

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Peter Finfrock W8205 Anna Margret Finfrock PA
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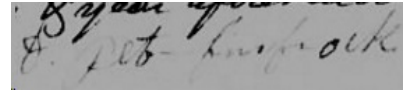
[The following is an amended declaration. The original was not found in the file.]

State of Pennsylvania } SS
County of Somerset }

On this fifth day of September eighteen hundred & thirty four personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Andrew Peter Finfrock a resident of Stoystown, in the county of Somerset, State of Pennsylvania aged seventy nine years the fourth of June last 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the latter part of May 1776 with Captain Henry Humbright, and served in the Regiment commanded by Col. Jacob Clotz [sic: Jacob Klotz], was marched from Philadelphia (the place where he enlisted) to Fort Lee was engaged in the battle of Long Island [27 Aug 1776] – was next marched to Fort Washington near the City of New York was detached from thence as one of the baggage guard that was sent up the North River under the command of Lieut William Wilman the day before our return the fort was surrendered to the enemy [20 Nov 1776] we were then marched to Princeton New Jersey which was established as our head quarters until he assisted in the battle of Trenton some time in December [26 Dec 1776], when we were marched to Philadelphia in the Spring of the year 1777 we were marched to the head of Elk [now Elkton], State of Maryland, in the Fall of the same year was in the battles of Peoli [sic: Paoli, 21 Sep 1777] & Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] from thence we marched over the Schuylkill River to the Perkomen [probably Perkiomen Creek], near what was called the trap remained there about two weeks, was then marched to Germantown in which battle he was wounded [4 Oct 1777], My Captain (Wilman) was also wounded, and we were removed to the Hospital at Yellow Springs where we remained until the Spring following, 1778 when he joined the forces at Valley forge, from thence was marched to Alexandria State of Virginia where we remained two or three months – was then marched to the Bowling Green. Thence to Williamsburg, thence to Richmond at which place we arrived one day before the burning of the warehouses and rope walk [see endnote]. Remained at Richmond until my term of enlistment expired and was discharged in the spring of 1779 by Major Guest [possibly Mordecai Gist] as he now thinks. He then joined the forces under the command of Col. [Daniel] Morgan of the Va line was immediately appointed assistant Surgeon under Doct. McMurry being then attached to the medical Department – was ordered with the forces to South Carolina, where he thinks he remained about one year, was then ordered to Jamestown, Richmond, Petersburg & Williamsburg at which places we were stationed until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], after which he was discharged in the Spring of the year 1783 but by whom he cannot say, his memory having failed him much, having served under my enlistment thee years as a private soldier & four years of my second term of serve as assistant Surgeon, and further declares that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure to prove his services, he is unable at present to prove more than the six months service which has been already proved by Captain Hambright [Henry Hambright, pension application S4321] – he also states that if the Department cannot grant his a greater pension than for six months he is willing to abide their decision. And he further states that the General under whom he served at the battles of Peoli – Brandywine & Germantown was General Anthony Wayne, and that his commander at the battle of Long Island was General Cigler [sic: Arthur St Clair] he was in the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], at which place Col. Morgan (afterwards General Morgan) was his Commander – was also at the battle of the White Plains [28 Oct 1776] here General Wayne also Commanded, he was within four miles of Charleston when it was burnt by the English, which he thinks was in the year 1776, the Commander of the English at this place was Gen'l. Gage [see endnote]

He Hereby relinquishes, every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid



1 Question by the Judge. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer On the 4th of June 1754 in Berks County Penn'a

2. Have you any Reccord of your age, & if so where is it?

Ans. I have none

3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live. Ans I lived in place of my nativity when called into service – lived in Franklin county Pa 27 years and in Somerset County ever since I left Franklin but resided sometime in Berks County after war & in Fred'k [Frederick] County Md

4th Question by the Judge. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Ans in the manner stated in my declaration

5th Question by the Judge. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia regiments as you can reccollect & the general circumstances of your service?

Answer I cannot state any more than is contained in my declaration

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

Ans I did receive discharges twice but they are both lost, the first was given by Major Guest & the latter I know not by whom, I never got a commission

7 Question By the Judge. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, & who can testify as to you character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution?

Answer Samuel Kimmel, John Graham, John Hite, Henry Little, Joseph Davidson &c are persons to whom I am known in my present neighbourhood



NOTES:

The British did not burn warehouses near Richmond until Gen. Benedict Arnold's raid on 5 Jan 1781.

Charleston SC was never burned by the British. British Gen. Thomas Gage was never at Charleston; he was in Boston until October 1775.

Andrew Peter Finfrock was allowed a pension for only his first six-months tour of duty – evidence of his service as an assistant surgeon being deemed insufficient.

A letter dated 29 July 1847 refers to "Dr. Peter Finfrock."

On 17 Nov 1846 Anna Margret Finfrock (as she signed), over 70, of Berlin in Somerset County PA, applied for a pension stating that she married Andrew Peter Finfrock on 8 Oct 1793 in Hanover PA, that they moved to Berlin in the summer of 1825, and that her husband died on 3 Aug 1841.

The file contains a family record, several entries of which are in German with dates 23 Oct 1795, 13 Sep 1796, 23 Sep 1796, 8 Oct 1793, and 29 Aug 1794. The other entries are in English and transcribed below. A letter dated 16 April 1847 reads in part as follows: "That part of the record which is in English is the record of the family of Jacob Finefrock one of the sons and is not part of the record in Dutch [German] of the Family of And. P. Finefrock which was put down by himself. If you will examine you will find that

the 1st child of the marriage Elisabeth was born in 1794.”

George H Finfrock was born January 28 1824 and was baptised May the 2nd 1824 by the Reverent Mr Wachter

Annah Margaret Jones was born November the 28 1825 and was baptised July the 19 1826 by the Reverent Mr Muler[?]

Elizabeth finfrock was born February the 18 1829

Peter finfrock was born February the 20 1830

Cristian kurts finfrock was born January the 8 1832 and was baptised the 25 March by the Reverend Mr Hoier

Died on the 10th Day of February 1837 Dyed five years one month and two days

Peter finfrock was born June the 4 1760 and died the 3 day of August 1841