

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Johnson R5599

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State of Illinois, Franklin County: SS

On this 7th day of October, 1834, personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners being Judges of the County Court, Andrew Johnson, a resident of Franklin County, State of Illinois of the age of 73 years next March, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1782 & served as herein stated & under the following named officers.

This declarant was born in Rockingham County, Virginia in the year 1761, from thence he removed to Guilford County, State of North Carolina where he resided when he was drafted into the service of the United States.

He entered the service as a private militiaman in the spring of 1782.

When drafted, he went under the command of Capt. Guilford or Guilford from his residence to Hillsborough, North Carolina, where he was mustered & inspected [sic] into the service of the United States for Eighteen months—which Term he surely served out before he was discharged. The country through which he marched as well as he now recollects, was from his residence to Hillsborough to Salisbury, to Camden, to Eutaw Springs, thence to Ashley Hill where he joined the main army under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene].

He served under the command of Capt. Guilford for a Term of two months & then was transferred to a company commanded by Capt. Brevard [Alexander Brevard]. This Term of service was taken up principally in marching to join headquarters of the Army, & nothing transpired mostly of note.

He then served a Term of two months more under Capt. Brevard, & he under Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle], & he under Brigadier General Guess [perhaps Mordecai Gist], during which Term of service he remained stationary & nothing transpired worthy of note, except some little skirmishing between some foraging parties of the British & Americans -- Charleston then being under the possession of the British under the command of General Leslie [Alexander Leslie], as he thinks & understood. In some of which skirmishing, Colonel Laurens [John Laurens] was killed.¹ He was then transferred to Capt. Rodes [sic, Joseph Thomas Rhodes] or Capt. Rhodes succeeded Capt. Brevard in the command under whom he served another Term of eight months. In which last Term of service there was nothing transpired of much note, except the evacuation of Charleston by the British [The British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782].

¹ Lt. Col. John Laurens was killed at Combahee Ferry, August 25, 1782.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_combahee_ferry.html

The army was then marched down to James Island near Charleston where they took up winter quarters & where they remained until his last mentioned Term of service expired.

This declarant was engaged in no battle during his service. He declares that he served his whole Term of Eighteen months for which he was drafted, but in consequence of old age & loss of memory, he is unable to State the particulars with any certainty more than the above twelve months of which he has a living witness, William McElyea, who can testify of his own personal knowledge as to the service. He was discharged at a place called WaxHaw [sic, Waxhaw] Settlement where he received a written discharge from Capt. Lytle [William Lytle], which has been lost or destroyed. This discharge was given in the fall of 1783 when peace was proclaimed & put an end to the war & the American army disbanded.

He had a record of his age but was destroyed by fire when his father's house was burned down on the south Branch of the Potomac [River]. He removed from North Carolina where he was drafted to the south Branch of the Potomac, from there to Kentucky, thence to Franklin County, State of Illinois, where he now resides.

He has no evidence by which he can establish his service except William McElyea,² who can testify to twelve months. He further states that from his short residence in this County he knows no preacher who can certify as to his belief in his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency or of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above mentioned.

S/ Andrew Johnson, X his mark.

Franklin County, Illinois}

Be it remembered, that on the 7th day of October, 1834, personally appeared in open Court, William McElyea, a resident of said County, & made oath in due form of law, that he is now, & was during the Revolutionary War, personally acquainted with Andrew Johnson, who has made the foregoing declaration to obtain a pension, & that he knows of his own personal knowledge that the said Andrew Johnson did serve as a private militiaman in the Revolutionary War a Term of Twelve months.

From old age & consequent loss of memory, this deponent cannot state positively as to the date of his service, but does recollect distinctly that the declarant as well as this deponent was both discharged from the service of the United States in the time of the Revolution in the fall of 1783 (when peace was proclaimed) by one Capt. Lytle at a place called Waxhaw settlement. He also recollects that the declarant served under Capts Guilford, Brevard, & Rhodes under Colonel Lytle & Brigadier General Guess. The several terms of service he therein served making a Term of Twelve months, & further the deponent saith not.

Sworn to & subscribed this day & date above mentioned.

S/ William McElyea, X his mark.

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that the name of Andrew Johnson is not to be found on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, or any other document in this office affording evidence of service in said line.

Given under my hand this 6th day of December 1834.

S/ Wm Hill

² [William McElyea S33084](#)