

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Andress R219

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State of Georgia, Fayette County

On this twenty fourth day of November 1834, personally appeared in open Court before Samuel Swanson, E. P. Nixon and William Pace Justices of the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid now sitting David Andress a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Georgia aged seventy-four 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

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

That under the command of Captain Charles Williams in the month of March or April in the year 1778 in the County of Richmond in the State of Georgia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel McMurphy [perhaps Daniel McMurphy] which was commanded by General Screven [James Screven] he was drafted by authority of the State of Georgia on a tour of three months and was marched by said officers to Midway Meeting House near Sunbury, thence to Reid's Bluff on the Altamaha River below Fort Barrington<sup>1</sup> thence to the St. Mary's River to attack a British Post near that River who on our approach fell back to Trout Creek where we (about 70 or 80 of us in number being a detached company of Horsemen placed under General Screven under the command of Captain Williams) overtook them and had a fight at Alligator Bridge<sup>2</sup> on that Creek in which Battle he was slightly wounded, thence we returned to the Main body of our Army on the St. Mary's River and at that place we were Joined by General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] from South Carolina, and thence he was detached by Captain Williams and placed under the command of Captain Barton to drive and guard some Beef Cattle near to Savannah which was considered at that time very hazardous which we accomplished and returned and were marched into Savannah where he was verbally discharged by Captain Barton which was in July or August 1778 having served the said three months tour as a private soldier was not during said tour engaged in any civil pursuit.

That in the month of April 1783 in the County of Richmond in the State of Georgia, he enlisted as a Regular soldier under the Command of Captain William McIntosh for two years, or during the War, and was marched to the City of Savannah which was under the Command of General Anthony Wayne, who was stationed under the Command of said officers and remained four months when Captain McIntosh gave him a furlough to visit his family in Richmond County State of Georgia where he had scarcely reached when news came to him that peace was made consequently he was never called on nor returned to the Army anymore which was in September 1783, that he served the said four months, at the least, as a private soldier and that during the said time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

That he has no record of his age, was born in the year 1760 in the County Antrim in Ireland,

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1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/fortbarrington.htm>

2 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/alligator.htm>

was brought with his parents and their family when quite young across the Ocean and settled and was raised in Richmond County State of Georgia, where he lived when he entered the service of the United States, that after the Revolutionary war was over he removed and settled near Orangeburg C. H. [Courthouse] South Carolina where he resided until the year 1816, when he removed to and settled in the County of Putnam State of Georgia where he resided until the year 1828, when he removed to the County of Fayette State of Georgia where he is now a resident, that he is 74 years of age, that from his first tour he received no written discharge but was discharged verbally, from his second tour he received a furlough which was in his possession for several years but is now lost, or mislaid so that he cannot find it, that he has no documentary evidence, that he actually served as a private soldier at the least seven months, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, that Edward S. Duke and Joseph S. Johnson are persons residing in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Andress, X his mark

To the first Interrogatory he answers: In the County Antrim in Ireland in the year 1760

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Has none.

To the 3<sup>rd</sup>. In Richmond County State of Georgia has since lived & now lives as stated in his declaration.

To the 4<sup>th</sup> Was drafted on his first tour, and enlisted on the other tour.

To the 5<sup>th</sup> he directs to the body of his declaration where the answer to this may be found as fully as he now remembers.

To the 6<sup>th</sup> Was first discharged verbally, and next by furlough.

To the 7<sup>th</sup> Edward S. Duke and Joseph S. Johnson

[Edward S. Duke, a clergyman, and Joseph S. Johnson gave the standard affidavit.]

[a letter in the file dated April 13, 1835, from applicant's lawyer states that the applicant's name may have been spelled "Andrews" on the muster rolls.]