

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of John Arnold S37682

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State of Kentucky, Clarke County.

On the 26th day of March, 1834 personally came before Richard French, Judge of the Clarke Circuit Court, John Arnold, a resident of Clarke County and State of Kentucky, aged seventy five years past, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the month of August in the year 1778 to the best of his recollection at this time (though of the year he is not certain) he entered as an eighteen months man in the Spotsylvania County Virginia. The said was commanded by Capt. John Benam. He entered as a substitute for his father, Anthony Arnold, who had been drafted or upon whom the lot fell in his class to serve eighteen months.. The first few months he served in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Matthews. He was then marched to Williamsburg where he joined the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. James Innis or Ennis (which way the name was spelled he does not know) in a company commanded by Captain John Nelson. From Williamsburg we were marched to Richmond, he recollects whilst at Richmond of seeing the Marquis La Fayette, it was the first time he had ever seen him. From Richmond he marched to Petersburg and from there he marched to Charleston. The troops whilst at Charleston were under the command of General Woodford and Dangerfield. He was in Woodford's Brigade. From there he was marched to Monck's Corner [spelled "Mountscorner"]. From there by way of Camden Courthouse; from there we marched to a place called Brooklin [sic, Brookline or Brooklyn?] and where again marched to the South to Savannah and whilst there his eighteen months being about to expire, he enlisted in Washington's Corps of Horse in the company commanded by Captain John Lightfoot. He served in said light horse troops in the South until the battle of Cowpens; he was in said battle and received three wounds. After the battle of the Cowpens, he still remained with said light horse and marched toward Charleston, and from thence to Savannah, and from there to Camden and from that [place] to the Pee Dee [River]. He enlisted in Washington's troop of horse for a period of eighteen months, and his time having expired, he was discharged and got a written discharge from Colonel William Washington. His whole service in the United States Army was three years as a private soldier. His written discharge he has lost. General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] commanded at the battle of the Cowpens and was assisted by Washington's light horse, General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and Colonel Howard [John Eager Howard] were also at the battle. He recollects in Washington's troop, Captains Fantleroy [sic, Griffin Fauntleroy] and Jamison [Fauntleroy Jamison or Jameson] besides his own Captain. The second in command was Major Scott. His recollection has failed him very much and he cannot now name any of the officers in Wayne's [General Anthony Wayne] troop except Major John Willis. Before he joined Washington's troop, he was transferred to the 17th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Dangerfield in the brigade

commanded by General Scott. His Captain's name in said Regiment was John Browning. He fell in with Wayne several times whilst he served. The first time was at Petersburg, and he was with him again at Charleston and also at Big PeeDee. He recollects Generals Thomas, Loman [could be Lomare] & Lewis, Howe & Liveren. They are all the officers he recollects except those who he has named already & except those in the Regiment in which he served. In the 7th, the Major was named John Thorn and in the 17th, Major James Lewis. General Gates commanded the troops in the South most of the time. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, part of it he can prove by John Gravit and Mrs. Sally Benning, his sister, knows that he was in the war three years; he knows of no other testimony living by whom he can prove his services. He did during the year 1833 procure the evidence of John Roche who was his orderly sergeant during the whole of his eighteen months service in the Washington's troop of horse, and sent the same on with his declaration and other papers, directed to the Secretary at War at Washington City but he has been informed that said papers are lost or mislaid and cannot be found. He states that he sent said papers in the year 1833 and he is not now able to procure of the evidence of said John Roche. When he got his testimony he was in the State of Kentucky. If he be now living, he is in Fauquier County Virginia but he does not know whether he is dead or alive. He was a very old man last year when he obtained his testimony, being in his 87th year and is no doubt now dead

He states that he was born in Caroline County Virginia on the 24th June 1758. He has a record of his age in his Bible at his house in Clarke County. He was living in Spotsylvania County Virginia when he entered the service of the United States. After the war he lived in Spotsylvania County, Virginia until the fall of the year 1803 when he moved to the State of Kentucky and all the time he lived in Kentucky he has lived in Clarke County where he now resides. He has been absent however 10 or 12 years in the State of Ohio since he first came to Kentucky in 1803. For the last four years he has in residing where he now lives in Clarke County.

He is known in his present neighborhood to David Hampton Esq., Reverend John Alexander, Reverend factor Bush, George Hampton, Ezekeil Elkin, Lewis Grigsby and others who can testify to his character for veracity and they are believe of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 aforesaid.

S/ John Arnold