

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Lackey (Lackey) S30533

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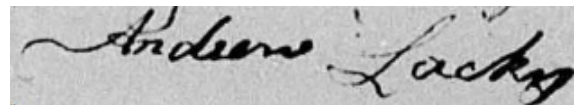
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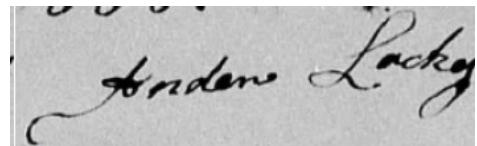
On this 17th day of July, 1837, personally appeared in open Court, before the Hon. James Simpson, Judge of the 10th Judicial District now sitting, Andrew Lackey, a resident of Estill county, State of Kentucky, aged 74 years on the 25th[?] day of October last, who being first sworn according to law, doth, 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 entered the service of the United States in March 1777 as a substitute for Job Fletcher, under Capt. Robert Cravens [sic: Robert Craven, Augusta County Militia]. He rendezvoused at Staunton, Virginia, and was marched through the country in company with several companies of militia, and he thinks joined some continental troops whilst out, but was then not quite fifteen years old, and did not become acquainted with the names of many officers, nor did he pay much attention to the geography of the country; these circumstances when in correlation with the great lapse of time renders it out of his power to name any other offers or any further circumstances concerning this tour. He only recollects that he served three months and was then discharged. About the last of May or first of June 1778 he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for a man by the name of Crocket, his christian name he does not now recollect. But he rendezvoused again at Stanton, Virginia, under Capt. Long, and was marched from Stanton through the country to Richmond, Virginia, or near that, where he was united with the main army, and there remained in readiness for active operations with the British army till his term of service expired, when he was discharged. He served three months during this tour. He again entered the service of the United States in July 1779, as a volunteer, in a Company of Rangers, under Capt. Ralph Stewart [pension application W6168] and Lieut. Westfall. He rendezvoused at this time at Westfall's Station, Moningahalie county, Virginia [sic: Monongalia County in present WV]. He was marched into the mountains in search of the Indians, and after scouring the country for some time, in search of them, would return back to the Station, get a fresh supply of provisions and start again, and continued on in this way, returning occasionally for provisions, till he was discharged. He served six months this tour before he was discharged. He again entered the service of the United States in May 1781 as Lieut. in a volunteer militia company, commanded by Capt. Joseph Friend, Maj. William Lauder [sic: William Lowther VAS32], Col. Morgan [Zackquil Morgan W1912] and Gen. George Rogers Clark. He rendezvoused at the New Store [now Elizabeth PA], not far from the old Red Stone Fort [Redstone Fort, now Brownsville PA]. Here Capt Friend was compelled to return home and I was commissioned Captain of the Company. I recollect Col. Morgan handed me my Commission, which I think was signed by Gen. G. R. Clark. We went from the point of rendezvous to Pittsburg with thirteen boat loads of Flour together with some Powder. I had charge of two of the boats and delivered them up at Pittsburg. From Pittsburg we went by water in boats to Wheeling, Va. where we remained a few days to recruit more men, and from Wheeling to the Falls of the Ohio, (now Louisville, Ky.) where he was stationed, and there remained till his term of service expired, when he was discharged. He served three months during this tour as Captain. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. His father moved from this to Augusta county, Virginia, and from this to Moningahalia county, Va. where he resided at each time of his entering the service. He has his father's record of his age now at his residence. He resided in Moningahalia county, Va. about one year after he was last discharged and then moved to Fayette county, Kentucky, where he resided upwards of four years, and then moved to Madison county, Kentucky and then to Estill county, Kentucky. He has given the names of all officers he can at this time recollect, together with such circumstances as his frail memory will enable him to state, except that he resided two years, or

thereabouts, in Westfall Station, in Tiger's Valley [sic: Tygart Valley], Moringahalae county, Va. He then assisted in the erection of Haden's Station [sic: Hadden Station on Tygart Valley River at the mouth of Elkwater Creek in present Randolph County WV], on the same stream, where he principally resided, when at home, for about five years. He remained in and about these forts or stations, except when out in active service, from 1774 till 1781. He was one of the men that assisted in guarding the families and corn fields, whilst they were cultivated, during this period and when at the stations, occasionally assisting in the cultivation of the crops. He also stood guard of nights as well as days whenever it fell to his lot to do so. Capt. Robert Cravens was out twice with his company assisting us to keep off the Indians, whilst the whites could raise corn and other provisions for subsistence. Capt. Long also served one or two tours, one he knows, with his company in the same manner and for the same purposes. He received discharges for each of his tours, but does not now recollect by whom they were signed, but knows that they were all burnt, together with his commission as Captain and Lieutenant, in his father's house, which was set on fire by the Indians in 1783 in Tiger's valley. He was Commissioned by a board of Officers, and he thinks his Commissions were signed by Gen. George Rogers Clark. He is known in his present neighborhood to the Rev. Samuel Kelley and William Witt who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. 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 and year aforesaid.

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The supplementary statement of Andrew Lackey a resident of Estill county, State of Kentucky, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June, 1832 granting pensions to revolutionary soldiers. He says the reason he did not apply sooner for a pension is this – he lives in a retired part of the county, does not take nor never did take any newspaper except three numbers many years since, – that he never saw the act of Congress granting pensions, above referred to, and did not know any thing about its provisions, but heard it said that it was necessary for a soldier in the Revolution to prove his services before he could obtain a pension, and not knowing of any person then living, that he could establish his services by, he made up his mind that it was unnecessary for him to apply or trouble his mind about it and therefore never attempted it, or thought any thing more about it till the Rev. John H. Brown was on a fishing excursion and came to his house to stay all night, and asked this respondent whether or not he was a soldier in the revolutionary army and being answered in the affirmative, he enquired of him whether or not he was drawing a pension, and having answered this in the negative, and gave him the reasons above assigned, Mr. Brown went on to explain to him the law of Congress, and after hearing his explanation of it he concluded that he would apply, and thereupon procured a friend to draw up his declaration for him. This he did as soon as he could after his conversation with Mr. Brown. He does not now know that any person who was acquainted with his service as Captain at the Falls of the Ohio River, under Gen. George Rogers Clark, is living. He will endeavor to ascertain whether any one of the soldiers in that campaign, are living or not, that he was acquainted with. But he states that it is true he served that tour of three months as Captain of a Volunteer Company, after Capt. Friend returned home. This respondent states that had he have understood the law of Congress referred to, as explained by Mr. Brown and since explained to him by others, he should have made a much earlier application for a pension.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of January 1838.

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NOTE: Rev. John H. Brown stated that Lackey was a man of good character and a member of the Presbyterian Church.