

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Andrew Christian W8603 Mary Christian VA
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State of Kentucky }
Fayette County Sct }

On this 14 day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of the County of Fayette, now sitting Andrew Christian, a resident of Fayette County and State of Kentucky 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 7, 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: towit Capt Thomas Dossell [sic: Thomas Doswell], Lieut John Naylor who he thinks acted as Adjutant in June 1777, when he entered the service he lived in Hanover County, Virginia, he marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], through New Kent, James city, Charles City he remained with the army at Williamsburgh, he thinks one month and was then discharged, having served in all a few days more than a month. Williamsburgh was at that time the seat of Government of Va. and Patrick Henry was at that place & the Governor. he entered as a substitute for Saml Mays [Samuel Mays].

He then was drafted late in the Summer of 1777, & served under Capt Joseph Cross, he thinks Wm Dandridge [William Dandridge] was Col. he marched to Williamsburgh, the same way as before, he remained at Williamsburgh until discharged, which was two months after he entered, he still lived in Hanover County

He then went about July of 1778 [sic] he thinks as a substitute for his brother Wm Christian [William Christian, pension application S35830], to Guilford Court house North Carolina, and then went to the New Garden, five miles from thence, where he joined his Company, commanded by Capt Parker Goodall [sic: Parke Goodall], he reached the New Garden, shortly after Gates defeat [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] – he was marched to Guilford Court house, where he remained a few weeks, and was then marched to the neighbourhood of the residence of Philpot about ten miles from Guilford – and then back to the Court house, where he was discharged – having been six months in the service. Col Moore commanded his Regt.

He again was drafted early in the year of 1779 he thinks and passed through Williamsburgh and York Town to Rich Neck, between York and James Rivers, served under Capt James Dossell [sic: James Doswell] – Wm Harris [William Harris] Lieut – he remained at Rich Neck until discharged, which was about two months after he entered the service.

He was again drafted he thinks in the Fall of 1779 [sic] and marched to Cabben point [sic: Cabin Point] on the South side of James River in Surry County he thinks, where he was discharged after serving two months – John Anderson was Capt.

He was again drafted and served under Capt Frank Underwood [Francis Underwood], he joined the Army at Richmond, where its head quarters were. La Fayette [sic: Lafayette] commanded, he was attached to the Light Infantry and was marched to Morgen hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond]. Major Boyer [probably Bowyer] commanded the chore [sic: corps] of Infantry, and Morecock was Capt of the Company of Infantry to which he belonged. Jno Bulloch [John Bulloch] was Lieut. and [illegible word] Ruffin. When we lay at Morben hills, Cornwallis landed at Westifer [sic: Westover, 25 May 1781] within five or six miles of us. By the order of La Fayette we retreated to Culpepper Cty [sic: Culpeper County] under the Blue Mountain [Blue Ridge Mountains], where we were joined by the army commanded by Genl Wayne [Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781]. The British had pursued us but after we were joined by Genl Wayne, they retreated, we followed them as far as Duncastle [probably Doncastle Tavern 12 mi W of Williamsburg]. We then started at day break, and went to the Green Springs at James Town. Old Fields,

where we engag[ed] the British [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul]. we under the command of Genl Wayne. Two hund[red] of whom Affiant was one brought on the action. After fighting ab[out] two thirds of the day we drove in the Picket guards of the British. Genl Wayne came up to our relief, and we continued in line until he formed the order of battle, when we joined his left wing. Wayne's Army consisted of about 2000 men. after firing four or five rounds Wayne retired. Affiant was shot through the shirt & in ramming down a Cartridge which was too large he run the iron ram rod into the fleshy part of his thumb. & had to get his Lieut to cock his gun for him. After the action was over – he then received his discharge from Genl [William] Campbell about 7 miles from Williamsburgh – having served two months. He lived in Hanover County each time that he entered the service.

Affiant was born in Hanover County Va on the 17th March 1761 – he has the record of his age in his bible, which record he took from his fathers bible. He moved from Hanover County when he was about 25 years old and went to Amelia County from thence after 5 or 6 years to Prince Edward. After living there 20 years he moved to Fayette County Ken. where he has lived ever since – he has lost the discharge he received from Genl Campbell.

He refers to the following individuals to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his having been a soldier of the revolution. Geo Boon, Jas Hudson, Dudley Hudson Turner Christian, Charles Carr & Maj Wm. Boon.

he received a discharge from Capt Parker Goodall at Guilford Court house, which he has lost. he has no documentary evidence of his service. Mrs Judith Christian, the widow of his brother knows of his services, but she is about 87 years old and lives about 7 miles from this place – whose testimony affiant hopes will be dispensed with in consequence of her great age. he knows of no one else in this Country by whom he can prove his services.

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 and year afd [signed] Andrew Christian

State of Kentucky

Fayette County Sct'

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Andrew Christian, who being duly sworn deposed and sayeth, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to his best recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades.

For one year and three months I served as a private soldier; and for such service I claim a pension.

For the like reason of old age and loss of memory, I cannot recollect who was my Colonel, during the first tour of service. According to his best recollection, Wm Dandridge was his Col, during his second tour.

During the third tour __ Morris was his Col. During the fourth tour he does not recollect who was his Col. Upon the fifth tour he does not recollect that there was any Col with the troops. Upon the sixth tour he thinks that Allcock was his Col. He was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the periods of his services as set forth in his declaration, heretofore sent on to the War Department.

Signed this 21st of May 1833.

[signed] Andrew Christian

NOTE: On 13 June 1843 Mary Christian, 70, of Bracken County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married Andrew Christian in Amelia County in 1788, and he died in Fayette County on 30 Dec 1837. She stated that she had raised 12 children who then lived in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 23 Nov 1790 by Andrew Christian and Thomas Hatton for the marriage of Christian to Polly Hatton. William Hatton, age 94 in the following December, stated that he recollected his sister, Mary, and Andrew Christian "their leaving my Fathers to go to the Parsons to get married in Company with my Father and uncle Townsen Wilkenson."