Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Cyprus W25468 Hannah Cyprus VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 16 May 2019.

6th DISTRICT OF Ohio, SS.

On this 6th day of March 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for the said district, personally appeared Andrew Cyprus aged Sixty four years, resident in Madison County in the said district, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Andrew Cyprus enlisted for the term of the Revolutionary War on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1777 in Frederick Cty in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Waggoner [Andrew Waggener BLWt2424-400] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Wood [BLWt2419-500] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the war, when he was discharged from service in June 1783 state of Virginia, that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stony Point [16 Jul 1779], Paulus Hook [19 Aug 1779], Seige Charlstown [sic: Charleston SC, 29 Mar - 12 May 1780], & Capture of Lord Cornwallis, York Town in Virginia [19 Oct 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. Andrew hisXmark Cyprus

Pleas began and held at the Court house in London on the twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, Before the Honorable Gustavus Swan, President, Isaac Howsman, John Arbuckle and George Linson Esquire, Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Madison in the state of Ohio

Be it remembered that on the twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven, Andrew Cypress personally appeared in open Court and presented the following Declaration and Schedule (to wit) "Schedule by Andrew Cyprus and a declaration in order to be continued on the pension list under the act of May 1st 1820. The State of Ohio Madison County Ss – On this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Madison and State of Ohio; Andrew Cyprus, a resident in said County aged Seventy four years who first being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first May 1820. That he the said Andrew Cypruss, enlisted for the term of [blank] years, not now recollected, but afterward this deponant enlisted during the War, in Capt. Andrew Waggoners Company 12th Va Redg (Commanded by Col James Wood) in the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, that he this deponant continued to serve in said Corps (frequently changing company as well as field officers) until the close of the war, and was discharged by Genl. [Benjamin] Lincoln, in the City of Richmond, State of Va, he this deponant thinks in Novr. 1783 here he wishes to refer to his discharge which he supposes is in the War Office as he sent it there, and received a pension under the act of March 18th 1818 and that it has never been returned to him since, that the No. of his pension Certificate is 10.175. That he this deponant sent a second Schedule, but supposes it miscarried as he never received an answer, whereupon he was discouraged from making further Application until lately, he hopes he has been better informed. He this deponant can neither read or write a word himself. In pursuance of the Act of the first May 1820 – I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my

property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, except six dollars due from William Wood. And this deponant further states that he has a small tract of land which he received for his services in the Revolution, it is of 3rd quality, and affords him a home it is true, but for the want of Ability to Cultivate he is forced of little stock of Cattle &c to sell a part every year to purchase food for the remainder, and bread stuff for his family. And this deponant further states that he has no other income than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, that he has no other occupation that that of a Farmer and that he is entirely unable to follow it by reason of old age and other bodily infirmities, particularly a fall from his horse some 3 or 4 years since so disabled his right arm that he but seldom can raise it horizontal, which renders this deponant in such indigent circumstances as to be entirely unable to support his family and self without the aid of the Government or public donations – Here follows a list of my family residing with me, Hannah my wife aged 47 years – Rebecca my daughter aged 17 years, Julian my daughter aged 11 years, George my son aged 9 years, Jacob my son aged 8 years, Maria my daughter aged 6 years, Lawrence Washington my son aged 3 years, and Michael aged one month, in all 8 – And it is with hard labour and industry that my wife and the two oldest daughters can obtain necessary clothing for the family, that since the 18th of March 1818 no change has been made in my property except by death or sales made for the support of myself and family. Here follows a Schedule of this deponants property (to wit) One horse 19 years old worth \$8.00. One mare 20 years old worth \$6.00. One ditto 2 years old worth \$20.00, One Colt one year old worth \$8.00. Two milk Cows and calves worth \$14.00 Two yearling calves worth 2 dollars each \$4.00 – Eleven head of sheep 75 cts each \$8.25 – 3 sows and 14 pigs \$10.00 – One Cupboard \$2.00 Due from William Wood \$6.00 – 200 acres of land 125 cts per acre \$250.00 Andrew his<mark Cypruss

[Original discharge not found in file. The following is from a copy.]

These are to Certify that the bearer hereof Andrew Cyprus in the 12th Virginia Regiment, having faithfully served the United States Eight years and being enlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

Given at the war officer the 28th day of June 1783.

By order of the Secretary at War

(Signed) B. Lincoln

(Signed) Joseph Carlston Sec'y./ Registered in the books of the regiment.

War Office 28th June 1783

The within certificate shall not avail the bearer as a discharge until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace; previous to which time, and until proclamation thereof shall be made, he is to be considered as being on furlough.

B. Lincoln

State of Ohio } Ss

Madison County \ March 1828

This day Andrew Cypress, personally came before me Patrick McLane a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, and being first duly sworn according to law, sayeth; that he is the same Andrew Cypress, who enlisted in the Revolutionary Army, some time in the year 1775 he thinks, under Capt. Andrew Waggoner for during the war: that he did serve several campaigns with the Nothern Army under said Captain who was afterwards promoted to a Major in Colo. Jno. Neville's [sic: John Nevill BLWt1595-500] Rigement, that he served in various Companies and Rigements, and was taken prisoner in Charlestown South Carolina, and was afterwards exchanged at James Town, Virginia, from thence he was marched to the South again, through the Carolina's into Georgia, and from thence after the close of the war, was marched by Capt. Alexander Parker [BLWt1740-300] to the City of Richmond, Virginia; and there discharged by Gen. Lincoln. That he is advised, as his discharge is in the war office

where he sent it to obtain a pension, that he cannot command it himself, but that Gen. Vance, his representative can; he therefore begs leave to refer, the General to the war office for his discharge, Schedule, and all other papers which he has sent to that department. That he is now in his seventy-sixth year, and not able to get his living by bodily labour; and charity he cannot solicit with the spirit of an old soldier, other than from his Country to which in his early day he gave eight years of his life

Andrew hisXmark Cypress

I Andrew Cypress of the County of Madison, in the State of Ohio, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line, of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War, and continued in its service untill its termination, at which period I was a private in Captain Alexander Parker's Company in whose Regiment I do not recollect as I served in many but was marched to Richmond Virginia and there discharged by Gen'l. B. Lincoln. I was always in the Virginia line, and I also declare that I afterwards received by Samuel Kerchival certificates for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15 of May 1778 for which he gave me eight dollars, and I further state that I was not on the 15th May 1828 on the pension list of the United States. witness my hand this 9th day of June in the year 1828.

Andrew his Xmark Cypress

P.S. For my discharge and other papers I beg leave to refer to the war department where it was sent in the year 1818, by which I obtained my pension untill struck from the roll under the law passed in that of 1820.

[The following is from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia indexed as Cypress, Andrew.]

I do heir hereby Certify andrew SyPress was Inlisted in the service of the united States in the [several undeciphered words] Febuary & has Continued to this date for the war

June 27 1783 A Parker Capt Virg'a

NOTE: On 23 Feb 1853 Hannah Cypress of Franklin County OH applied for a pension stating that she married "Andrew Cypress (sometimes called Syfitt or Sifitt)" on or about 20 Aug 1801 in Frederick County VA, and he died in Madison County on 16 Oct 1847. Jacob Sifritt and Emely Sifritt made a supporting statement. On an application for bounty land dated 12 April 1855 her age was said to be 75, and her name was given as Hannah Morll at the time she was married by Rev. John Bond.