

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew McBroom S7205

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 27th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, it being a Court of record now sitting, Andrew McBroom, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy-eight years in July last, as he believes, 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, 1832.

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

In the year 1776, as he thinks, the declarant volunteered as a private in the militia of North Carolina, for a tour of three months and was attached to a Company which was organized in the Town of Hillsboro; under the command of Capt. Hugh Tinnen, Lieut. William Williams and Ensign Samuel Thompson. From Hillsboro he was marched on what was called the "Scotch Expedition" to Fayetteville, NC, one or more regiments having been organized under the command of Col. Thaxton [James Thackston] & Lieut. Butler -- to which declarant's company belonged & destined for that service. After arriving at Fayetteville, he was marched into the vicinity & back into the Town without having an opportunity of meeting the enemy in battle. The Scotch Tories in that quarter having been recently defeated by Gov. Caswell [Richard Caswell, Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, February 27, 1776], they surrendered to our forces as soon as we found them. From Fayetteville the object of the expedition being accomplished, the declarant was marched back to Hillsboro & there discharged from the tour of three months for which he volunteered. He thinks that Col. Thaxton discharged them; he has lost his discharge many years since as he has all his other discharges -- as he fought for the liberties of his Country & not to obtain evidence of service with a view to pecuniary advantage.

The declarant again volunteered as a private in the militia of North Carolina for a tour of three months -- in the year 1778 or 1779, as he thinks -- and was attached to a company which was organized and the Town of Hillsboro North Carolina under Capt. William Williams, Lieut. John Taylor & Ensign Samuel Thompson; and was destined for service against the Indians in the Western part of North Carolina. One or more regiments marched from Hillsboro on that occasion, under the immediate command of Col. Ramsey [Ambrose Ramsey] [\[p 16—pages out of order—the following is entirely missing from HeritageQuest\]](#) and L. Tenant [sic, Lt.] Col. William Moore Regiments from some of the adjoining counties were marched on the same expedition -- and declarant thinks that General Thomas Persons [Thomas Person] commanded

the Brigade. From Hillsboro declarant was marched to Salisbury NC & thence to Silver Creek in Burke County North Carolina. And it being there ascertained that the Indians had been quelled, his Regiment & arrest from this section of the State were countermarched & returned to Hillsboro -- at which place the declarant received a discharge from the tour of 3 months for which he had volunteered. This discharge he has lost.

In 1781, a short time before the Battle of Guilford, the declarant again volunteered as a private in the militia of North Carolina, for a tour of three months service: and was attached to a company, which was organized in that part of Orange County, which now is called Caswell County, under the command of Samuel Johnston, Capt. This Company was the militia Light Horse. The first service performed by declarant after his Company of horse was organized, consisted in piloting Col. Washington [William Washington] to the High Rock on Haw River -- for which purpose he was singly detached. Col. Washington ordered Capt. Johnston at that time to advance to [p 17] the neighborhood of Hillsboro for the purpose of ascertaining whether the British had left that place. After conducting Col. Washington to the High Rock, declarant rejoined Capt. Johnston, who marched to Hillsboro & ascertained that the British had moved in the direction of Guilford. From Hillsboro Capt. Johnston set out with his Company in the direction of Col. Washington; and the declarant on the route was taken sick & his Capt. advised him to go home, which was in the neighborhood, & stay until his health should be sufficiently restored to rejoin him. This he did; and as soon as he was well able to perform service, which was in a few days, the declarant set out to rejoin his Company -- advanced within some 10 or 15 miles of Guilford, when the Battle of that name commenced [March 15, 1781]. He pressed on within some four miles of the Battle Ground, when he fell in with Col. Campbell who was on the retreat, & went with him the next day to the Iron Works [Troublesome Iron Works], where the American forces were paraded under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. Col. Moore was declarant's Col. & General Green had come to the understanding with Col. Moore that after giving Battle to the enemy, all the men under Col. Moore's command might be discharged. [p 14] They were accordingly discharged at the Iron Works, where our forces were reviewed or paraded as above set forth. If the declarant received a written discharge he has lost it. -- After which in 1781, the declarant went in pursuit of Tories in the South Eastern part of Orange in company with a good many Citizens -- and took several Tories prisoners. Whereupon Col. Farmer [Thomas Farmer] sent declarant to convey the prisoners to Halifax NC for safekeeping: & after the performance of this service, Col. Farmer gave declarant a discharge as for a three months tour in the service. This discharge is lost. The declarant performed other military services in the revolutionary war, in scouting parties on several occasions of which he takes no account.

The Declarant resided in the County of Orange, when he performed the services above stated -- he was born in Pennsylvania in July 1754 as he believes: he has no record of his age. He was removed to Orange County aforesaid when a child -- and has resided in said County ever since. The declarant is known to the Rev. Samuel Paisley, James Mebane and John Taylor in his County & neighborhood.

He has no documentary evidence of his services. He asks leave to refer to the accompanying affidavits [p 15] of James Allison Senior<sup>1</sup> & Samuel Thompson<sup>2</sup> as proof of his service. He knows of no other evidence of his service.

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. He was not

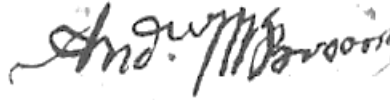
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<sup>1</sup> [James Allison S6491](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Thompson W4605](#)

acquainted with any other regular officers in the revolution than those above mentioned.  
Subscribed & sworn to  
S/ J. Taylor, CC

S/ Andw McBroom



[Samuel Paisley, a clergyman, James Mebane and John Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

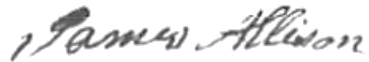
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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this 25th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Orange and State aforesaid, James Allison of the County and State aforesaid now an applicant for a pension who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he was a private under the command of Capt. William Williams and that Andrew McBroom (Esquire) was a private in the same company in a Tour of duty against the Indians and further States that the said McBroom remained with us until the tour ended.

S/ Richardson Nichols, JP

S/ James Allison



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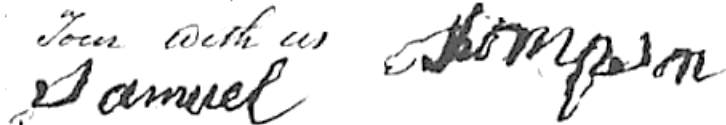
State of North Carolina Orange County

On the 25th day of May 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Orange & State aforesaid Samuel Thompson of the County & State aforesaid now an applicant for a pension who being first duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he was an Ensign in the Scotch Corps in the year he thinks 1776 and well remembers that Andrew McBroom (Esquire) of the County and State aforesaid now an applicant for a pension was a private in said Regiment and served the whole Tour with us.

Sworn to & subscribed before me

Test: S/ Richardson Nichols, JP

S/ Samuel Thompson



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State of North Carolina

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Orange & State aforesaid James Allison now an applicant for a pension who being first duly sworn according to law and maketh oath that in the year 1781 that he was in the Service of the United States a private under the command of Captain Douglas and that Andrew McBroom of the County and State aforesaid now an applicant for a pension was a private under the command of Captain Samuel Johnston of the same Regiment and continued with us until

[we] were Discharged[.] the field officer was Colonel William Moore, In conclusion this affiant states that the said Andrew McBroom Sustained the character of a good Whig.

S/ James Allison

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 4th day of October A.D. 1833, personally appeared before me, one of the Justices of the Peace in & for said County, Andrew McBroom, resident of the County & State aforesaid, who, after having first been duly sworn according to law, saith, that from advanced age, he is unable to speak with precision of the whole of his service in the war of the revolution; but he remembers, that he was under arms in each of the tours of duty set forth in his declaration, made before the Justices of the County Court of Orange, at its May Session 1833 -- to which this affidavit is appended -- viz. his tour in 1776 in what was called the "Scotch expedition" -- and his tour in 1778 or 1779, in what was called the "Indian expedition," -- the space of three months: -- And that he was engaged in the service in the year 1781, under his engagement contracted by volunteering for three months, under the command of Capt. Samuel Johnston, as set forth in his said declaration -- one month at least; and that he was engaged in the service committed to his charge by Col. Farmer as set forth in his said declaration, twenty days, at least -- amounting in the whole, seven months and twenty days.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and date above named.

S/ D. Yarborough, JP

S/ Andrew McBroom

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 20 days in the North Carolina militia.]