

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas Arnold W5640

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State of Alabama, Autoga [sic, Autauga] County

Personally came before me on this 16th day of April Eighteen hundred and thirty three in open Court of the Circuit Court of Autauga County and State of Alabama now sitting, Thomas Arnold, a resident of Autauga County, in the State of Alabama aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

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

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the State of South Carolina, under Capt. John Ridgeway in the year 1779,¹ in the District of Ninety-six, that he was marched from thence under the command of Capt. John Ridgeway to the State of North Carolina, Rutherford County where he joined the Army of Genl Morgan [Daniel Morgan], a short distance from the Cowpens, that he was at the battle of the Cowpens but was unable to fight in consequence of a wound he had previously received in a skirmish at Hammon's old Store [sic, Hammond's Old Store] in the State of South Carolina, District of ninety six under the command of Col. William Sumpter.² That he continued in the service in North Carolina about three months during which time he was marched through different parts of the state, in skirmishing expeditions. That after the expiration of his then stay in North Carolina, he was marched back to South Carolina, Ninety six district, by Capt. John Ridgeway. That he continued under his command until he was killed by William Cunningham on Dirty [?] Creek in the District of Ninety six. By reason of whose death he was unable to get a discharge from the service. That he served as a volunteer upwards of nine months. That he served with Col. Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], Genl Morgan, Col. Washington, Col. Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] and Lieut Walter Garner and others whose names he cannot remember. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except that present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: M. P. Hokinan, Clk

S/ Tho Arnold

1 From the events petitioner describes, this date is probably sometime in late 1780.

2 It is difficult to know to whom petitioner is referring. Thomas Sumter was not present at Hammond's Old Store because he was still recovering from the severe wounded he suffered at Blackstock's Plantation the month before. Also, by the date of the engagement at Hammond's Old Store, Sumter had been promoted to the rank of Brigadier General of the SC militia. The reference, therefore, is most likely to Col. William Washington who was the commanding officer at the engagement at Hammond's Old Store.