

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Andrews X879

VA Sea Service

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At a Court held for accomack County on the 3rd day of June 1824.

Commonwealth of Virginia Accomack County to wit, on the 3rd day of June 1824 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record the s'd Court proceeding according to the Course of the Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amt. and keeping a record of its proceedings and having the power of fine & imprisonment William Andrews aged 63 years and a resident in the aforesaid County of accomack State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820 that the said William Andrews enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1777 in the County and State afs'd. in the gally called the accomack Commanded by Capt William Underhill in a fleet Commanded by Commodore [James] Barron that he continued to serve in the said fleet untill the year 1780 when he was discharged from the said service at Chingoteague [sic: Chincoteague] in the County and State aforesaid and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 the said William Andrews doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 that he has not sine that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an 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 passed on the 18th day of march 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed the said William Andrews further states on oath that he is very unhealthy & unable to work and also quite infirm in consequence of the rheumatic pains that he has no trade pursues no particular occupation except fishing & going on the water when able that he has no family but lives in the family of his sister Rachel Rew that he is quite unable to Support himself or his sister afs'd to do it for him that he is now living mostly upon the charity of his said sister and friends that he the said William Andrews has no interest whatever in any property other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed as aforesaid and from such interest he the said Wm. Andres considers himself in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to Support himself without the assistance of his Country or by private Charity. It is ordered to be certified that it is the opinion of the Court that the total amount in Value of the property Exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule is worth about one dollar per annum.

The deposition of Elkanah Andrews [pension application S6507] aged about 57 years. The Deponent being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he served on board the gally accomack Capt Underhill in the fleet of Commodore Barron from the year 1777 to the year 1779 that during the whole period of his service aforesaid William Andrews also served on board of s'd. gally as a Common Seaman.

A Schedule of my property taken this 3rd day of June 1824.

1 Bed 1 chest one old Trunk 2 sheets 2 Blankets 1 Bed Cover 1 Tea Kettle 1 doz old knives & forks
1 Decanter 1 axe
Wm. hisXmark Adrews

At a Court held for Accomack County the 3rd June 1824

The deposition of George Bloxom aged about sixty four who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he enlisted for three years on board a gally called the accomack which s'd Gally was commanded by Capt William Underhill and afterwards upon the resignation of Underhill was commanded by Capt John

Harris the s'd. Gally was generally in a fleet which was Commanded by Commodore Barron that he Knows Elkanah Andrews (who is now aged about 57 years) and William Andrews (who is now aged about 63 years) served on board said gally when he the deponent was in said service but he cannot at this time recollect precisely how long they served.

[Printed form with handwritten entries shown in italics. There is no further explanation in the file of either William Andrews or Elkanah Andrews.]

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REMARKS:

No Rev. admitted or Rej. claim as above.

Fraud in claim of Elkanah Andrews. See Sur File 6507.