

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Stough S7630

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County: to wit

On this 3rd day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of Law for said County and State now sitting – & held by the Honorable Henry Seawell one of the Judges of the State of North Carolina, Andrew Stough a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-five years past – 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers – and served as herein stated – To wit: – In the month of August 1775 about the last of the month – I entered the service of the United States, under General Griffith Rutherford – Colonel Andrew Alexander, John Phifer Lieutenant Colonel – Captain John Pininger [sic, John Penninger] – a substitute for Charles Cagle – for two months against the Cherokee Indians – Charles Cagle was a draft for three months – and had served one month of his term – when I entered the service I lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina – now Cabarrus County – I marched under the foregoing officers to a place in the mountains in the Western part of this State, called the Pleasant Gardens where we made a short stay – thence we marched to the Indian Nation – to a town called the "Walking Town" – near the Tennessee River – Whence we returned – I was in no engagement in this Service – I was discharged by Colonel Phifer, the last of the month of October 1775 having served in this expedition two months.

Again, in the same County and State, in the month of April 1780, about the first of the month, I volunteered for three months and was placed under Captain William Osborne – & Major Thomas Harris – by whom we were marched from this State, from the town of Charlotte where we rendezvoused to the City of Charleston South Carolina – where we were placed under the General Command of General Lincoln – where we remained until the siege and surrender of Charleston which was in May 1780. I was then taken prisoner and put on parole – which I have lost or destroyed – I served in this expedition three months.

Again – in the same County and State, in the month of July 1781 the last of the month – I was drafted – and placed under Captain Gardner – Major Barr – Colonel Martin – & General Rutherford – for three months – and was marched under these officers from Mecklenburg County to Wilmington North Carolina where in the month of October 1781, we heard of the news of the surrender of Cornwallis. I was three months in this tour – and then discharged by Major Barr – which I have lost – I have lost all my discharges – I have no documentary proof of my service – I served in all eight months – to wit: two months in the Cherokee expedition – three months in the Charleston tour – and three months in the expedition to Wilmington and for that I claim a pension – My age and infirmity prevents accuracy and precision as to dates – for proof of my service I refer to the testimony of Caleb Toup¹ &c Blackwelder here unto annexed – For proof of my character I refer to John Little & Moses Osborne – I was born on the 11th day of October 1748 in Germany and came to America at the age of two years – and settled in Pennsylvania – and came to North Carolina at the age of nineteen – and settled in Mecklenburg County in that part now called Cabarrus – from which I moved to this County (Montgomery) thirty-three years ago – where I have lived ever since.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Andrew Stough

[Moses Osborne & John Little gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court to Andrew Stough

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. In Germany 11th of October 1748

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have on record in my family Bible – at home –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When I entered the service I lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina – since the Revolution I have lived 33 years in this County (Montgomery) And the remainder in Mecklenburg. I now live in Montgomery County North Carolina.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. In my first service to the Cherokee nation, I was a substitute for Charles Cagle. In the Charleston expedition I was a volunteer. In the Wilmington tour I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I do not recollect the names of any of the regular Officers, except General Lincoln = or any of the regiments – my age and infirmity all very great – I was at the Siege of Charleston – to Wilmington & against the Cherokee Indians as stated in the declaration –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I was always discharged. They are all lost – my first was given by Colonel Phifer – In the 2nd, I was placed on parole. In the 3rd expedition I was discharged by Major Barr.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who

¹ [Caleb Toup S7738](#)

can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I refer to Moses Osborne & John Little

S/ Andrew Stough, X his mark

State of North Carolina Cabarrus County

This 19th day of March 1834 personally appeared before me Martin Widenhouse – a Justice of the Peace in and for Cabarrus County – Caleb Toup – of said County and made oath in due form of law – that he knows that Andrew Stough now of Montgomery County, North Carolina – was in the Service of the United States – as a revolutionary soldier. He states that he served with him in the same company in the expedition to Charleston when that city was taken in the year 1780 – and that he (the said Stough) served in that tour 3 months – and he was also with him in the expedition to Wilmington in the year 1781 when he served in the same company, 3 months more – He states that he is certain of this 6 months service as here mentioned, because he was in the same mess with Andrew Stough – to whose declaration this affidavit is annexed. He further states that from his knowledge of the said Stough, he believes that the residue of his service as mentioned by him in his declaration is true – Witness my hand

S/ Caleb Toup, X his mark

North Carolina Cabarrus County

I Charles Blackwelder² of the County of Cabarrus & State aforesaid do hereby certify on Oath that I concur in the above statement of Caleb Toup – as far as relates to the 3 months service of Andrew Stough in the expedition to Wilmington. I know that the said Andrew Stough now of Montgomery County – and to whose declaration this affidavit is annexed, performed 3 months service in said tour in the Revolutionary War. I was in the same company with him – witness my hand this 19th day of March 1834

S/ Charles Blackwelder, B his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

² [Charles Blackwelder S6658](#) hello hello yellow: 01 I think at Beatties calls old timesheet she is always at work at at I would appreciate yellow maybe just contacting her through her work out okay well if you would take my name off you called inside appreciate great thank you Mazyck by