

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Turner ¹ W25505 Mary Turner f53NC
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State of Illinois, County of Morgan SS

On this fifth day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 or appeared in open court before James Green, William Wood and William Gillham, Judges of the County Commissioners Court of Morgan County, now sitting, Andrew Turner, a resident of said County aged Seventy-One 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 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.

In the Winter of the year 1781 he was drafted to serve a tour of duty as a militia man, in the service of the United States, he was drafted in the County of Rowan North Carolina, he was attached to a company commanded by Captain Myrick Davis, the company was organized at what was called the old Trading Ford, of the Main Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] in said County of Rowan, the company marched from that place to join the troops under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan], on the marched the company met Colonel Philips of the American Army returning from the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], having charge of the prisoners taken by General Morgan, the Company joined Colonel Philips and returned to aid in guarding the prisoners, said prisoners were taken to a Barracks in Virginia and Captain Davis's Company remained at the Barracks until the time for which it was drafted expired, the Term of Service was three months, during all which time the applicant served and then returned home. About the first of September 1781 this applicant was again required to perform a tour of duty of three months, he was attached to a company commanded by Captain William Cole in the County of Rowan North Carolina, which was a mounted Company this applicant furnished his own Horse, arms and Equipment, the company assembled at a place called Huwarri [sic, Uwharrie] marched from that place to the Island Ford on the main Yadkin River, where the militia under command of General Pogue was stationed – the company was employed Reconnoitering through the Country, watching the Tories, and capturing such of them as could be found in small parties, Captain Cole's company consisted of sixty mounted men, and was the only mounted company in service at that time, of the same Corps. The company was marched to Salisbury North Carolina and discharged at that place, having served three months, the whole time required, this applicant received a written discharge for the first tour of duty herein stated from Captain Davis, signed by him, he also received a written discharge from Captain Cole signed by him, but has long since lost those discharges, and he now has no written or documentary evidence by which to prove his service, this applicant does not know that he ever served with, or under any officer of the Regular

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Army. If he did he had no acquaintance with, or knowledge of them. This applicant believes, that there was two or three companies under command of Colonel Philips guarding the British prisoners beside the company of Captain Davis, but this applicant does not remember the name of any Captain except Captain Lopp who was a Dutchman – This applicant does not remember what number of troops, regiments or companies were stationed at the Island Ford under command of General Pogue, but he thinks there was a Colonel named Lock [perhaps Francis Locke?] in command at that place. He knows of no witness now living by whom he can prove his services or any portion of them. This applicant was born in the County of Rowan, North Carolina, on the 5th of April 1762. He has a record of his age at home in a family Bible, which is copied from the Record made by his father in a family Bible. He resided when called into service in Rowan County North Carolina and continued to reside there three or four years after the close of the war, He then removed to Kentucky, and settled in what is now Madison County, resided there 12 years, then removed to Pulaski County Kentucky and resided there about 12 years, then moved to what is now Madison County, Illinois resided there one year, then removed to Warren County Kentucky, resided there two years, then removed to Gallatin County Illinois, resided there two years, then removed to Madison County Illinois, and continued to reside there until four years ago last November, when he removed to Morgan County Illinois where he now resides, This applicant was called into service by draft or lot. He is known in his present neighborhood to William Rogers, Isaac Conlee, William Samples, John Samples, Fleming C. Maupin, John Blarney, & Austin Simms all of whom can testify as to his character for veracity.

This applicant 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 or territory.

S/ Andrew Turner



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Green

S/ William Wood

S/ William Gillham

[William Rogers, a clergyman, and James Conlee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 19: Mary Turner, 80, filed application in Morgan County, Illinois on Feb. 17, 1855, under the Act of Feb. 3, 1853, stating that she is the widow of Andrew Turner; that she married him in 1832; that he died August 8, 1842 [in another petition, she gives his date of death as August 18, 1840]. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 3: On June 12, 1855 in Morgan County Illinois, Mary Turner, aged 81, applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She stated that she married him in Morgan County Illinois on August 26, 1832; that they were married by Mr. Crow, a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Sample; and that her husband died in Morgan County on August 28, 1840. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 5: abstract of the marriage record of Morgan County Illinois showing the marriage of Andrew Turner to Mary Samples by William Crow, MG, on August 26, 1832

*Abstract from the Marriage Records of Morgan
County and State of Illinois*

| <i>No of Licence</i> | <i>Date of Licence</i> | <i>Name of Man</i> | <i>Name of Woman</i> | <i>By Whom Married</i> | <i>When Married</i> | <i>Returned</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 773 | 1832 Aug ^r 25 | Andrew Liron | Mary Sample | William Crow MS | 26 Aug ^r 1832 | 27 Sept 1832 |
| <i>State of Illinois 3</i> <i>Morgan County 3</i> | | | | | | |

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for six months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]