Plunk, R his mark

Adam Reep appeared in Court and Being Sworn according to Law States he is 78 years of age that he was well acquainted with Christian Arney before the A revolutionary War, that he Served with the said Arney in the five month tour under the Command of Captain Alexander and General Rutherford for five months that he was in the Same mess with the Said Arney during the whole tour of Service & returned home with him. S/ Adam Reep

Joshua Roberts[4] being duly Sworn Says he is 77 years of age that he Served in the same Company with the Said Company [sic] with Christian Arney under the Command of Captain Alexander and General Rutherford that he served five months as he has Stated as he the said Roberts was discharged with the Said Army. S/ Joshua Roberts, X his mark

[p 14: On February 12, 1853 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Matthew Wilson, 68, filed a power of attorney in which he states he is the son-in-law of Christian Arney; that his father-in-law died in the spring of 1834; that Mrs. Arney had died sometime before.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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the North Carolina service.]

[4] **Joshua Roberts S7389**