Pension Application of Andrew Houser S21829
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The State of South Carolina } Declaration of Andrew Houser
Orangeburgh [Orangeburg] District }

On this 21 day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before me Baylis J. Earle, Presiding Judge of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting, Andrew Houser, a resident of Orange Parish in the District & State aforesaid aged seventy eight 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 the 7th June 1832:

That he first entered the service in 1774 in the Militia against the tories & did duty in said service six months & after this, in the next year, he entered into the United States service under the following Officers, as a volunteer, the 3rd Regiment or [Col. William "Danger"] Thomson's Rangers, William Thompson Col. – [Samuel] Wise Major & Samuel Boykin Capt. and served in said Regiment for nine months. After his discharge he was drafted in the Militia & sent to Sullivan's Island under Capt. Casper Brown & arrived at the Island the day after the battle of the 28th June 1776 and served under said Casper Brown for the space of six months. He also swears, that he served under General [Francis] Marion, after his service on Sullivan's Island, for two years, & under General [Thomas] Sumter for three months. He also served under Capt. Rumph; but as he cannot specify the time, he does not claim a pension for this service under Capt. Rumph. His duties were confined to South Carolina and he always served as a private.
He further swears, that he had discharges & certificates from Col. Thomson and General Sumter but he believes they were stolen with other papers, when his house was robbed, at the close of the Revolution while with General Marion. He has no documentary evidence to prove the facts above stated, but states that Major Peter Oliver [pension application S2190] now living in this District, likewise one of Thomson's Rangers, & the Rev'd. Joseph Winningham [S9531] can testify as to his having been engaged in the service as above stated. He has no record of his age, but from such information as he can collect he believes he was born in April 1755.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Andrew hisXmark Houser

NOTE: On 8 June 1854 Elizabeth Houser applied unsuccessfully for an increase in her own pension (application not found), stating that her husband, Andrew Houser, died 31 Oct 1842, leaving the following children: Elizabeth Houser, David Houser, Lewis Houser, Sophia Dantzer, and Peter M. Houser.