

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Torian S17154

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Virginia, to wit: On this 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Halifax County now sitting Andrew Torian a resident of the County of Halifax and State aforesaid, aged 73 years the 14th day of June next who being first 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 the 7th 1832, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that in some time of the Revolutionary war, he does not recollect the date, there was to be furnished one man to every 25 to serve in the State or Continental line, for the period of two years to be determined by a ballot that he drew a prize to serve a tour of duty in said line of two years, that he entered the service under the command of Captain Bates and marched to the North and joined General Washington's Army and served in the 11th Virginia Regiment, as well as he can recollect under the command of General Lawson or Knox, that from old age and consequent loss of memory, he cannot state the circumstances relative to his services so fully that his services in that tour was altogether to the North, marched to Brandywine and was in an engagement [September 11, 1777] at that place that he marched through the State of New Jersey, Philadelphia Pennsylvania and various places that he cannot recollect. That he crossed James River, the Potomac, Delaware and at the White Plains, and was discharged at the City of Philadelphia by General Lawson after serving his tour of two years. That in the year 1781 he was drafted and entered the service under the command of Captain Joshua Powell and marched to Cabin Point and from thence near Portsmouth and was transferred to the light Infantry under the command of Captain Long & Colonel Dark and was discharged that tour of three months duty. That he again was drafted and marched under Captain John Faulkner to Little York crossing the North River at Bibbs ferry and James River at old Jamestown and from thence to Little York and there remained until the surrender of Cornwallis and then went on to Newlins ferry on the Potomac to guard the prisoners and was discharged after so serving three months that he was living in Halifax County and State of Virginia when called into service and have lived in the same ever since. That he knows no person that he can prove any of his services at this time except Wm Roberts – that he has no documentary evidence that he received discharges but cannot tell what has become of them, that he cannot procure the certificate of a Clergyman there being none convenient that he was born in the year 1760 there was a record of his age in his father's register, that his brother carried it to the Western Country when he removed, that he was born in Halifax County and State of Virginia and have lived in the same all his life. That James Oliver, Christopher White and Thomas Torian can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the Revolution. That he served as orderly Sergeant the two last tours of three months and received orderly Sergeant's pay. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is

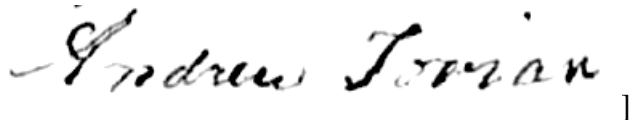
not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Andrew Dorian

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[James Medley and Isaac Medley Sr. gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 10: Power of attorney dated May 27, 1833 which appears to bear the actual signature of the veteran as follows

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State of North Carolina Caswell County: to wit

William Roberts¹ a revolutionary pensioner 70 years of age Personally appeared before me Jonas Kerr a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that in the year 1781 as well as he can recollect in the month of January of that year he entered the service of the United States and served a tour of three months with Andrew Torian under the command of Captain Joshua Powell and marched from Halifax County in the State of Virginia to Portsmouth: dismal Swamp and about that place in that the said Andrew Dorian served out that Tour and orderly Sergeant to the company and that they were both residents of Halifax County in the State of Virginia when they entered the service of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 17th of June A.D. 1833

S/ Jas Kerr, JP

S/ William Roberts



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for six months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ FPA S7427