Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Arnold W12208 Mary Arnold f44NC
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Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832
[State of North Carolina, Moore County]

On the 21st day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Josiah Tyson, John Patterson & Donald McDonald Esquires Solomon Arnold a resident in the State of North Carolina and in the County of Moore aged seventy-five 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he Entered into the Militia of the State of North Carolina on the 10th day of September 1780 as a drafted Militia under the Command of General Allin Jones [Allen Jones] for three months the name or number of the Regiment in which he served he does not recollect, but that it was commanded by Colonel or Major Hill, that he served in the Company commanded by Captain John White and Lieutenant Lincar [? could be "Lincan"][1], that the Company to which he belonged rendezvoused at Warrenton the County seat of Warren County from whence they were marched to Lewisburg the County seat of Franklin County, where they Joined the Company of Franklin Militia from thence they were marched to Wake Courthouse now Raleigh, from thence to Hillsboro in Orange County from thence to Salisbury in Rowan County and from thence towards and near the line of the State of South Carolina where they Joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] main Army where they remained until the 11th of December 1780 when they left the Army, that he was at that time and had been for some time previous sick and was sent off with a number of others who were also sick without having received any discharge in writing. That the first night after the sick was sent off the rest of the Militia who went out at the same time and with this applicant overtook and passed by them, that by the aid of the baggage wagons they were enabled to reach their homes. That he entered the service and served as a private Soldier. That when this applicant entered the Service as aforesaid he resided in the State of North Carolina and in the County of Warren. That while they were attached to General Greene's Army he recollects seeing General Greene, Colonel Washington [William Washington], General or Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and a number of other Continental officers whose names he cannot now recollect. That sometime after he had got home a certificate certifying his services as above stated was sent to him by Major John Macon which certificate he has long since lost. That on the 20th day of April 1781 This Applicant again entered the service in the Militia of the State of North Carolina as a drafted man and as a private Soldier and for the term of three months in the Company Commanded by Captain Joel Rann [Joel Wren], Lieutenant's name he does not recollect. The name or number of the Regiment to which he belonged he does not recollect but recollects it was commanded by Colonel Linton [William Thomas Linton], he also recollects that Colonel Sitgraves and

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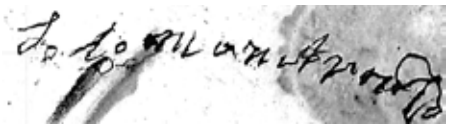
Colonel Hawkins (the latter of the Cavalry) were along. That they again Rendezvoused at Warrenton the County seat of Warren County, that they were then marched to Roanoke River in Virginia that they crossed said River (he believes) at Blacks Ferry and took up the River to Burton's Ferry (as he believes) where they remained a few days and then crossed the River at said Burton's Ferry and marched to Williamsburg in Granville County in the State of North Carolina, and thence to Halifax, thence to Tarborough where they Joined the Militia from the lower counties of North Carolina, that they were then marched to and fro in the lower part of North Carolina busily engaged in hunting & suppressing the great number of Tories who at that time inhabited that section of Country and were annoying, plundering and doing much damage to the good Citizens of that section of the Country, during this time they were at Kingstown [sic, Kinston], and in several of the Counties in that part of the State, that in this pursuit they spent the three months, that about the time the said three months expired they were marched towards Halifax where they expected to receive discharges from Colonel Long who resided at or near Halifax but before we got there we received information that a part of the British Army were there, we were then verbally discharged by the Captain to make our way home and to meet him again on a certain day in Halifax in order to receive our discharges. At the time appointed this applicant and a number of others met at Halifax but the Captain did not meet us and we failed to get a written discharge but some time afterwards this applicant received from Major John Macon a certificate of his said service for this tour, as above mentioned for his first tour, which certificate he has lost. That he was verbally discharged by his said Captain as aforesaid and left the service on the 25th day of July 1781. That when he entered into the service the last time above mentioned he still resided in the State of North Carolina in County of Warren. This applicant further states that there is no Minister of the gospel who resides near him and who is well acquainted with him. This applicant further states that he knows of no person living who can prove his said service, and that he has no documentary evidence to prove the same. This applicant further states that it is possible he may not be exactly correct in the dates as to the times he entered and left the service but he believes he is. That he well recollects that he served a few days each time after the three months, the time for which he entered the service expired.

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 and Subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Solomon Arnold



[Standard certificate of reputation for veracity and service given by Jacob Gaster and William Wadsworth]

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State of North Carolina, Moore County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August the 21st day 1833

The Court propounded the following interrogatories to Solomon Arnold an applicant for a pension, Viz.,

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

Answer in the State of Virginia – in the County of Lunenburg and in the year 1758.

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

A. I have no record of my Age.

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

A. When I was Called into Service I resided in the County of Warren and in the State of North Carolina where I resided until the year 1816. I then moved to Moore County in the State of North

Carolina where I have resided ever since and where I now reside.
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?
Ans. I was drafted.
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. I recollect seeing General Greene, Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee and a number of other Continental officers whose names I do not recollect. We were not long with Greene's Army and when we was we were encamped in different places and did not mixed together much. The latter part of the time I was sick, so I had not much opportunity of knowing the Continental officers. I do not know that I ever knew the name of any of the Regiments or their Number, if I did I have forgot them. I was drafted as a private Soldier for three months I entered the service on the 10th day of September 1780 in the Company Commanded by Captain John White and Lieutenant Lencar [? Lencan, or Lenoir?] the Regiment was Commanded by Colonel or Major Hill, the Company met at Warrenton in Warren County, was marched from there to Lewisburg in Franklin County where we met the Company of Franklin Militia, from there they were marched to Wake Court House where Raleigh now is, from there to Hillsboro in Orange County from there to Salisbury and from there to or near the line of the State of South Carolina, where they Joined General Greene's Army where he remained until the 11th of December 1780 at which time I was sick and was sent Home with a number of other sick soldiers – I was drafted a second time for three months as a private Soldier, I again Entered into the Militia Service on the 20th day of April 1781 in the Company Commanded by Captain Joel Rann that he again Met at Warrenton and marched from there to Roanoke River in the State of Virginia, from there we was marched to Williamsburg in Granville County in the State of North Carolina, from there we were marched to Halifax in said State, from there we were marched to Tarborough in said State, where he Joined the Militia from the Eastern Counties of North Carolina. We were then marched from place to place in that part of the State hunting and suppressing the Tories who were numerous in that part of the State. We was then marched towards Halifax in said State but before we got there we was verbally discharged by the Captain on the 25th day of July 1781.
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?
Ans. I didn't. I received two certificates sent by Major John Macon certifying that I had served two three months tours.
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.
Jacob Guster and William Wadsworth

[p 21: On August 25, 1833 in Moore County North Carolina, Howell Lashley,[2] 70, gave a supporting affidavit of service by Solomon Arnold; affiant claims to have lived with Arnold's father from 1775 to 1785 and consequently knew of Arnold's service. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 12: On October 31, 1845 in Moore County North Carolina, Mary Arnold, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of Solomon Arnold; that she was married to him in Warren County North Carolina about the year 1783 or 1784; that she and her husband removed to Moore County North Carolina about the years 1817 where they lived as man and wife until October 23, 1844 when her husband departed this life. She signed her application with her mark.]

[2] **Howell (Howel) Lesly (Lashley) S8825**

[p 23: Copy of a marriage bond dated Jan. 29, 1784 issued in Warren County to Solomon Arnold & John Arnold conditioned upon the marriage of Solomon Arnold to Mary Gurley.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]