

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Abel Armstrong S2039

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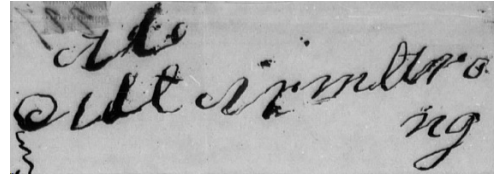
County of Logan }

On this sixth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before George B. Holt president, and James McPherson, Robert Smith and Levi Gaswood his associates Judges of the court of common pleas of the county of Logan aforesaid Abel Armstrong a resident of Monroe township in the County of Logan and State of Ohio, aged seventy four years on the third or fourth day of June last 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States on the 28th day of March in the year 1777 with Thomas Bell first Lieutenant and served in the sixteenth regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers Captain John Maguire [John McGuire] of Winchester Va. second Lieut. Samuel Bell. Ensign Wm. B. Lee [William B. Lee]. Colonel William Grayson commanded the regiment, General Charles Scott commanded the Brigade to which this regiment belonged. He left the service in the last of March or first of April 1780. He enlisted in the town of Staunton, county of Augusta, and State of Virginia where he resided when he enlisted the service. He marched first to Winchester Va. thence to Leesburgh – thence to Alexandria where he was reviewed by Gen. [William] Smallwood – thence to the neighbourhood of Philadelphia where he encamped a short time and joined the army – thence to Bucks county a place called the cross roads – thence to Shedes ford [sic: Chadds Ford] on the Brandywine where there was a battle, Gen. Washington commanded the American forces. Generals Scott and Stephenson [sic: Adam Stephens], Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and [William] Woodford and others were at this battle – Colonels Neville [John Nevill] and [George] Nicholas were at this battle. The American army retreated to Chester the night after the battle

Thence he marched to a place called the white marsh [Whitemarsh] near Germantown, (The battle last mentioned was on the eleventh of September [1777]) He was in the battle at Germantown on the fourth of October following. It was the same army that had fought at Brandywine commanded by the same officers. Soon after this he went into winter quarters at Vally Forge in the State of New Jersey [sic: Valley Forge PA] where he remained till June the next year until Gen. [William] Howe with the British army left Philadelphia [18 Jun 1778]. He was in the battle of Monmouth court-house [28 Jun 1778]. He spent the fore part of this season in New Jersey. He then went to the White Plains in the State of New York where he was encamped at least one month, then marched to West Point – then he went back into the State of New Jersey. He was at the storming of a fort called Pawler's hook [sic: Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779] where some Hessians and English were taken prisoners. He went into winter quarters at Middlebrook New Jersey. He was at the battle of Kings ferry on the Hudson river [Battle of Stony Point] – General [Anthony] Wayne commanded at this battle. He was under Capt. Guess [possibly John Gist] in this engagement. It was on the 16th. July [1779]. Col. Johnston [sic: Lt. Col. Henry Johnson] commanded the British. He lay a part of the winter in Trenton New Jersey built some huts at Morristown. After he left Trenton he marched to Philadelphia – thence to Lancaster Pa. thence to Frederick town Md. where he was discharged by a written discharge which was given him by his Capt. Smith which discharge he sent many years ago to Richmond to get his land warrant and it has never been returned. He did procure a land warrant. He does not know whether his name is on the rolls in the war department or not for he has never inquired. He does not know of any commissioned officers in this country whom he could apply to, to certify as to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State –

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Able Armstrong".

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name Armstrong, Able.]

I do certify that the Bearer here of Able Armstrong Served as a Soldier in the Regiment of Infantry Commanded by Colo. Wm Grayson On continental Establishment for the Term of three years Given under my hand this 5th day of Oct'r 1781.

Tho. Bell Capt. Colo. Graysons Reg't.
To whom it may concern

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tho. Bell".

Note/ his auth. for defincy of pay and deprection of pay has been settled and warrents Issued.

D'r. Sillick[?]- April 24th 1784

Enclosed is a certificate to get a land warrant for Able Armstrong. I sent it by Richard Mathews but he did not get it for want of what you will see on the back. On apply'g to Colo. Merreweather [probably Thomas Meriwether] you will get an order to the Land office who will Issue the warrant – in which you will Oblidge as good a Soldier as ever took a musket in hand.

I am D'r. Sir yrs &-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tho. Bell".

D'r Colo.

The within named Able Armstrong was enlisted by my self in March 1777 – was then a Citizen of this State and is now he served in the Regiment with the me [undeciphered word] time within mentioned.

Given at Staunton this 24th of April 1784.

To Colo Merreweather Rich'd

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tho. Bell".

NOTE: A Treasury-Department document notes that Armstrong died on 26 Aug 1837.