

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Pinkstaff R8261

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State of Illinois Lawrence County: SS Be it remembered that on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1846 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court in and for the said County began and holden in and for said County as aforesaid John Pinkstaff a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain for himself and the other heirs hereinafter mentioned the benefits of the Act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 granting pensions to certain officers and soldiers of the War of the Revolution. That Andrew Pinkstaff was a soldier of the Revolution and died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1841 aged ninety-eight or ninety-nine years of age at the time of his death. That four children of the said Andrew Pinkstaff still survived him named Catherine, Mary, Redman and John Pinkstaff. That said Andrew left no widow. That this declarant makes this Declaration for the benefit of himself and the three other children of the said Andrew Pinkstaff named. That this declarant is not able to name the particulars in relation to the Revolutionary services of his father. He is confident that he enlisted in Frederick [County] in the State of Virginia and that he served under Colonel or General Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. He is confident that he served by enlistment from the fact that his said father was stationed one winter and or near the City of New York. This affiant is also of the belief that his said father served at first six months under Captain Berry [probably Francis Berry] of Frederick County aforesaid and that he afterwards served by enlistment two tours of eighteen months each under Colonel or General Morgan. That he is unable to state whether his services were in the State line of Virginia or in the Continental establishment of that State. That his father served much more and longer than the tours above named, but this affiant is unable to give any specific account of them. He has often heard his father say that he was under Morgan at the Battle of Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and also at the Battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]. He is of opinion that the six months tour under Captain Berry was performed in the very early part of the War. He has understood from his father that he served about five years altogether. His father was born and married in Frederick in the State of Virginia. He claims for himself and the three other children above named the Pension due to the said Andrew Inc. staff under the Act aforesaid from the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831 to the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1841. He declares that his father's name was not at the time of his death on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1846

S/ John Pinkstaff, X his mark

[Facts in file: The veteran's two daughters named in the above petition are identified in other documents in the file as Catherine Graham and Mary Parker. Son Redman's name is also spelled Redmon Pinkstaff.]