

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Elkanah Andrews S6507

VA Sea Service

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At a Court held for accomack County on the 3rd day of June 1824.

Commonwealth of Virginia Accomack County, to Wit on this 3^d day of June 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record the said court proceeding according to the Course of Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in Point of amount and Keeping a Record of its proceedings and having the power of fine & imprisonment Elkanah Andrews aged fifty seven years and a Resident in the aforesaid County of Accomack state of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820 that the said Elkanah Andrews enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1777 in the County & State aforesaid in a Galley called the Accomack commanded by Capt'n Wm Underhill [William Underhill] in a fleet commanded by Commodore [James] Barron that he continued to serve in the said fleet until the year 1779, when he was discharged from the said service at Onancock Town in the County & State aforesaid; in pursuance of the Act of the 1st day of May 1820 the said Elkanah Andrews doth solemnly swear that he was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an Act of Congress Entitled an Act to provide for Certain Persons engaged in the Land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818, & that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed the said Elkanah Andrews further states on oath that he is tolerable healthy and able to work a little at times that he has no trade pursues no particular occupation that his family consists of himself his wife Hetty she is about 40 years of age and very unhealthy and able to do but very little in consequence thereof that the said Elkanah Andrews has three children named Rob't Richard and Samuel Andrews. Robert is about 20 years of age and tolerable healthy Richard is about Eleven years of age and tolerable healthy; Samuel is about is about 8 years of age and tolerable healthy he has had one thigh broken and which causes him to be a little lame That he the s'd Elkanah has an interest in no other property other than what is exhibited in the schedule hereto annexed as aforesaid and from such Interest he the said Elkanah Andrews considers himself in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself and family without the assistance of his country or by charitable assistance It is ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of the court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is worth about two dollars pr annum

The Deposition of William Andrews [pension application X879] aged about 63 years the deponant being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he served on board of the Galley Accomack, Capt Underhill in the fleet of Commodore Barron from the year 1777 to 1780 that he knows that Elkanah Andrews served on board said Galley as a common seaman from 1777 to 1779

A Schedule of my property taken this 3rd day of June 1824.

1 Sow and 8 pigs 1 shoat 2 beds & covering 1 canoe 1 safe and 2 chests 2 axes 1 pr Iron wedges
1 Frow 9 or 10 Iron spoons a sett of old knives & forks

Elkanah hisXmark Andrews

[A note in the file states that the above application was rejected. The following application was successful.]

At a Court held for Accomack County by adjournment on Wednesday the 29th day of August 1832. Elkanah Andrews of the County of Accomack this day personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 Viz State of Virginia County of Accomack on the 29th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of said County now sitting Elkany Andrews, resident of Accomack parish in the County aforesaid aged 67 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 he enlisted on board the gally called the Accomack commanded by Capt William Underhill he thinks in the early part of the year 1777 (he then being a youth) and that he served on board said Galley as a seaman or sailor until she was dismantled & her crew discharged which this deponent thinks was sometime in the winter of 1780-81. The said Gally cruised mostly in the Chesapeake Bay & on the sea side of the peninsula whilst in service. The said gally was built principally for the defence of the counties of Accomack and Northampton & was stationed mostly in the waters of those counties & was never in any battle. This deponent has proved his services heretofore and been allowed the quantity of Land due as Bounty from the State of Virginia for three years services as a seaman in the state navy of Virginia. This deponent was born in Accomack County Virginia, he has no record of his age. he was living in said County during the Revolutionary war and has resided here ever since. He never received any written discharge from the service, but was told that he was discharged when said Galley was laid up. This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afs'd.

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NOTE: The file of William Andrews (X879) alludes to fraud in the pension application of Elkanah Andrews, but I could find no further information. In the 1840 federal census of Accomack County Elkanah Andrews, 77, is listed as a pensioner.