

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Varney Andrews S11992

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State of Virginia                    } SS

County of Mecklenburg        }

On this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Stephen P Pool a Justice of Peace In the County and State aforesaid Varney Andrews a Resident of the County of Mecklenburg State of Virginia aged 79 years who being first Duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benifit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated entered the service under Capt. Peter Rogers, Lieut. Theasat[?], Esn. [Ensign] Shakleford, Commanded by Colo. Morgan [probably Haynes Morgan] all of the County of Halifax Virginia and were living in the County of Halifax Virginia and enlisted voluntarily for a term of 12 months and were call'd the Minute Men to march at a minutes warning, and to go any where when ordered. We were ordered to meet at Halifax Court house & done so some time in the summer of 1776 or 77 the date nor the month or day cannot be recollected as I have no education and my officers gave no discharge in writing, consiquently I cannot recollect the time of entering the service and being discharged, but so far I recollect that I were 12 months from home & served the term of enlistment, 6 months served as a private and 6 as Drummer Of this tour of duty we took up the line of march from Halifax Court house march'd thro the Counties of Charlotte, Lunenburg, Amelia, Dinwidie [sic: Dinwiddie], & to Petersburg & were stationed there a week, from thence to Guins Island on James River and there joined the main Army under command of General Green [sic: see endnote] – were stationed there about 3 months. from thence to Barron Point on the Potomac River (whilst at Guins Island were in some small scrimishes but no Genl. engagements.) were stationed at Barron Point about 2 or 3 months, from thence we were ordered to the long Islands of Holsten River against the Indians – and were there stationed untill discharged – the Redg't. cannot be recollected –

After returning home to the County of Halifax shortly after moved to the County of Lunenburg, Va. and were there drafted into the service some time in the summer season of 1777 or 78 the month nor day not recollected and marched under Capt. Anthony Street Lieut. Hobson Esn. Pamplet from the County of Lunenburg went the most direct rout to the Town of Petersburg. were stationed there one months, and were discharged, not in writing.

In the year 1781 moved to the County of Mecklenburg Va. and in the month of Feb'y. were drafted in the service, and marched under Capt. Clabourn [possibly Claiborne] of Brunswick Lieut. Trower. Esn. Bracid marched from the County of Mecklenburg under command of Colo. Munford [possibly William Green Munford]. Crossed Roanoke River at Talors [sic: Taylor's] Ferry. from thence the most direct rout to Gilford Court house No Carrolinia [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC] and joined the main army under command of Gen'l. Green and was in the battle fought at that place [15 Mar 1781]. After the battle pursued the enemy to Deep River and were there discharged on a tour of service of 2 months – no discharge in writing was given that I recollect of

This applicant has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service for the 2 first terms of service the 12 months and the one month – he has the evidence of Jones Gee a cotemporary soldier to prove the service of the 2 months tour –

1. where, and in what year were you Born?

In the County of Mecklenburg & from accts. rendered me in 1754

2. have you any record of your age, & if so, where is it?

not any – that I know of.

3 where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; & where do you now live?

In the Countys of Halifax, Lunenburg & Mecklenburg Va. and since the war in the County of Mecklenburg Va. and still in s'd. County

4 How were you calld into service. were you drafted, did you volenteer or were you a substitute? & if a substitute for whom?

a volenteer & drafted —

5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental & Malitia Ridg'ts. as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services. General Green. Redg'ts. not recollected. as a private Soldier & Drummer

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

none that I recollect of —

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

Samuel Stone and Meridith Haley —

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 or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Virginia

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Mecklenburg County Va. Sc

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid Jones Gee who being first sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Varney Andrews in the time of the Revolutionary war and do know that he served a tour of two months or there about under Capt. Clabourn in the Gilford expedition in the year 1781 being a cotemporary soldier with him at the same time

Given under my hand & seal this 31<sup>st</sup> July 1833

Ste. P. Pool J.P.

State of Virginia }

Mecklenburg County } SS

This is to certify that personally appeared Varney Andrews before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid and being duly sworn – offers the following Supplement by way of affidavit as an explanation of his declaration as a soldier of the Revolutionary war. deposeth and saith that Capt. Peter Rogers, from his sanguine desire to support the cause of the american war, turned out (as now appears to him), as a volenteer Captain to raise a volenteer company to serve with him 12 months and did attend the different companies in the County of Halifax Virginia before he completed his company. That he enlisted under him as a volenteer soldier to serve with him the term aforesaid and he gave orders to his soldiers after volenteering to be ready to march at a minutes warning. – from them orders were some times called the Minute Men and some times the Volenteers – and under that enlistment were warned and marched into the service of the Revolutionary war and served under the before mentioned officers in his declaration stated – the term aforesaid at the different stations aforesaid, and in the capacities aforesaid (except 2 months (since recollected) he was detailed to wait on the sick in the Hospital – viz't. 6 months as drummer, 4 a private 2 waiting on the sick (still making a privates service – making 12 months for the first tour agreeable to the enlistment One month the second tour, and 2 months the 3<sup>rd</sup> tour making in all 15 months – from old age and infirmity consequently the lost of memory he cannot recollect the term or character of the line of the troops wherein he served neither can he positively swear to the precise time he served but verily believes that he served the 15 months as is herein stated Given under my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1833 — Ste. P. Pool J.P.M.C.

State of Virginia } S.S.  
Mecklenburg County }

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid William Whitt [pension application S7878] aged 78 or 79 years a Revolutionary Soldier and of Veracity and Credibility who being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith; that in the year of 1776 or 77 that he was then well acquainted withy Varney Andrews this applicant, and both were mustered together under Capt. Peter Rogers of Halifax County Virginia in the Malitia Company which he commaned, and he on a muster day turned out to raise a volenteer company in one of the years aforesaid to go with him and to serve twelve months in the revolutionary war – and Capt. Rogers did raise a volunteer company and Varney Andrews enlisted under him (and that he the said Whitt would of enlisted had not his father of been violently opposed to it) and were called Minute Men to march when ever ordered They took up the line of march some time in the early part of the summer in one of the aforesaid years – and in the summer following about the time the company were discharged which were at the long Islands of Holston river news arrived in the neighbourhood by way of letter to a Mr. Christopher Watson who had a son by the name of Benjamin Watson who enlisted at the same time that Andrews did, that he was very sick and likely to die, this affiant saith that the said Christopher Watson applied to his father to let him go with him to aid him in geting his sick son home. his father consented they went on to the station of the Army at the long Islands, and when arriving there sees or finds the said Varney Andrews in the Hospital of that place waiting on the sick. Meeting Capt. Rogers going on he said the troops were discharged, and this affiant believes that Capt. Rogers’s Company were attached to Colo. Morgans Redg’t. of the Virginia line. and that he never heard any thing more than the said Andrews served his tour of duty faithfully as a soldier and verily believes he served twelve months or longer Given under my hand & seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1834 Ste. P. Pool J.P.M.C.Va

NOTE: The account of first tour of duty is confused here. From 8 - 10 July 1776 the militia under Gen. Andrew Lewis attacked Lord Dunmore on Gwynn Island at the mouth of Piankatank River and pursued him to Cherry Point of Rappahannock River. The militia were then ordered to Long Island on Holston River at present Kingsport TN following an attack there by Cherokees on 20 July. Gen. Nathanael Green was not in Virginia until late in 1780 on his way to take command of the Southern Army in the Carolinas.