

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Rock R8920

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Noblesville, Hamilton

County, Indiana, December 7, 1850

To the Honorable the
Commissioner of Pensions of the U.S.

Dear Sir,

Herewith I send you this declaration and papers of one Andrew Rock (of this County) who claims to have been a soldier of the Revolution and to have served for nearly five years in the American Army. He forwarded these papers for the purpose of procuring a Pension under act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. I have not been acquainted with him until about a year since. He appears to be & has the character in fact of a quiet & inoffensive old man

His personal appearance is indicative of great age: and it is possible that his memory may be somewhat impaired by his advanced years. He appears to be perfectly candid, open, and honest in his statements, as to his revolutionary services, describes with great minuteness the dress, Equipments and arms of the American Soldiers of the Revolution; And he also shows the scar of the Bayonet wound which he says he received in the Battle of the Brandywine and the scar of the Saber Cut which he received at the Battle of the "Cowpens." The scar of the Bayonet is plainly and unmistakably marked – exhibiting the peculiar shape of the Bayonet.

He is now very poor & destitute, but quite respectable.

If he shall be found on Examination Entitled to a pension, it will be received with unbounded & unfeigned thankfulness on his part, and it will rescue him from the state of destitution into which he is now reduced. As soon as possible necessary Examination can be had in this case please to write to me upon the subject.

Very Respectfully

Yours &c.

S/ Earl S. Stone

(Atty for said Rock)

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State of Indiana County of Hamilton} SS

On this 14th day of November in the year of our Lord 1850 personally appeared in open court before the Probate Court of Hamilton County in the State of Indiana, now sitting Andrew Rock a resident of said County of Hamilton and State of Indiana, aged 80 8 years, who being 1st 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 7, 1832:

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

That he Enlisted in the Army of the United States sometime in the Spring or summer (as near as he can recollect) in the year of our Lord 1777 for the Term and period of five years, and that he was a private in the company commanded by Captain John Boyd in the Regiment of Maryland (state as he believes) Troops (Infantry) Commanded by one Colonel Pike. That at the time when he Enlisted he was a mere youth in his sixteenth year and resided in the State of Maryland about 12 miles East of Baltimore and that he continued in actual service of the United States as a private the War of the Revolution for a period of four years and nine or ten months & until Hostilities were mainly suspended between the United States & Great Britain, when he was honorably discharged from the service.

This declarant further saith that shortly after he Entered the Army the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] took place and that he fought in his said Company and under said Colonel as one of the Maryland troops in that battle and received a severe wound by a bayonet in said Battle in his left leg just above the knee & which disabled him for a considerable time from acting with his said Company. That he was also in the battle at the Cowpens in North Carolina [sic South Carolina] and fought in that battle and received a severe cut with a Saber from 1 of the British Cavalry upon his left arm (the scars of which are very plainly visible). That he was also in another battle which took place in a large Rye field was the first battle that he was in –

He further states that he marched through a part of Maryland and through a part of Pennsylvania – that he marched through Philadelphia and Annapolis. That he also marched through a part of Virginia and into North Carolina.

He further states that he knew General Washington personally having often seen him at the head of the Army, that he knew Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and saw him frequently at the battle of the Cowpens and about that time. That he also knew Colonel Washington [William Washington] a Cavalry Colonel at the Cowpens. He also states that he knew a Colonel Smith in the American Army and that he got acquainted with him about the time of the battle of the Brandywine, but to what Regiment he belonged this declarant cannot now remember. Also that he was acquainted with a Colonel Rollings of the Maryland Troops.

He further states that he remembers that shortly after went into the service, he suffered Extremely for the want of sufficient provisions, and for the want of clothing when Encamped in Winter Quarters, but when it was he cannot now remember. (He further states that his usual coat while in the Service was a blue coat faced with white cuffs of sleeves white & [illegible word]).

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services as he has long since lost his certificate of discharge; and that he knows of no person (now living) whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He further states that the only person whom he was acquainted with in the Army & by whom in late years he might have positively proved his services died at Lawrenceburg Indiana some ten or fifteen years ago and hence he has never made nor perfected any application for a

pension & that until late years he has not greatly in need of a pension for his said services as here declared his application [??].

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 Rock, X his mark

[William H Rogers, a clergyman, and Anthony Fryberger gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana County of Hamilton } In the Probate Court of Hamilton County Indiana
November Term A.D. 1850

Interrogatories propounded by the court to the said Andrew Rock in the foregoing declaration named, in open court at the time of the making & being sworn to the foregoing declaration with his Answers there to under oath as follows to wit –

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born about 12 miles East of Baltimore in the State of Maryland

2. Have you any Record of your Age? And if so, where is it?

Answer I have no Record of my age.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live?

Answer – I was living 12 miles East of Baltimore when I entered the Service. Since the Revolution I have lived in Cumberland on the Potomac River. I afterwards lived near Morganton in Virginia moved there & lived there some 10 or 12 years – from thence I emigrated to Lawrenceburg Indiana & lived there about 8 years. I have resided in different counties in Indiana to wit in Hancock County & in Shelby County – and now I live & reside in Hamilton County Indiana.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute; and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I enlisted in the Town of Baltimore.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can Recollect; and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I served under Captain Boyd & Colonel Pike of the Maryland Troops. I recollect Colonel Morgan & General Washington. I cannot recollect the different Continental & militia Regiments I was enrolled & served among the Maryland Troops. I enlisted for 5 years and served nearly 5 years and until towards the close of the Revolutionary war. (Some portion of the time I was disabled from active service by wounds received in battle.)

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service: and if so, by whom was it given: and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a written discharge but cannot recollect the name of the officer who gave it. It got burned up in my father's house some years after the war upon the burning of his house.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. Daniel Derflinger; William Bradley, Benton Bradley, Absalom Hacker, Mr. Weaver, Israel Jackson, Joseph Carlin, John Fayberger, William Fryberger and many others.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court November 14 A.D. 1850

Attest S/ John G Burns Clerk