

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

Pension Application of Andrew Akerd S19178

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State of Virginia } to wit

Mason County }

On this third day of March in the year 1834 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Mason now sitting Andrew Eckard a resident of Crooked creek in the County of Mason and State of Virginia aged 76 years the 15th day of September last 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. On the 2^d. day of April in the year 1779 [sic: see endnote] he was drafted in Frederick County Va. and on that day marched from Winchester under Captain James Berry (lieutenant John Stokes) to Richmond Va. after remaining there three or four weeks. While at Richmond Gen'l. Anthony Wayne passed thro' there with his army going towards little York to which place the militia then at Richmond accompanied him after arriving at yorktown or within a short distance of it was attached to the regiment commanded by Colonel Edmund [probably Elias Edmunds]. And it is believed that Genl. [Peter] Muhlenberg commanded the whole after having served out his tour of duty viz three months there he was discharged and returned home to Frederick Cty. Afterwards on the 1st. of December (as well as recollected) A.D. 1781 was again drafted at Frederick Cty. and served under Capt. Vance Bush (Lieutenant name not recollected) and marched to Winchester to Guard the prisoners taken at Yorktown. At Winchester Col. Elijah Holmes commanded and after having served three months and [illegible] days was again discharged. Both of the aforesaid tours of duty was performed in the capacity of a private soldier. And he further states that he has no documentary evidence whatever of his services. Moreover he knows of no person within his reach by whom he can prove his services altho' he well remembers many persons who served with him but where any of them now reside or whether living at all he does not know He was in no battle whatever but on an alarm given at Richmond he was kept under arms 24 hours momentarily expecting the Enemy. 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 whatever

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And pursuant to the direction of the secretary of war the Court propounded to the applicant the following questions, which with annexed answers thereto sworn to by the applicant are as follows.

Where and in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in Pennsylvania near Philadelphia on the 15th day of September A.D. 1757 and at the age of Eight years my father removed from Pa. to Frederick Cty. Va.

Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? – Ans. I have a record of my age now present here in Court.

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live? – Ans When called into service both times I lived in Frederick Cty. Va. Since the revolutionary war part of the time I lived in Frederick Cty part of the time in Shenandoah Cty. from which I removed to Mason Cty in the year 1807 in which last named Cty. I continue to live

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom? – Ans. I was called into service upon each occasion by a draft. I never volunteered neither was I a substitute for any one

State the names of some of the regular officer who were with the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services – Ans

The names of the only regular officers who were with the troops where I served that I at this distance of time can recollect are Genl. Muhlenberg and Genl. Anthony Wayne the first of which I am not quite certain was a regular officer but believe he was. Nor do I at this distance of time recollect the numbers or designations by which one continental regiment was distinguished from another all I remember is and of that I am quite sure that Genl. Waynes army principally were regular troops and that we marched with them from Richmond to within a mile or two of Yorktown in the spring of 1779. At Winchester the prisoner taken at York town were as well as I remember placed wholly under the care of the militia there being no regular troops there nor any regular officers. Nor is my memory any better as to the particular militia regiments I served with. The general circumstances of my service I in part already detailed but will add that on leaving Winchester in the Spring of 1779 we took the road to Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] in order as we were told then to march into Pa. but was afterwards directed to Rich'd. Va. where we lay between 3 & 4 miles encamped about a mile out of town at a large spring. It was there that we were kept constantly for twenty four hours under arms expecting the british when Genl Wayne arrived with his regular troops we were marched of with them till within a mile or two of Yorktown where we halted and was attached to Col. Edmunds regiment untill discharged. My 2^d. tour of Duty consisted of doing nothing more than guarding the prisoners who were taken at Yorktown with a strict and vigilant eye and I believe that so long as I staid at winchester no regular troops were there Col. Elijah Holmes then commanded.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given the first was given by Col. Edmunds the second by Col. E. Holmes I placed both of them in my fathers care after returning from the army but my father is dead and they long since were lost.

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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. – Ans.

Amongst the many persons to whom I am known in this County I will refer to Saml. G Shaw Esq. the present postmaster at Pt. Plst [Point Pleasant] to Benj. Thomas his immediate predecessor in office – to Alex. McCulloch is immediate predecessor in the same office to the Clerk of Mason Cty. Va. Thomas Lewis Esq and to the members of the bench of Mason Cty. Va. generally

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

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NOTE: In the spring of 1779 Gen. Anthony Wayne of the Pennsylvania Line was in Washington's army in the North. He led the assault at Stony Point NY on 16 Jul 1779. Wayne did not arrive in Virginia until early June 1781.