

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Andrew Byrd S5311

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State of Virginia and        }  
County of Rockingham } to wit:

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham, now sitting, Andrew Byrd, a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia, aged 77 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He was born in Rockingham County, at that time a part of Augusta, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1754, and has resided at the same place ever since. His age is record in the family Bible now in his possession

He volunteered in 1776 and marched to Tygarts Vally [sic: Tygart Valley; see endnote] under Capt. Daniel Smith, Lieut. John Ewin [John Ewing], but does not recollect who was ensign, Anthony Rader was orderly Sergeant; served three months, and returned about the last of November or first of December. The company divided into three parties, and the party to which he belonged was stationed at Westfall's Fort [¼ mi S of present Beverly WV], and had no fighting except occasionally shooting an Indian, who were scouting about in the night.

Early in January 1781 he volunteered as a cadet, under Capt. George Riddle [sic: George Ruddle]. He was a captain in the militia himself, and was dissatisfied with the Col. Abraham Smith, for not ordering him out, and determined to march as a private. He marched through Richmond to Suffolk County and served entirely in Virginia. He was in no general engagement, during this tour, but had some slight skirmishing and served 3 months and a little upwards. returned April 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. He recollects Capts. [John] Rice, [Michael] Coger & [John] Hopkins of the Rockingham militia; Majors [Gawen] Hamilton and Nalle [sic: William Nall], and Col. [William] Bowyer from Rockbridge County. was under the command of General Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]. He received no written discharge in either case and has no documentary evidence of his services. He does not know any person now living, who can testify to the first campaign above mentioned – for proof of the last tour, he relies on the testimony of Philip Koontz [pension application S5661], who will be brought into Court for the purpose, who served in the same company.

For his character for veracity in his neighbourhood, and the belief in his revolutionary services, he refers to Col. Wm. McMahon, Dr. Williamson, & Reuben Moore, a Justice of the Peace in this County.

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.       [signed] Andrew Byrd

NOTE: An "Andrew Bird," evidently this applicant, appears on a copy of the payroll of Capt. Daniel Smith's company found in the pension application of Peter Van Pelt (W18198). That payroll also lists "Burton Blesand," who is probably Burton Blizzard. According to Blizzard's pension application (W20720), the company served in the fall of 1777 in Tygart Valley, and he was stationed at Fort Friend, which was on Leading Creek near present Elkins WV.