

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew McPheeters S16950

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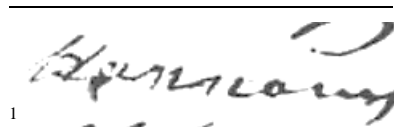
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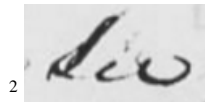
State of Tennessee Grainger County: August Term 1832

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for the County of Grainger aforesaid in the State of Tennessee Andrew McPheeters aged Seventy-one years the 22nd day of March 1832 who being first duly sworn makes 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 in the first of January 1776 he substituted in the room of Isaiah Scott in Chester County State of Pennsylvania for a tour of two months service under Bazaleel Bentley [Bazaleel Bentley?] Captain my Colonel was John Hannoms [?]¹ he rendezvoused at Philadelphia marched from thence to Trentown [Trenton] in New Jersey & crossed the Delaware River on the [indecipherable word]² from thence marched to Princetown [Princeton] in said State & joined the Army under General Putnam where he remained until the expiration of his term of service that in the month of June about the middle of the month he was hired by Lieut. Andrew Boyd in the year 1777 to take the place of one of those who were drafted & failed to serve he engaged for three months and was commanded by Col. John Hannoms the captain's name he does not remember he rendezvoused at the town Chester Pennsylvania from thence he marched to the Jersey side & helped build the red bank Fort & remained at that Fort until his time expired that he received a discharge for both the above mentioned terms of service Capt. Bazaleel Bentley gave the first discharge my Captain gave me this second discharge whose name I cannot now recollect. In the fall of 1777 I removed from Pennsylvania to the State of North Carolina Guilford County and in the month of October 1778 I was drafted in Guilford County for four months tour of duty under Capt. Enoch Davis Lieut. James Dugan he then marched to the 10 mile branch near Charlestown General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was our General Col. or Major Belfore was there from the 10 mile branch he marched to Purrysburg on the Savannah River where General Lincoln



¹ War Department interpreted this name to be "Hannum."

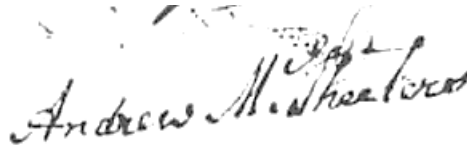


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[Benjamin Lincoln] was there encamped who marched towards Charlestown -- General Rutherford marched into Purrysburg from Purrysburg General Rutherford marched his Army to a place called the two sisters from thence he marched opposite Briar Creek Bridge to join General Ash [sic, John Ashe] & when the first boatload of men were about to cross the firing commenced on General Ashe's camp who was defeated [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] & we returned & marched to Turkey Hill where we remained until the expiration of his term of service & received his discharge from Capt. Enoch Davis that in the last of October 1779 he substituted for a three months tour of duty in the place of Samuel Clark under Captain Thomas Clark Lieut. Reuben Wood Ensign Simeon Garian we rendezvoused at Salisbury & marched to Charlestown under Col. Archibald Lytle a Continental Colonel & joined General Lincoln at Charlestown he remained at Charlestown until the expiration of his service he received his discharge from Capt. Thomas Clark he substituted in the first of November 1780 for the term of two months as a mounted gunman in the room of Samuel Moore in order to fight Lord Cornwallis and impede his march under the command of Col. Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] my Captain was Thomas Doogan [Thomas Dougan] Lieutenant John Clark the troop met at Salisbury North Carolina & the Regiment rendezvoused at Charlotte Mecklenburg County we stayed at Charlotte until Cornwallis came there the Regiment consisting of about 600 men we fired on the British & retreated & marched back to Salisbury after remaining at Salisbury a short time we marched to Rocky River & watched the movements of the enemy Cornwallis returned towards Ninety Six & we followed on his rear as far as the Island Ford on the Catawba River Capt. Doogan's company was stationed at the Ford to guard it while there we received orders to join Col. Davie who at that time had Joined General Greene's Army we joined General Greene & remained with him until the expiration of my term of service when he was discharged by Capt. Thomas Doogan he was in no battle but was in several skirmishes with the British while near Cornwallis Army he further states that he removed from Randolph County North Carolina which was taken from Guilford after he removed to Grainger County Tennessee where he has resided about 33 years & expects to remove the approaching fall to Indiana & should he obtained a pension he desires to be placed on the roll of that State that he has no documentary evidence that he left all his discharges in Randolph North Carolina when he removed and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to 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.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Andrew McPheeters



[Charles McAnally, a clergyman and John Cocke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in Chester County State of Pennsylvania in the year 1761 the 22nd day of March

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

Answer I have in my father's old Bible the Bible was taken by my son John to Indiana when he removed to that State

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 lived in Chester County Pennsylvania when I first substituted for Isaiah Scott secondly I was hired by Lieut. Andrew Boyd as a substitute & lived at the same place 3rd tour I lived in Guilford County North Carolina when I was drafted the 4th time I substituted for Samuel Clark & lived at the same place the 5th & last time I substituted for Samuel Moore & lived at the same place & continued to live in North Carolina until after the close of the war & about 33 years ago he removed to Grainger County Tennessee where he has since resided.

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 The first tour I substituted for Isaiah Scott the 2nd I was hired by Lieut. Andrew Boyd in place of men drafted & failed to serve 3rd I was drafted 4th I substituted for Samuel Clark 5th I substituted for Samuel Moore

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 served under Col. Archibald Lytle under Col. Davie or Davy General Greene who commanded the Army I do not recollect the names of the other Colonels with General Greene there was a pretty large Army I have stated any circumstance I can recollect in my declaration above

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 received a discharge for every tour of service the first was given by Bazaleel Bentley the 2nd by my then Capt. whose name I have forgotten the 3rd by Capt. Enoch Davis the 4th by Capt. Thomas Clark the 5th & last by Capt. Thomas Doogan I left the whole of them in North Carolina when I removed to Tennessee I did not expect they would be of any service to me & did not take care of them.

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 General John Cocke the Rev. Charles McAnally who have certified for me Samuel Cudson [?] Col. Samuel Bunch, John Acuff, Ryal Irvings and old soldier [indéchiffrable name] William E. Cocke, David Barton, Thomas McBroom Joseph Clark Esquire I could mention many others for I am well known

[p 26—April 15, 1834, veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit payments to Putnam County, Indiana to which he has recently removed from East Tennessee.]

[p 23—July 28, 1847, veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit payments to Missouri, Dallas County, to which he has removed from Indiana "to better his condition."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the infantry and 2 months in the cavalry, all in the North Carolina militia.]