

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Andrew Schrack S35061

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United States of America

State of Maryland, City of Balt'e. SS.

ON this ninth day of October 1823, personally appeared in open court being a court of record, this is to say, the Baltimore County Court, held in the City of Balt'e. for the said County being within the 6th Judicial District of the State of Maryland Andrew Schrack aged sixty seven years, resident in the City of Baltimore in said District & State who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: That he enlisted at Baltimore aforesaid early in the year 1775 or 1776 in a company called "First Mattross" of Maryland Comanded by Capt. Nathan'l. Smith, ordered to the Fort at Whetstone point, now "Fort McHenry" remained there one year the period of enlistment. Then reinlisted under Cap. Rich'd. Dorsey* who had been promoted from Lt. at said Fort & raised a Comp'y. there principally of the men at the Fort for the term of three years or during the War. Joined Proctor at Valley Forge. Was at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], then marched to the southward, was in the battle of Gates' defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], also those of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], Cambden [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & was in Greens [sic: Gen. Nathanael Greene's] Army to the Southward [in South Carolina] when Cornwallis surrendered [at Yorktown VA on 19 Oct 1781]. afterward sent from James Island [SC] to Charleston then to Annapolis there discharged at the State House. Which discharge he hath lost or mislaid — having served fully six years in the service of the U. States on the Continental establishment. — never hath received or applied for a pension until the present application and I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March, 1818; and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

*[the following in different handwriting] A Company belonging to the Maryland line, but being Artillery did not appear to be attached of right to any particular regiment.

Schedule referred to within

Property none of any sort either real or personal.

Family none

Was by trade a Comb maker, but for many years past in consequence of debility & want of Eyesight unable to work at the trade - therefore out of all employ by which to gain a livelihood and dependent on the charity of his old friends and neighbours. And is now "in such indigent Circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country"

Andrew hisXmark Schrack

State of Maryland, City of Baltimore SS:

On this Eighth day of October 1823 personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said City, Philip Sissler [or Sisler] aged Eighty two years or thereabout who after being by me duly sworn deposeth and saith, That he enlisted in 1775 or 1776 in Cap. N. Smith's Company of Matross of Md. and served one year the term of enlistment, during which the within named Andrew Schrack was a private soldier, and when Lieutenant Richard Dorsey was promoted to a Captaincy, the Artillery Company of the Fort at Whetstone point was divided by fully one half the said Company reinlisting under him to join the army, when to his certain knowledge said Andrew Schrack did reinlist in said Dorseys Artillery Company after having faithfully serving out the period of his first year enlistment.

Philip hisXmark Sissler

AUDITORS OFFICE

ANNAPOLIS, Oct'r 14th 1823

I Certify, that it appears by a Depreciation Pay Roll, remaining in my Office, That Andrew Shrink a Matross of the Maryland Line, received £104.0.9 Depreciation Money, issued to the Maryland quota of troops on continental establishment on the 31st day of May 1782.

Thos. Karney Aud'r State of Maryland.

Memo- I doubt not, that the applicant's name may be Spelt rong on the Muster Rolls, or rather the pay Rolls. I find the name of Philip Sissler on the Roll TK