

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Bostian (Bostain, Boston) S6680

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State of North Carolina Rowan County

On this ___ day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Rowan it being a court of record Andrew Bostain of the County & State above mentioned aged 79 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 in the 2nd Troop of cavalry from North Carolina under the following officers, Martin Phifer Captain, lieutenant's name not recollected, Valentine Beard Cornet. That he marched to Charleston and was there & in the State of South Carolina part of the first 6 months, thence he was marched to the City of Philadelphia & that he remained there two or three months, that he then left the City when it was evacuated to the British, thence to [illegible, probably "Little"] York, & was sent as a guard to Boston with money to General Hancock, he then returned to Little York, & then went to Fort Pitt that he returned again to Little York and was there discharged, having served two years and a half. That he was in the battle of Germantown and a number of skirmishes. That he was in a battle against the Cherokee Indians at Middle Town under Captain Brannon, that he was in an engagement against the Tories Ninety Six under the command of Captain Brannon – He further maketh oath that he preserved his discharge & other papers which he gave to Abraham Rencker 2 percent to the War Department & which from a letter received from said Rencker he learns have been presented and are filed in the war office.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

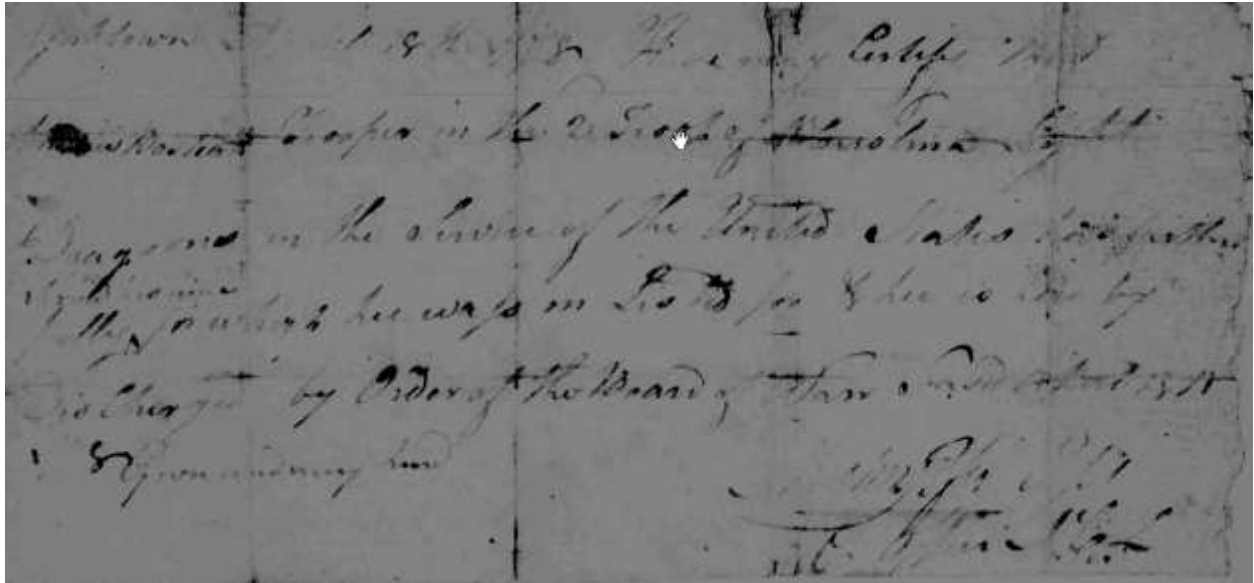
S/ Jno. Giles, Clk

S/ Andrew Boston¹

A photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Andrew Boston". There are some faint, illegible markings below the main signature.

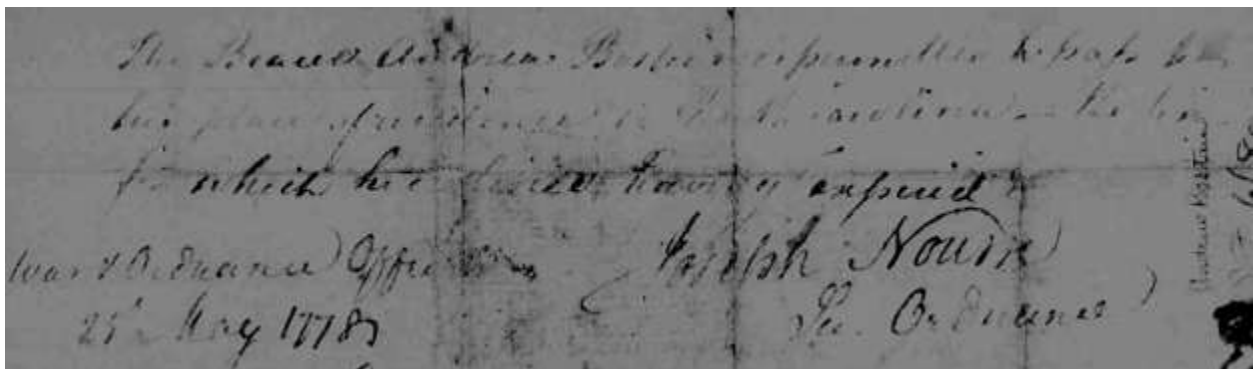
¹ It appears to me that this veteran signed his own name as "Andrew Boston." The Clerk was going to indicate that he signed with a mark, but someone appears to have scratched out that form of execution and there is an actual signature.

Yorktown April 18th 1778 These may Certify that
 Andrew Boston Trooper in the 2^d Troop of N. Carolina Light
 Dragoons in the Service of the United States has faith-
 fully ^{served his time} for which he was in Listed for & he is here by
 Discharged by Order of the Board of War Issued April ? ??
 Given under my hand S/ Martin Fifer Capt
 NC Office ????



The Bearer Andrew Bostain is permitted to pass to
 his place of residence in North Carolina—the time
 for which he enlisted having expired
 War & Ordnance Office
 28th May 1778

S/ Joseph Nourse
 Sec. Ordnance



I John Scott of the County of Rowan & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that Andrew Bostain's discharge was in my hand in the year 1727 or 28 that they were presented to the war Department by me by letter and they were returned from that Department on account that Mr. Bostain was possessed of property sufficient for a sustenance, the contents of that discharge were as follows to the best of my recollection (to wit) that he had served 2 1/2 years in the Dragoons commanded by Captain Martin Phifer which was certified & signed by said Martin Phifer, and

that on the back of said discharge was written a passport from Yorktown to North Carolina and signed by Nourse.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jno. Giles, Clk

S/ Jno. Scott

[John Locke and Michael Albright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran died January 16, 1837; there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 2 years service as a private in the cavalry in the North Carolina militia.]