

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Beck S14936

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State of Alabama Perry County

On this first day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Dunklin Sullivan Judge of the County Court of the County of Perry and State of Alabama now sitting Andrew Beck a resident of the County of Perry and State of Alabama aged seventy-seven years 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated his;

That he first entered the service as a volunteer in the month of March in the year 1781 under the command of Captain Henry Spears that he continued in the Army from that time until the month of September following making six months; That he resided at the time he entered the service in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina; That during the time he was in the service he was principally engaged in guarding the towns of Houzer [? Hoosier? or Hooser?], Huntsville and Moravian town in North Carolina; That he was not engaged in any battle but was so near as to hear the firing at the battle at the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin [River]; That he knew General __ Allen Colonel Kimbrough and Major __ Murphy of the militia; That he served the whole time he was in the service in the militia as a volunteer and was never attached to any of the Continental Regiments; That he never received a written discharge and has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Interrogatories put by the Court

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Rowan State of North Carolina on the fifteenth day of May 1755

Interrogatory 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. The time of my birth was inserted in my father's family Bible in his handwriting which Bible continued in the possession of my mother after the death of my father and continued in her possession in Rockingham County on the River Dan in North Carolina

Interrogatory 3rd 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 in the County of Surry North Carolina when called into service: I removed from Surry County to Chatham County NC from thence I removed into Randolph County North Carolina: From thence I removed to Chesterfield District South Carolina; From thence I removed to Henry County Georgia; From thence I removed about two years since into Perry County Alabama where I now reside.

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

Answer. I entered the service as a volunteer and continued as such all the time I was in service I was never drafted nor did I ever served as a substitute

Interrogatory 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I have no recollection of any Regular Officer who were with the Troops where I served except Colonel Armstrong, and a Major Penn. I have no recollection of any of the Continental or Militia Regiments so as to enable me to describe them at this remote period. That I was employed or rather stationed principally at the Towns of Hoozer, Huntsville and Moravian town in North Carolina to protect them against plundering parties of Tories and British.

Interrogatory 6th 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 never received a discharge except a verbal 1 when the 6 months expired for which I had volunteered I was permitted to go home.

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

Answer. I am known to John Carr Reverend John Craig Gabriel Benson Esquire, Abram Trigg, James Scarborough, Major J. K. G. Pool and William Pool the first of them knew me in Carolina and all now live in my neighborhood and can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior. I know of no person who can testify as to my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Andrew Beck, X his mark

[John Craig, a clergyman, and John Carr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 6 months service in the North Carolina militia.]