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Pension application of Andrew Ridingour S32486

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The State of Indiana Morgan County

On this 12th day of May A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Bull Esquire sole Judge of the Probate Court in and for the said County of Morgan now sitting Andrew Ridingour a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 72 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 in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina in the spring of the year 1780 he was drafted into the service of the United States as a private soldier and entered a company under Captain John Barringer in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Fyler [sic, Tyler?] for the term of 6 months, that he was marched under the command of said officers to Charleston in South Carolina, that after he had been between 2 and 3 months in the service he enlisted under General Lincoln of the **Virginia line and remained in the service under the last named officer until the¹** the surrender of that city to the British when he was taken prisoner with General Lincoln's Army and detained a prisoner of war a short time when he made his escape in a vessel with some Hessians and went to Savannah in the State of Georgia, that he remained a short time in Savannah when he made his escape from the Hessians and went about 22 miles up the Savannah River to a little town called Ebenezer and again entered the service of the United States under General Wayne that he remained in the service under the last named officer until some time in May or June 1782 when General Wayne fought a battle with the British and Indians commanded by a man called Burnt-foot Brown in which battle this declarant received a wound by a Bayonet in his right thigh, this last mentioned battle was fought about Sun rise in the morning at a place called Turkey Hill, that in consequence of the wound received in said battle he was placed in the hospital and remained in the hospital between 3 and 4 months before he was able to walk that about the time he was able to walk and before his wound was entirely well the forces under General Wayne were disbanded and he was discharged after he had been in the service including the time he was a prisoner and the time he was going from Charleston to Savannah as before stated 2 years and 6 months.

In answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he says

1st That he was born in Bucks County State of Pennsylvania in the year 1761, that his parents removed to Rowan County North Carolina when he was about 14 years of age.

2nd He has no record of his age.

3rd He was living in Rowan County North Carolina when he entered the service -- he lived in Rowan County North Carolina after the war about 6 months, then removed to Burke County

¹ Redlined text only appears in the HeritageQuest version of the file

North Carolina from thence to the State of Ohio, and thence about 6 years ago to Montgomery County Indiana from there to Morgan County in the State of Indiana where he now resides.

4th He was first drafted into the service for 6 months, but when he had been in the service about 2 months he enlisted

5th He well recollects General Lincoln General Wayne Colonel Fyler (though he may be mistaken and spelling the name) General Lincoln of the Virginia line that he is unable to recollect any of his officers names or the general circumstances of his service and if so satisfactory a manner as he could wish, that he cannot recollect the particular periods of time at which he was at different places in South Carolina and Georgia except as he has stated above --

6th He received a discharge from the service which was signed by General Wayne but his discharge is lost he left it and his father's in Rowan County North Carolina when he returned from the service and he does not know what became of it

7th **He has no documentary evidence** he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service that he is well acquainted with James Lunsford a respectable clergyman and John Graves and Peter Thomas who reside in the County of Morgan aforesaid and who can testify to this declarant's character for veracity and their belief of his services as well as to his reputation as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 12th day of May 1834.

S/ Andrew Ridingour

S/ Hannibal R. Stevens, Clerk

[James Lunsford, a clergyman, John Graves and Peter Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana Morgan County: Personally appeared before me Charles B. Butler a justice of the peace in and for the County of Morgan aforesaid Andrew Ridingour who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was drafted into the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1780 as a private soldier under a Captain John Barringer -- in a Regiment commanded by a Colonel Tyler for the term of 6 months, that he was marched under said officers to Charleston in South Carolina, that in marching from Rowan County in the State of North Carolina where he entered the service to Charleston he passed through Charlotte in Mecklenburg County, Camden and Moncks Corner, that in the said march he crossed the River's Pedee and the Congaree and crossed the Cyprus Swamp, that after he had been in Charleston 2 months he enlisted under General Lincoln as a private soldier and entered a company under a Captain Alexander Parker in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by a Colonel which thinks was named Bull, but is not certain, as he was then but a short time before the capture of Charleston he further states that his name was likely entered on the muster roll John Andrew Ridingour as he was sometimes called by that name that he is not certain which name he was entered on the muster Roll, he further states that from the time he made his escape from Charlestown with the Hessians and went to Savannah in Georgia he was About 2 months, that he made his escape again from Savannah and traveled about 22 miles up the Savannah River to a town called Ebenezer on the Georgia side of the Savannah River where he again joined the Army under General Wayne that he related to General Wayne the circumstances of his former enlistment and escape and he was enrolled in General Wayne's Army in pursuance of his former enlistment but he is unable to recollect the name of his Captain or his Colonel or the number of his Regiment, that he remained

in the camp at Ebenezer without marching until the battle with Burntfoot Brown which was not less than 2 months from the time he joined General Wayne, he further states 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 recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, for 2 months and 15 days as a private soldier in the Militia, for one month as a regular soldier at Charleston for 6 months he was a prisoner at Charleston and savanna for 2 months at Ebenezer under General Wayne before the battle at Turkey Hill where he was wounded as stated in his declaration, that [he closed bracket remained at Ebenezer four months in the hospital and for 2 months at Ebenezer after he left the hospital for which service I claim a pension. And he further states that something over a year ago he made a declaration in Montgomery County in this State which he sent on to the War office and that he understood that it was returned and he was informed that it could not be amended and he paid no further attention to it and never seen it since its return.

S/ Andrew Ridingour

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of June A.D. 1834

S/ Charles B. Butler, JP

I John Sims a practicing Physician in the County of Morgan State of Indiana certify that I have examined a scar on the right thigh of Andrew Ridingour and from the appearance of the same am of the opinion that it may have been given with a bayonet. Given under my hand this 23rd day of June 1834

S/ John Sims

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Addendum to Andrew Ridingour S32486

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Claimant himself shews service of but 2 yrs 6 mos. Claim rejected.

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