

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Andrews S2908

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Williamson County }

On this 3rd day of September AD 1832 before the Hon. Thomas Stuart judge of the Circuit Court for the fourth judicial circuit for the State of Tennessee now sitting John Andrews a resident of the State of Tennessee and of the County of Williamson aforesaid aged sixty 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 June 7th 1832

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To wit –

The first campaign he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for Mark Andrews his father about the first day of January 1781 and was discharged about twentieth of April following and was commanded by the following officers – General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] commander Col. Thomas Merriweather [sic: Thomas Meriwether] – Major De Kluman [sic: Christian Charles de Klauman] Capt. Francis Degraphen Reid [sic: Francis Degraffenried] Lieutenant Obediah Clay and ensign Alexander Rudder. He marched from Lunenburg Court House Va. to Petersburg to Cabin Point [on James River in Surry County] to Smithfield to Mackeys Mills [Mackies Mills in Isle of Wight County] and to Babbs Old Fields and there discharged

The second campaign he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia about the first of May in same year 1781 under the following officers General Robert Lawson Colonel Linsey [sic: Reuben Lindsay] Majr. John Overstreet Captain William Ragsdale Lieutenant Gideon Spencer and Ensign Baxter Pool and was discharged from service about last of August same year 1781 in Hanover County Va and marched over the following Country from Lunenburg Court house to Prince Edward Courthouse – To Carters Ferry on James River [at present Cartersville] – To Rappahannock or York River above Fredericksburgh [sic: Fredericksburg] and there formed a junction with the main army commanded by General Lafayette and continued under his his command untill discharge as aforesaid; he was born in 1764 on the 4th day of April in Dinwiddie County Va according to the Register of his father which is not now in his knowledge or possession.'

When he was called into service he resided in Lunenburg County Va. lived in said County of Lunenburg & Hallifax [sic: Halifax] Va. after the Revolution till 1802 then lived in Addair [sic: Adair] County Kentucky till 1804 and has since that time resided in Williamson County Tennessee aforesaid was in several skirmishes and at the Battle of the Green Springs [Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown, 6 Jul 1781] Has forgotten the number of Continental Regiments with which he served but some of them were under the command of General [Anthony] Wayne who commanded the Regulars and General Stewban [sic: Baron von Steuben] of the Virginia troops

Has no Documentary evidence or discharges nor never had any given him at his discharges

He further states that Alexander Lester [pension application S4538] served with him in the first Campaign but in a different regiment and that George Andrews knows of his having been substitute for his father in the first campaign and that he was drafted and marched with the troops as is in this declaration stated the second campaign

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

[signed] John Andrews

I John Cook of the County of Williamson & State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with John Andrews who has subscribed and sworn to his declaration that I served with him the second campaign in his declaration mentioned – that I served in the same company with him under the following officers Captain William Ragsdale Lieutenant Gideon Spence and Ensign Baxter Pool in the Regiment commanded by Col Lindsey and Major John Overstreet and attached to the Brigade Commanded by General Robert Lawson. that we march over the Country as is in his said declaration mentioned and that the campaign commenced in May 1781 and ended in August same year and that we were discharged in Hanover County Virginia and also that when he entered the service he resided Lunenburg County Virginia

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 4th day of September 1832 [signed] John Cook

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid John Andrews who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollections he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades. for six months he served as a private militiaman in two several campaigns one of which he served as substitute and was drafted the other as set forth in his declaration which this is intended to amend and for such service I claim a pension

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th of April 1833 [signed] John Andrews