

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Nixon BLWt2281-300

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The affidavit of Mrs. Frances Colladay formerly of Philadelphia now of New York, affiant being now in the 51st year of her age states that she is the granddaughter of Captain Andrew Nixon of the Revolutionary War, and the same and same individual to whom the State of Virginia issued a military warrant for 400 [sic, 4000] acres of land. She states that all she knows of her grandfather's having been in the Service of the Revolutionary war is from information, and all she knows of him in any way is from information. She says she is informed & believes that Captain Nixon was by birth and Irishman and he intermarried with her grandmother in Dublin [Dublin] & sailed from there before the Revolutionary war & landed in Philadelphia, and that he said Andrew Nixon entered the Service of said war and served to the close of it as a Captain of Dragoons, that after during the war her grandmother lived in Philadelphia as will appear from a letter here with attached marked (A) which remained in her possession as delivered to her from her grandmother dated 1778 Bedford Virginia, that although he served in the war in the State of Virginia yet his said Nixon family never lived out of Philadelphia until about the year 1788 when her grandfather seems to have purchase property & did intend removing his family to Richmond, but must have died in Richmond shortly after 1788, as she now has no other of her said grandfather after 1788. She states that her grandfather had only two children John & Martha that John went to sea & was never heard of for upwards of fifty years say from 1788 to the present time, that he was in minority and never married, that Martha Nixon this affiant's mother intermarried with Stephen Mershon of Philadelphia and had three children Ann, Stephen & this affiant said Ann & Stephen died one at four years old and the other about two years old, that this affiant is the only grandchild of said Andrew Nixon that she is the only heir at law or blood relative of Captain Nixon, Affiant states that she is informed & believes that her grandfather lived for some years previous to his death at the corner of Callowhill & Front streets Philadelphia and kept an Inn, and that from that place his family moved to Chancery Lane in said City & there lived when Captain Nixon went to Richmond Virginia & was preparing to remove his family & died. That her grandmother was by the name of Jane & died in Germantown with this affiant – & that her mother has been dead for upwards of 40 years, that all the letters of the aforesaid Andrew Nixon directed to my grandmother by our here with attached & marked (B & C) and a small memo of the 4000 acres of land conveyed on green River marked (D) that all these letters came to her from the hands of her grandmother Jane Nixon who raised this affiant after the death of her own mother Martha Marshon with whom she lived until her death, that She is now a widow of Charles Colladay, deceased. This affiant claims land due her in virtue of the services of said Andrew Nixon from the United States & also additional bounty due from the State of Virginia under & by various Statutes both of the general & state Governments. That in addition to all the documentary evidence here with attached she has heard persons now dead who have

spoken of Captain Nixon as having served in the War & of his brave & chivalrous conduct during the term further this affiant saith not.

S/ Frances Colladay

Frances Colladay

[Attested June 2, 1842 in New York City]

[f p. 10: Deposition of Rebecca Gaskill taken June 7th 1842 in which she states she is a half sister of Frances Colladay of New York City; that she has no interest in the claim made by Frances; ; that she is the child of Stephen Mershon by a former wife; that while affiant lived with her father, Mrs. Jane Nixon the mother of Martha Mershon came to see them in Shoemaker Township Montgomery County Pennsylvania; that after the death of Martha Mershon, Frances went to live with her grandmother in Richmond Virginia

Rebecca Gaskill

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Bedford October 31 1778

My Dr.

I take this oportunity of Mr. Harper to inform you how I am, I thank god I never was in better helth, and in high Spirits of Seeing you very Soon, I expect to be in Phila. by the 20th November. I Expect we will be going to winter Quarters by that time. My dear I have nothing to tell you of news more than the desertors is every Day coming out of new York, and they all Say that the Enemy is going to leave New York very Shortley, Col. Temple¹ presents his Compliments to you and begs the favour of you to get Some Cotton wove in to Stockins for him he has Sent it by bearer, have it done in the best manner—I believe you need not think of writing to me while I be heare, as it Quite unsertain how long I may Continue heare, My love to Matty and Comp. to Mr & Mrs Moffit & family.

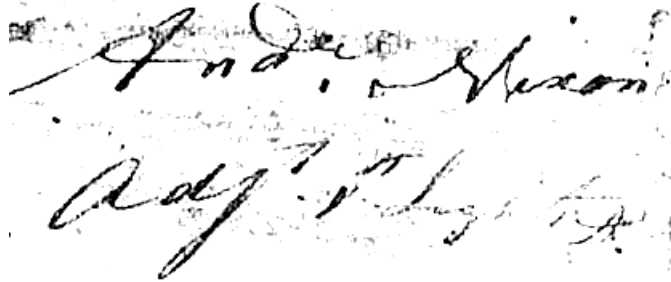
And I am my dear with the greatest Respect your very Affectionate

¹ Very likely then Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Temple of the Virginia Light Dragoons

To Mrs Jane
Nixon

Husband

Andw Nixon
Adj. 1st Light D



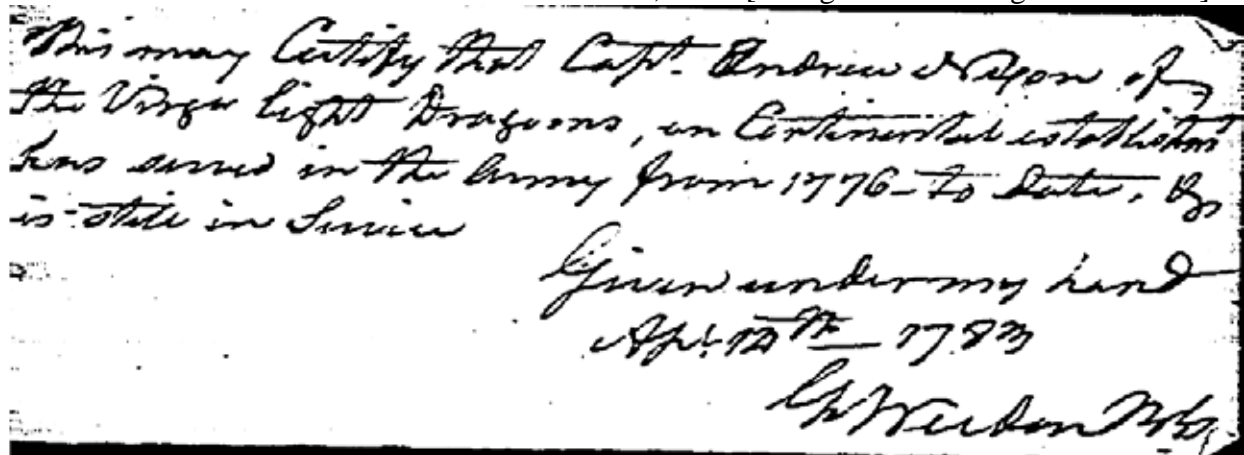
[Addressed to "Mrs Jane Nixon living in Combsis alley Philadelphia"]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This my Certify that Captain Andrew Nixon of the Virginia light Dragoons on Continental establishment has served in the Army from 1776 to date & is still in Service

Given under my hand April 14th 1783

S/ G. Weedon, B. G. [George Weedon Brigadier General]



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