

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Matthew Armstrong S8035

Transcribed by Will Graves

State of North Carolina, Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions 1834

On the 29th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Lincoln County now setting, Matthew Armstrong a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina, aged seventy one years who being 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 enlisted for ten months in the Army of the United States with Captain William McKinsey in April 1781 at Nicholas Leeper's in Lincoln County. That he was mustered into service at the time and was marched to Turkey Creek in now Chester District South Carolina, where his company joined the Regiment then commanded by Colonel William Hill that the Regiment was marched to Belville on the Congaree [River] and from thence to Brown's old field at this place his Regiment was placed under the command of Colonel William Polk and they were joined by the Regiments commanded by Colonels Middleton and Wade Hampton all under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] from this place the army under General Sumter were marched to the Eutaw Springs and were in that Battle, after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs they were marched back to Brown's old field and from there to Orangeburg where he remained until a short time before his time of Enlistment Expired, he was sent with a detachment to Santee [River] where he remained until his time expired which was in February 1782, that he was offered a discharge by his Captain but he had been promised a Negro if he would enlist and was told if he took a discharge he would not get a Negro he returned to his residence in Lincoln County North Carolina.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension list Roll of any agency. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above stated.

S/ Mathew Armstrong, X his mark

Questions propounded by the Court:

1st. Where and in what year were you born[?]

Ans. I was born in the year 1762 in Lincoln County then called Mecklenburg

2nd. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it[?]

Ans. I have at my residence in an old Bible

3rd. When & Where were living when you were called in to service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and Where do you now live[?]

Ans. I lived in this county when called into service and ever since.

4th. How were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom[?]

Ans. I enlisted as I have stated in my declaration

5th. State the names of some the 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 General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, Colonel Howard [John Eager Howard] and Colonel Lee [Henry Lee, "Light Horse Harry Lee"] who led the charge of Cavalry near the close of the Battle at Eutaw Springs, and the troops he acted with followed and were marched off the Battle ground he was one of the rear guard near the Battle ground the day after the Battle. One of Colonel Washington [William Washington] [illegible word] was officer of the guard.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so by whom was it given and what became of it[?]

Ans. I received no discharge as stated.

7th. State the name of persons to whom you are acquainted to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution[.]

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S/ Sam Caldwell

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**Another Version**

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**Pension Application of Mathew Armstrong**, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 82, Application # S8035

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**Annotated and Transcribed by Nancy Poquette**

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Treasury Department, Second Comptrollers Office  
October 9th 1838

Sir:

Under the act of the 6th of April, 1838, entitled "An act directing the transfer of money remaining unclaimed by certain Pensioners, and authorizing the payment of the same at the Treasury of the United States, The widow of Matthew Armstrong, deceased, a pensioner on the Roll of the N. Carolina Agency, at the rate of thirty three dollars and thirty three cents per annum, under the law of the 7th June 1832 has been paid at this department from the 4<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1834 to the 4th of September 1837.

Respectfully yours, Allison K. Parris, Comptroller

June 22, 1928

Mrs. J. C. McBrayer  
223 Forest Road  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Madam:

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.8035, it appears that Mathew Armstrong was born in 1762 in Lincoln County, North Carolina (then called Mecklenburg County). While residing in said county, he enlisted in April 1781 and served ten months in Captain William McKensey's Company, Colonels William Hill's and William Polk's North Carolina Regiment, and was in the battle of Eutaw Springs.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 29, 1834, while a resident of Lincoln County, North Carolina. He died June 21, 1838, leaving a widow, her name is not stated, and there are no further data as to family. The above noted Mathew (Matthew) Armstrong is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.

Owing to the very large number of inquiries similar to yours and a lack of clerical force available for the purpose, the bureau is unable to make immediate reply to inquiries pertaining to soldiers of the Revolution, and only two histories are furnished each inquirer.

Respectfully,  
Winfield Scott,  
Commissioner

Inscribed on the Roll of North Carolina at the rate of 33 dollars 33 cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1831. Certificate of Pension issued the 12th day of May Letter to 3 Audt. 25 Sept 1838

DEAD

Paid at the Treasury under the act of the 6th April 1838 from 4 Sept 1834 to 4 Sept 1837. Agent notified 22 Oct 1838 (written on sleeve) He died June 21-1838

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