

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Magill R6826

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State of Illinois County of Gallatin: SS

On this 3rd day of May 1837, personally appeared in open court before Leonard White, Esquire, Sole Judge of the Court of Probate in and for said County, the same being a Court of Record, now sitting, Andrew Magill a resident of said County, and State, aged 79 years on the 22nd day of this month, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832,

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: -- That he resided in the County of Glasgow,¹ which was afterwards divided & he fell into the County of Edgecombe, in the State of North Carolina -- that he was the son of a widow woman, and in the month of June 1779, as well as he recollects, when the alarm was rife that the British were in South Carolina, he volunteered under Capt. Robert Cook, and rendezvoused immediately at New Bern, where, after being organized, the Company joined the Regiment commanded by Col. Washington [William Washington] and Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], and marched up the River Neuse to a place where it was expected a detachment of the Enemy would attempt to cross, and where, after waiting a few days they came up and a skirmish ensued in which the enemy were repulsed. If this action had any names other than that of Neuse River, this applicant does not now remember. He is not positive, but believes the British were commanded by Col. Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] -- Col. Washington then proceeded up the River about 15 miles where he crossed his troops and proceeded on towards the Virginia line. Nothing important occurred and they went into winter quarters in Halifax County, on Roanoke River. This applicant was engaged driving a baggage wagon during all this period. During this winter this applicant was furloughed to visit his mother, with whom he spent about two weeks and then rejoin his company at Halifax. The next year 1780 he served in the same company in South Carolina, but was in no battle. In the fall of this year the company was marched northward, and the last of this applicant service was at the battle of the Cowpens in January 1781 [January 17, 1781],² where he served under the same Capt. Cook, & under the superior command of Col. Lee or Col. Washington. This applicant was not in the battle, being also at this time driving one of the baggage wagons, which was, with all the other wagons, somewhat in the rear. This applicant recollects General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], Colonels

¹ Glasgow County North Carolina was formed in 1791 from Dobbs County North Carolina. In 1799 the name of the County was changed to Greene in honor of Nathanael Greene.

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

Washington & Lee, General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Col. Howard [John Eager Howard], and the names of many more too tedious to mention. He was discharged at Tarbury [sic, Tarborough] in North Carolina but has lost his discharge by time and accident, and he has no documentary evidence, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He was born not far from Snow Hill in Maryland in the year 1758, of which he has a record in his family Bible, where the entry was made by his uncle, as he always understood, his father having died shortly after he was born. This record he now has in his possession. He has stated where he lived when he entered the Army. Since then he lived several years on Holston River in Virginia, then seven years in Powell's Valley, then in Union County, Kentucky where he lived 21 years, then in Gallatin County, Illinois, where he has lived & as, say two years. He knows the Rev. Moses J. Pearce and Lewis Hedges, of his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Andrew Magill, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[Moses J. Pearce, a clergyman, and Lewis Hedges gave the standard supporting affidavit.]