

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Isham Andrews W5620

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Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit;

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court before the county court of said county of Chesterfield now sitting, being a court of record, Isham Andrews, being a resident of said county and state, aged eighty six 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution" — That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as hereinafter stated, Viz: — That sometime in the spring of the year 1780, he was called out in the Militia under the command of Captain George Pegram and marched to the south, in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Ralph Faulkner of the Regular army, that he was near Camden at the time of the battle [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] but being attached to the Rear guard was not in the engagement, after the battle retreated to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough NC] and thence to Salisbury in North Carolina, where he was discharged after serving a tour of six months and fourteen days.

In the fall of the same year soon after the expiration of the tour above mentioned, he was again called out, and entered the service at Chesterfield Court House in Capt. Benjamin Ward's company of militia in Col. Robert Goode's Regiment, marched from the south side of James River as far as Cabin Point in the County of Surry, & to Smithfield & McKay's Mills in the Isle of Wight or Nansemond [Mackie's Mills south of Smithfield in Isle of Wight County], and was discharged at a place called Sleepy Hole in that part of Va. Ezekiel Dance was one of the subalterns of the said company; Col. Goode's Regiment was for a short time during this tour under the command of Gen'l. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], & the duration of the tour was a little more than five weeks.

Early in the ensuing winter, he entered the service as a volunteer in the company of Militia commanded by Captain James Scott in a Regiment commanded by Col. Nicholas Dick, Major Boyer & Maj. Hoffler, at Chesterfield Court House, crossed James River & was put under the command of the Marquis de LaFayette, marched about a good deal in the neighbourhood of Wmsburg [Williamsburg], the Malvern Hills &c. was frequently pursued by the British troops under [Gen. Benedict] Arnold or [Gen. William] Phillips, & had frequent skirmishes with detachments of those troops; and was discharged in the County of Henrico after serving a little upwards of three months.

Early in the Spring of 1781 soon after the close of the last mentioned tour, he entered the service in Henrico County in Capt. Jos. Royall's [Joseph Royall's] company of militia in Col. Robert Goode's Regiment, marched about on the north side of James River, crossed over into Chesterfield and the company being attacked and dispersed at Sudsbury in Chesterfield, soon afterwards by a detachment of Colonel Tarleton's horse [23 May 1781], he was not called into the service again, his tour being then nearly expired, and having lasted upwards of two months as well as this declarant recollects.

That he was born in the county of chesterfield in the year 1747, as he has been informed, that he has always resided in said county (except for the period of nine months when he resided in Bedford county) that he now resides in said county of Chesterfield, that he was always called out as a drafted militia man except in the tour when he went as volunteer in the Infantry under Capt. Scott — that he contracted no acquaintance with any of the Officers of the Regular army except Colo. Faulkner & Boyce. though he was frequently with the said army — that he never received any written discharge from the service — That he never had any register of his birth, that he now recollects.

That he is well known to many persons in his neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution particularly to William Andrews,

Thomas Traylor & Randolph Royall but there is no clergyman in many miles of him who can give any information on the subject. That 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 whatsoever. Subscribed and sworn to the day day and year aforesaid before the court aforesaid.

Isham hisXmark Andrews

Virginia; Chesterfield county to wit; This day Isham Andrews personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said county, and made the following statement upon oath in explanation and support of his Declaration for a Pension made before the county court of Chesterfield on the 13th day of August 1833, in relation to the tour of six months mentioned in said Declaration; Viz: that he was called out in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. George Pegram, placed in the Regiment commanded by Colo. Ralph Faulkner and marched to the South, that after his tour of three months had expired, the General [Horatio Gates] commanded the Army was desirous of keeping up as strong a force as possible, as he was then in the neighbourhood of Cornwallis' army and expecting a battle – that therefore the company to which he belonged was retained or prevailed upon to continue in service another term of three months, making together another a term of six months and some few days: that owing to his very advanced age and consequent loss of memory he cannot speak precisely of the manner in which he was detained in service after his first three months had expired, but he recollects positively that in his tour to the South he served full six months before he was finally discharged at Salisbury – that as there are so few survivors of the revolutionary war he is unable to prove his services by any who was in service with him. Given under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1834.

Isham hisXmark Andrews

NOTE: On 5 Apr 1847 Mary Andrews, 81, applied for a pension stating that she married Isham Andrews on 3 Feb 1786, and he died 3 Oct 1845. John Perkinson deposed that he had known Isham Andrews and Mary Perkinson before they were married. As evidence Fanny Andrews, eldest child, submitted a portion of a family record transcribed below. In a document dated 6 Oct 1848 the age of Mary Andrews was given as 83.

Fanny Andrews daughter of Isham Andrews & mary his wife born May the 28<sup>th</sup> In the year 1787