

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Elder R3278

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Elder Andrew

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r3278

(p2) State of Tennessee

County of Grainger

On the twenty third day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me David McAnally one of the acting justices in and for the county aforesaid Andrew Elder resident of said county and state of Tennessee aged Eighty five 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 that he enlisted in the army of the united States in the year 1776 ↑for two years↓ in Boutetourt County in the state of Virginia with Lieutenant Adam Walles in Capt Thomas Posey ↑Company↓ in the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by—Col<sup>n</sup> \_\_ Dangerfield [William Dangerfield] marched to Glouchester [Gloucester] Court House in Virginia from thence to Mount Pleasant from thence to Quen [Gwynn] Island after Governor Dunmore left that part of Virginia he was stationed at Williamsburg from Williamsburg in the Spring of 1777 he was marched to Philedelphe (sic, Philadelphia) where he enlisted again for two years more after his first two years Expired his second inlistment (sic) was with a Capt Hill of the 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. Some time after this he was attached to Col<sup>n</sup> Morgain's [Daniel Morgan's] Regiment under said Capt Posey. Shortly after this he was in thirteen small skirmishes in about two weeks in the state of Jersey in the fall of this year he fought at Saratoga at the taken [taking] of General Burgoyne from Tenelogue (?) he was march[ed] to Trenton from Trenton to Morristown from there to white mash [White Marsh] and Joined General Washington when the British Left Phildelpe (sic) he was marched to Sandyhook [Sandy Hook] and from there to Albany

(p3) in the Spring of 1779 he was marched under General Sulvan [John Sullivan] against the Indians in the state of New York after this this (sic) he was attached to Col<sup>n</sup> Russell's Regiment after he joined Clon Russell's Reg<sup>t</sup> he was marched through Pennsylvania ↑miralend [Maryland]↓ Virginia N. Carolina and to Charlestown [Charleston] in South Carolina where the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year 1780 he was discharged by General Lincoln after serving four years and five months.

1 Qu: Where and in what year was (sic) you born I was born in the year 1748 in Charles County in the state of Pennsylvania

Have you a record of your age. I have none at my Command

Where were you Living when you enlisted In the forkes of James River in Boutetourt (sic) County State of Virginia

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in any pension roll of the agency of any state whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date first above written

David McAnally

s/ Andrew Elder x his mark

Justive of the Peace

For Grainger County

Andrew Elder  
24702

[Charles McAnally , a clergyman, and Henry Hipshere gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

(P4 routine county certification)

[Add by Will Graves:

p 5: A word for word repetition of his earlier application, this one dated August 19, 1833 except for the responses to the 7 questions required by the regulations of the war Department which portion of this new application reads as follows:

*"Quest: Where and in what year were you born Amsw. [Answer], I was Born in the years 1748 in Charles County in the State of Pennsylvania*

*Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?*

*Anser [answer] I have none at my command*

*Ques [question], where did you live when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live, answer, I lived in the forks of James River and Botetourt County State of Virginia when I enlisted. Since the war I have lived in Washington County Virginia in Sullivan County Tennessee State and for the last 25 years I have lived where I now live in Grainger County State of Tennessee*

*State the names of some of your neighbors who will vouch for your Veracity and their belief in your being a revolutionary Soldier Capt. Robert McGinnis, Coln. Thomas Whiteside*

*[Whiteside?], Coln. Warham Easley, Genl. John Cocke, David McAnally, Senr. Esqr.*

*JohnOgan, George Wolf, John Jams what has become of your discharge a great many years past I gave it to Coln. Reese of Virginia being told that the Legislate tour of that State would do something for the soldiers of that State and never got it again.*

*S/ Andrew Elder, X his mark"*

[again, Charles McAnally the book, a clergyman, and Henry Hipshere gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

P10 a widow's pension certificate to Elizabeth Elder of Thorn Hill, Grainger County, 08Nov1952.

P12 A rejection notice of 26Sep1833 requiring a witness to Elder's service at Saratoga Certificates of rejection and suspension

Congressional inquiry 19Jul1841 Abraham McClellan member of congress, Tennessee, one of Old Hickory's horsemen in the Seminole War.

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Added by Will Graves

3/1/13

*[p 15: On May 22, 1844 [could be 1846 last digit unclear] Elizabeth Elder, aged upwards of 80 years, filed an affidavit in Grainger County, Tennessee, in which she states that she married Andrew Elder about 35 or 36 years ago; that they were married by Charles McAnaly, a minister of the Methodist Church, that her husband departed this life May 30<sup>th</sup> 1834; that sometime in the year 1833 her husband filed an application for a pension; that it was returned from Washington city with objections and before he could be returned her husband died. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]*

[p. 16: On May 24, 1841 in Grainger County Tennessee, Claiborne W Lathem gave testimony that about 12 months earlier he had written a letter at the request of Mrs. Andrew Elder to James Shields of Green County Tennessee asking Shields if he knew a man in the Army named Andrew Elder; the answer received from Shields stated that he knew a man by that name in the Army; "...that he Shields served a tour in the Maryland militia and there he seen Elder in service with whom he had been well acquainted when a boy and they had went to school together and their families were close neighbors &c and that said Elder had a brother named Matthew Elder who was also in the Army & died there and was buried on Basking Ridge in Jersey state about 30 miles from New York...."]

[p 17]

State of Tennessee Grainger County

Personally appeared before me Henry Williams an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Lettuce McGinnis and made oath in due form of law that she was well acquainted with Andrew Elder who made the declaration in 1833 that is here with annexed for many years That her Father moved shortly after the Revolutionary War into the settlement where Andrew Elder resided in the State of Virginia that she heard many of the neighbors talk about his (Elder's) being in the Army &c and that she then often heard her relation who lived in that settlement say that Andrew Elder brought their son's clothes home to them after their son was killed in a battle (she thinks) at Saratoga her relations were named Logan and the young man who [was] killed was named Hugh Logan. She further states that she has often heard Elder tell the same things and she has doubt [note] but the [they] are true for they were told 50 years ago when there was no talk of Pensions.

Sworn and subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1841

S/ Lettuce McGinnis, X her mark

[p 10: On November 8, 1852 in Grainger County Tennessee Elizabeth Elder a resident of Thornhill, filed a power of attorney in which she refers to herself as the widow of Andrew Elder, Deceased. She signed a power of attorney with her mark.]

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[Added by Will Graves 5/19/15]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Washington County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Speakers and other Members of the General Assembly:  
The petition of Andrew Elder

humbly Sheweth, that he served as a Soldier in the Virginia Line during the term of four years being his full time of service under two enlistments and that he was discharged in Charles Town on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780 as will appear by reference being had to a Certificate granted your petitioner under the hand of Colonel William Russell<sup>1</sup> – It will also appear by the said Certificate that your petitioner is thought to be entitled to a proportion of Land & Depreciation on his pay neither of which he has ever received: He therefore humbly submits his case to the wisdom & justice of the Honorable the Legislature nothing doubting meet with a reward proportional to his Merit, and your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray &c

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<sup>1</sup> this certificate is not included among the papers in this file

[Reverse]

Elder's Petition

20 November 1790

Referred to Claims

pay & depreciation

Reasonable. Congress

Proper Wnts Tue Gen. [????]

Reported 29<sup>th</sup> of November 90