

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Boston S8078

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State of North Carolina Rowan County: SS

On this 18th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Peace who are Judges of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting the same being a court of Record for said County Andrew Boston aged seventy-three years a resident of said County 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.

That he was drafted in the militia in Rowan County in the spring of the year 1780 in a company commanded by Captain Daniel Johnston in Colonel F. Locke's [Francis Locke] Regiment under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], met the other troops at that time in the town of Salisbury and in a few days was taken from the ranks and ordered to drive one of the baggage wagons. That he was first drafted for three months and was put into the service of the commissary, that before he returned home from the first tour of three months, he was pressed into the service again as a Waggoner for a second term of three months & was dismissed shortly after Gates Defeat near Camden South Carolina [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].

That early in the year 1781 he was again drafted as a private foot Soldier in Rowan County under the same officers before named and marched from Salisbury to Wilmington North Carolina, and served three months & was discharged. That in a few weeks after this last tour he was again drafted in the militia under the before named officers and marched to Lincoln County and was in the main division of the militia under General Rutherford at the time of the battle of Ramsours Mill [June 20, 1780] and did not arrive at the place until after the action was over that he marched from thence to the Yadkin River in the present County of Surry and was there dismissed at about the close of the war, his whole term of service being twelve months six of which he acted as a Waggoner and the other six as a private soldier in the ranks of the militia. That he was born near Philadelphia in Pennsylvania & has a record of his age which states he was born on March 27th 1759; that he emigrated to Rowan County North Carolina at the age of 3 years where he resided until about the year 1814 when he removed to Cabarrus County and resided there until the year 1831 when he returned to Rowan County where he now resides – That he received several discharges but has lost the whole of them and is unable to recollect by whom they were given. That he cannot recollect having seen any officers of the Continental Army except General Gates & General Greene. That he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his military service and refers to his neighbors Locke Atwell and Peter

Freeze who can testify as to his character and reputation. That he is unable to procure the certificate of a clergyman, because none live near him who are acquainted with him. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatsoever 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.

S/ Andrew Boston, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jno. Giles

[Locke Atwell and Peter Freeze gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The foregoing Declaration & certificates having been returned from the War Department with objections, the applicant Andrew Boston appeared before Thomas L. Cowan, a Justice of the Peace in and for Rowan County North Carolina on the 11th day of January 1834 and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath offer the following amendment to his declaration. That he was first drafted in the militia for three months and was detailed to manage and drive a baggage wagon and before he returned home, was pressed and continued as a wagoner for three months more in the year 1780. That he was again drafted in the early part of the year 1781, and served for three months as a private foot soldier, during which term he marched to Wilmington North Carolina and was in camp therefore some time; that afterwards in the same year he was again drafted and served as a private foot soldier for three months in Rowan in Lincoln County; that he always belonged to Colonel Locke's Regiment, he does not know whether he is entitled to a pension for or in consideration of being pressed to be a Waggoner instead of a soldier in the Ranks for the two first terms of three months, but he does claim a pension for the two last tours of three months each when he was employed in actual military service.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Andrew Boston, X his mark

S/ Thos. L. Cowan, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]