

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Wallace S3466

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Philadelphia City ss.

Andrew Wallace, having been duly sworn, says, that he served his country, upwards of twenty years, commencing in 1776. That he obtained a pension for wounds and disabilities from April 3, 1811, and until the present time found no difficulty in drawing the same, although he had lost his papers, but his pension is now withheld in consequence of his not finding his certificate, and that he makes this deposition with the hope of obtaining from the War Department a document to enable to draw his pension hereafter.

Sworn and acknowledged this tenth of September, 1819, before me an alderman for this said city.

Andrew hisAWmark Wallace

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

Andrew Wallace Appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he is an Invalid Pensioner of the united States at the rate of Eight Dollars per month and that he was discharged from Capt. William Piatts Company of the 2^d Reg't u.s Infantry at New Orleans on the 8th day of April 1811 for disability – and he was then placed on the Pension Roll for the Agency of Pensylvania at five Dollars per months, his pension was then increased to his present pay – he was then transfered to the Agency of Ohio – and that he is now transfered to the Agency of Kentucky to take effect from and after the 4th of March 1822. and that he had a copy or Triplicate of his Original Pension Certificate, and that the said copy or Triplicate was Stolen from him or taken from him in some manner on the 25th day of April last, at which time his house was broken open and robbed of considerable property and money and said Pension Certificate. and that it is Out of his power to procure said copy of his Pension Certificate, and that he prays that the Hon. Secretary of War may grant him a copy or quadruplicate certificate of his Original Pension and send the same to Mr Henry Asbury Lexington Kentucky.

[8 Aug 1822]

Andrew hisXmark Wallace

To the Secretary of War.

Andrew Wallace now One hundred & three years of age represents that he was a soldier, before & since and during the war of the American Revolution. For twenty nine years he was a sentinel & defender of the liberty of his Country, and now, being old & poor solicits that the present generation will protect him from want, & sooth his declining years.

His services previous to the Revolution he passes by, as having nothing to do with that kindness which the Country has awarded to the defenders of her rights and liberties during her revolutionary struggle

In April 1776 he enlisted at Turks Head, Chester County Pa and was afterwards a Sergeant in Capt Church Company (Anthony Wayne Col) which station of Sergeant he held to the end of the war. In April 1777 he was with Col. Wayne at the battle of the three rivers [Trois Rivieres, 8 Jun 1776], being the first in which he was engaged. His second was under the same officer at the Iron Hills [Cooch's Bridge DE, 3 Sep 1777]. He was in the battle of Brandywine on the 11 of Sept [11 Sep 1777] where he bore from the field gen'l Lafayette who was then wounded

He was present at the Paoli massacre [21 Sep 1777], & is he believes, now the only survivor of that melancholy day when he narrowly escaped the savage brutality of the foe by taking refuge in a cluster of chesnut oak sprouts

He was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] and in the forlorn hope at the storming of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] under the command of Lieutenant [George] Knox of Capt Grants company of the 9th Regm't. Subsequently he was sent to the South and was in the battle of the Cowpens [SC, 17 Jan 1781; see endnote] – of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], and of

Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] under the command of Col Stuart. Lastly he was at the memorable siege of York, and capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] under Capt Davis, of Col. Washington's troop [William Washington's 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons; see endnote].

After the Revolution he again entered the service in 1785 – and in 1786 – and 1791. He was in St. Clair's defeat [Arthur St. Clair, 4 Nov 1791] and in General Wayne's battle of the 20 of August 1796 [sic: Battle of Fallen Timbers, 20 Aug 1794], under Capt. I. Kingberry.

At different intervals he was in the army, until 1813 then upwards of 80 years of age, when on account of disability he was discharged at New Orleans [New Orleans] by order of Gen'l. Hampton. Thus has he served his Country in the wars for more than twenty nine years. Andrew Wallace
Sworn to and subscribed this 30th March 1833

NOTES:

There were no Pennsylvania forces in the South until after the surrender of Cornwallis, when Gen. Anthony Wayne led a contingent into Georgia and South Carolina. Wallace may have enlisted into Lt. Col. William Washington's 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons, which was at the battles in South Carolina named by Wallace. Washington's Regiment was not at the surrender of Cornwallis, however, and I could find no record of a Capt. Davis in that regiment.

On 8 Sep 1821 Andrew Wallace stated that he had served under Capt. William Piatt and Col. Cushing, and he applied to have his pension transferred to the District of Columbia, having moved there from Ohio. On 15 May 1822 he applied to have the pension transferred from Ohio, where he had lived for 10 months, to Kentucky, intending to move to Frankfort. On 5 June 1823 he applied for a transfer from Kentucky to Pennsylvania. On 14 Dec 1824 he applied to have his pension transferred from Pennsylvania to Delaware, and on 1 March 1826 he applied to have his pension transferred back from Delaware to Pennsylvania.

On 12 May 1835 Anna Wallace petitioned the Secretary of War for papers allowing her to draw the pension due to her husband, Sgt. Andrew Wallace, up to the time of his death, which occurred "in New York on the 22nd of January last when on a visit to some friends in that place." Her statement was certified by Charles Wallace, Postmaster at Russellville in Chester County.