

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Kerr S21327

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State of South Carolina York District:

On this 27th day of March 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before his Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions now sitting Andrew Kerr a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged seventy-seven years, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. that he was drafted in 1780 -- and entered the militia service of the State of South Carolina as a private soldier in a troop of Cavalry commanded by Captain McAfee¹ and Colonel Thomas Neel, was stationed at Philips Fort at the head of the Little River in the State of Georgia guarding the frontiers against the Indians -- remained in service four weeks besides the time consumed in going & returning from the above Fort, of this service he has no documentary evidence and cannot prove it by any witness now living except Captain James Martin².

He was again drafted the same year in the militia service of South Carolina under the command of Colonel Neel who was succeeded by Colonel Samuel Watson (Colonel Neel having returned home to recruit) Major William Bratton was also in command in the service as a private soldier he continued 3 ½ months partly at Orangeburg partly at Charleston and partly at Stono -- during this service applicant was in the engagement at Stono³ between the British commanded by Prevost [sic, Augustine Prevost] and the Americans commanded by General Lincoln. The Regiment in which applicant was discharged at Sheldon Bull's plantation 50 miles from Stono, he received no written discharge, of this service he has no documentary evidence and cannot now prove it otherwise than by the testimony of Captain James Martin hereto attached.

He was again drafted in 1781 and placed in militia company commanded by Captain John Henderson under the command of Colonel Moffet [sic, John Moffett], was stationed at Orangeburg the whole time as a reserve. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Army being

¹ Both Robert McAfee and John McAfee (McAfee) are listed in Dr. Bobby G. Moss' Roster of SC Patriots as serving as captains under Col. Thomas Neel.

² [James Martin S9391](#)

³ Contrary to the dates given by the veteran, the Battle of Stono occurred June 20, 1779.

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

between that point and Charleston, in this service as a private soldier continued 3 months and was discharged but received no written one, of this service he has no documentary evidence & cannot prove by any person now living except William Clasky [?].⁴ He was in 1781 at the taking of Friday's Fort⁵ near Columbia South Carolina as a Waggoner under the command of Colonel Bratton, Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of Virginia was at the taking of the Fort, in this service he volunteered and served as Waggoner [sic] one month and was discharged but received no written one of this service he has no documentary evidence nor can he prove it by any witness now living.

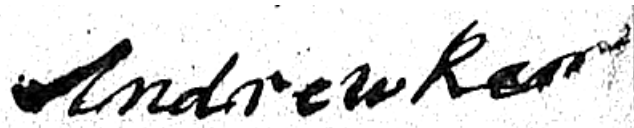
He again volunteered as a private soldier in a militia company commanded by Captain Jacob Barnett under the command of Colonel Lacey [Edward Lacey], they built a Fort near Williams Mill on Turkey Creek in this District and scoured the country on Little River in what is now called Mobley's settlement in Chester District South Carolina to keep down the Tories, cannot state the precise length of this service but was at least 3 weeks, he has no documentary evidence nor can he prove this service by any living witness nor can he State the year in which it was performed. After this he was on various occasions engaged as a private soldier in the service of his country for a few days at a time, on one of these he was one of a company of 18 volunteers under the nominal command of Captain Andrew Love who took 72 Tories commanded by Captain Stallions⁶ at the House of Stallions about 5 miles from Yorkville South Carolina this service he cannot now prove by any living witness.

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 & year aforesaid
S/ R. Gantt, Presiding judge

S/ A. McWhorter, CCCYC

S/ Andrew Kerr



[George W. Davis, a clergyman, and James B. Fulton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Where and in what year were you born?

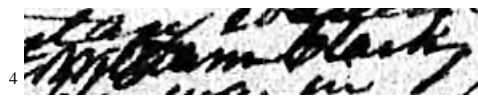
Ans: I was born inMcLenburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County North Carolina in the year 1755.

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

Ans: I have a record of my age in my Bible in my possession.

Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I lived when called into service where I now do and have lived ever since viz. York



⁴ The battle at "Friday's fort" apparently refers to the siege of Fort Granby at Friday's Ferry near Columbia SC, 2 - 15 May 1781. Lee's troops joined the siege on 14 May.

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⁶ Stallion's Plantation, July 12, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stallions_plantation.html

District South Carolina.

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

Ans: I was drafted and volunteered as stated in my declaration.

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.

Ans: During my service at Stono Generals Henderson and Malmody [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] I think Continental Officers of South Carolina and General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] a regular Officer were with the troops Colonel Lee of Virginia was with the troops at Friday's Fort, names of regiments not recollected.

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

Ans: I never did receive a written discharge.

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.

Ans: Reverend George W. Davis, James B. Fulton and John Clark

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open Court March 27 1833

S/ A. McWhorter, CCCYC

S/ Andrew Kerr

[Neither the HeritageQuest (now Ancestry.com) nor the Fold3.com version of this file contains the referenced supporting affidavit given by Capt. James Martin.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 14 days in the South Carolina militia.]

[Note: This record MIGHT relate to another veteran by the name of Andrew Kerr as the following record appears to have no common denominator with the services claimed by the veteran above.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to Andrew Kerr pp 4
Audited Account No. 4249

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[Book] O [No.] 548

April 29, 1785

Mr. Andrew Kerr his Account of Militia Duty per Captain Caruthers [Robert Caruthers a/k/a Robert Carithers] Pay Bill commencing April 1781 & ending October 1782 say 366 Days at 20/

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[20 shillings old South Carolina currency per day]

[Currency] £366

Stg. [Sterling] £52.5.8 ½

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's service as set forth above except in a slightly different format.]

Received April 27th 1785 full Satisfaction for the above in an Indent No. 548 Book O by Virtue of an order for Andrew Kerr

S/ Wm Shannon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Shannon". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

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South Carolina Abbeville County} I do hereby authorize and empower William Shannon to Draw and receive the Whole of my Indents principal and Interest as was made in Returns Made by Col. Robert Anderson into the auditor's office.

Signed and acknowledged this 12th day of August 1785

before me

S/ Pat. Calhoun, JP

S/ Andrew Kerr

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Kerr". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.