

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Lee R6241

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State of Georgia County of Franklin } SS

On this third day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting for ordinary purposes Andrew Lee a resident of Capt. Adams District in said County aged about Seventy two 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 Col. Elijah Clark [a/k/a Elijah Clarke] as a volunteer in the Militia of the State of Georgia in Wilkes County he thinks in the year 1780 in September, just after the first siege of Augusta¹ -- was placed under Capt. George Walton, and was marched to Holston [River] and the head of Watauga River in North Carolina & was marched from there to near the head of Catawba River where we were joined to General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Command, & were marched to Blackstocks² on Tyger River where we had a battle with the British & Tories under Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton], in this battle (20 November 1780) General Sumpter was wounded, after the battle he was discharged by Capt. Walton, having served about three months. He then returned to his regular residence in Abbeville District South Carolina, and about first of January 1781 he volunteered in Abbeville, as what was called a minute man, and in that month was marched under Col. Anderson [Robert Anderson] and Captain ___ through the country and down towards Augusta, and was marched into Georgia and had a fight with the Indians on the Oconee River, and was afterwards, or just before, he does not recollect, that he was marched and joined Greens [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army at the siege of Ninety Six in June 1781,³ remained there till Genl. Green raised the siege, and was afterwards detached to go with General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] the last siege of Augusta;⁴ and when Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] arrived at Augusta he returned with Genl. Pickens to Abbeville, from which time he was kept on duty scouring after British & Tories & Indians until the end of the War.

Served altogether about two years and six months as a private in the Light Horse and

¹ Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

² November 20, 1780 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

³ May 21-June 19, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁴ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

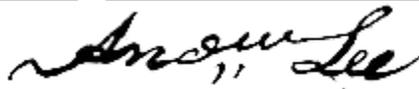
furnished his own horse.

Does not know of any person now living who knew him in the Service whose testimony could be procured.

1. Was born in Augusta Georgia in the year 1761.⁵
2. Is a record of his age, and his father's Bible, now in his possession
4. Was a volunteer
5. Recollects General Green, at Ninety Six, & Col. Lee at Augusta
3. When he entered the service he was living in Abbeville South Carolina, was living on the Savannah River & went over to Georgia to join Genl. Clarke. Since the War he continued to live in Abbeville until 1811 when he removed to Lincoln County Georgia & remained there until 1827 when he removed to his present residence & where he has resided ever since
6. Does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge
7. Is known in his present neighborhood to Samuel Hymer a preacher of the Gospel and of Thomas King who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State within his knowledge or belief.

S/ Andrew Lee



Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Thomas King, Clerk

[Samuel Hymer, a clergyman, and Thomas King gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Franklin County } SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Andrew Lee, who has heretofore sworn to and subscribed the original Declaration to which this is annexed and who being again duly sworn on oath says 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 the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

⁵ Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

In 1780 he served for three months as a private under Capt. Walton & Col. Clark, this was about the time of the first siege of Augusta.

In 1781 he entered in January and served under Capt. Little [sic, probably Capt. George Liddell] (Capt. Cowan⁶ being sick) and Col. Anderson and served one month after the Tories on Saluda [River] as a private.

In February 1781 he served for three months under Lieut. David Clark & Col. Anderson as a private, in this tour had a fight with the Indians on the Oconee [River] in Georgia.

In May 1781 he entered and served three months and was at the siege of Ninety Six under Col. Anderson & Genl. Green does not recollect the name of the Captain, was thrown from his horse & had two ribs broke & was permitted to return home which is the reason he did not serve out the three months, being three weeks at home, which makes this tours service two months and eight days as a private.

In August 1781 he entered and served three months as a private under Genl. Pickens & Col. Anderson & was detached by Genl. Pickens on a scouting party as commander of eight or ten men. Served in this Tour three months and in this Tour he was at the second siege of Augusta.

In December 1781 he served by order of Genl. Pickens as commander of a scouting party of eight or ten men for one month as a private and marched through Abbeville and down through Edgefield District. Col. Anderson Commanded the Regiment.

In 1782 he served the whole year (except for a few times and for a few hours each time and once for two weeks when he was absent because his horse was stolen) say positive service Eleven months as a private soldier under Col. Armstrong & Genl. Pickens and was kept in command of a scouting party after the British and Tories & Indians but cannot recollect the particulars of this service further than the scouting aforesaid. For the service and for so much thereof as the Government thinks proper to allow his claim a pension, the time is so long passed that he cannot recollect events as particularly as he could wish, and it is possible that he even now has placed some tours after others that all could have been before them. Refers for other particulars to his original Declaration. He served with an embodied Corps called into service by Competent Authority, and was either in the field or in Garrison, and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

"Anderson's & three months interlined before signing."

S/ Andrew Lee

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of September 1833

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State of Georgia Franklin County} SS

On this 5th day of November in the year 1834 personally appeared Andrew Lee before me a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment to his former declaration dated the third day of September 1832 -- in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 -- (viz.) In the first Tour of duty as set forth in his Declaration, he lived at the time in Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina, which district joins Wilkes County in the State of Georgia and there being no volunteer Companies at the time in the district where he lived he went over into Wilkes County, and entered the service there, and served as stated in his said Declaration three months. In his last Tour of duty as set forth in his said declaration, he served as

⁶ Either James Cowan or John Cowan, both of whom served as Captains under Colonel Andrew Pickens and Colonel Robert Anderson in the Upper Ninety Six District Regiment

therein stated, for twelve months in actual service, as a volunteer horseman, during the time he was afraid to go home, he therefore continued to volunteer in the same Companies, as soon as his time expired -- he served a great deal more than the above but some of it was scouting after Tories, when he was not particularly attached to the Army, which he is advised to leave out, served in all fifteen months, and during which time he was either in the field or in Garrison, & for no part of said time was he engaged in any civil pursuit -- and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day above written.

S/ Andrew Lee

S/ A. E. Whitten, JP

[p 15: There is a note that the application was rejected because the veteran... "did not serve 6 months in any regularly embodied corps."]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to Andrew Lee pp 3
Audited Account No. 4488

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State of So. Carolina

Abbeville County September 23rd 1785

I do hereby authorize and empower Major Alexander Noble to draw and receive my Indent or Indents being for [text too faint to discern] me for Services (or all the ways) done to the Publick [text too faint to discern] according to Returns made by Col. Robert Anderson [text too faint to discern]__ ditors [Auditor's] Office – Witness my hand the day and year [text too faint to discern]

S/ [too faint to discern other than as shown below]



I do hereby certify that the above named Andrew Lee did sign the above order in my Presence
S/ John Harris, JP

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Andrew Lee Duty & a Horse £36.11.5 Stg.

[Note: Salley's Stub Index Book O-Q has the following entry:
No. 188

Book P Issued the 13th of April 1785, to Mr. Andrew Lee,
for Thirty six Pounds, eleven Shillings and five
Pence, Sterling, for 116 days Militia Duty from
1780 to 1783, also for a Horse lost, per Account

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Audited
Principal £36.11.5

Annual Interest £2.11.2]