Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Evin Andress [Evan Andrews?] S45832 f44NC
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Western District of Florida, Washington County

On this third day of December A. D. 1832 personally appeared Evin Andress of the age of sixty-six years a resident of said County in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court for said County 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 the seventh day of June A.D. 1832: that he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers to wit Hite or White [John White] Captain, Jesse Adams Sergeant – Hardy Griffin Major or Colonel in the year 1781 in the month of April, May or June, and continued two or three months: that he entered as a substitute for William Babb and at the time he entered resided in Franklin County State of North Carolina and belonged to a detachment that was stationed and operated above and below Kingston [sic, Kinston] that he has no documentary evidence of this service and facts above stated and knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. And the said Evin Andress further saith that he entered the service of the United States under a second engagement in the month of August of the year A.D. 1781 as a substitute for Wilson Denson in the regular service under Captain Rhodes [Joseph T Rhodes] and continued in said service for the period of twelve months; that he joined his detachment at the commencement of this period of service at Halifax North Carolina on the Roanoke [River] – marched from that place to Wilmington and thence to Georgetown thence to Ashley River where he joined the Southern Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at which last place he took a discharge which discharge is lost – that at the time he entered he entered the service as herein last stated he resided in Franklin County State of North Carolina; that he has no documentary evidence of this last mentioned service and knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the service herein last stated. And the said Evin Andress states the following circumstances connected with the second period of service herein stated; that at the Battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] South Carolina the said Wilson Denson then belonging to the militia of North Carolina and having retreated and not repairing to the appointed place of rendezvous but returning home was returned to serve twelve months in the regular Army in consequence of such improper conduct and this deponent became the substituted [sic] of the said Wilson Denson in the regular Army and served as such substituted [sic] for the period of twelve months as a revolutionary soldier as herein last stated. 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.

S/ Evin Andress, A his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.
S/ J. Withers, Clerk

Interrogatories addressed to the applicant by the court

1st: Where and in what year were you born?
Answer. I was born in Halifax County North Carolina, October 15, 1766.
2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?
Answer. No regular entry but an entry in a common Prayer book.
3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?
Answer. I lived in Franklin County N. C. when called into service and moved thence to Georgia and now lives in Florida.
4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?
Answer. I was a substitute under the first engagement for William Babb and under the second engagement a substitute for Wilson Denson.
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.
Answer. Hardy Griffin was Major or Colonel in the militia in the first term of service Captain Rhodes was the Captain under whom he served under the second engagement does not recollect the names of the officers to commanded Battalion or Regiment
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?
Answer. I received a discharge from Colonel Long (which is lost) at the expiration of the first tour and a discharge from General Greene at the expiration of the second period of service – which is also lost.
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.
Answer. John Withers and George Bush state on oath that applicant is a man of veracity and that they believe him to have been a revolutionary soldier

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from a book containing a list of allowances made by a Board of Commissioners to the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Evan Andrews was allowed for services performed in said line the sum of 14 pounds 12 shillings, which allowance was receipted for by William Brickell resided in Franklin County.

Given under my hand this 12th day of October 1833.

S/ Wm. Hill

Territory of Florida, County of Washington

On this ninth day of September 1833, Personally Appeared before me Masters Russ, Judge in and for the said County Evan Andress resident of Holmes Valley in said County of the age of 66 years, 10 months & 24 days, who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That in May 1781 he entered in the militia in Franklin County in the State of North Carolina. And in August following was discharged. That he entered as a Substitute for William Babb and at the time he entered resided in Franklin County North Carolina. And belonged to a detachment that was stationed and approached above and below Kinston N. C. That Hite or White was Captain – Henry Griffin, Major. Jesse Adams Sergeant. That he has no documentary evidence of the Services & facts above Stated and knows no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his Service. And the

said Evan Andress further saith that in the month of August 1781, he entered the Army of the United States under a service engagement. That he entered as a Substitute for Wilson Denson, in the regular Service. And served under Captain Rhodes and continued in such Service for the period of 12 months. That he Joined his detachment at the commencement of this period of service at Halifax, in the State of North Carolina, on the Roanoke [River] – marched from that place to Wilmington, thence to Georgetown, thence to Ashley River, where they Joined the Southern Army under General Greene at which last place he took a discharge which discharge is lost. That at the time he entered the Service as herein last Stated, he resided in Franklin County North Carolina. That he has no documentary evidence of this last mentioned Service, and knows no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to it.

And the said Evan Andress States the following circumstances connected with the Second period of service herein Stated –That at the battle of Camden, in South Carolina the said Wilson Denson then belonging to the Militia of North Carolina having retreated and not repairing to be appointed place of Rendezvous, but returning home, was returned to Served 12 months in the regular Army and consequence of such improper Conduct, and this deponent became the Substitute of the said Wilson Denson in the regular Army, and served as such Substitute for the period of 12 months as a revolutionary Soldier as herein last stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever, to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Evan Andress, A his mark

[same interrogatories were propounded to applicant and he answered them in almost identical words as used in his prior answers.]

[p 27: On September 4, 1844 in Washington County, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit payments from the Jacksonville, Florida payment center to the Tallahassee Florida payment center stating that he has recently removed into the Territory of Florida, at Holmes Valley, Washington County, where he intends to remain stating that it is more convenient for him to receive his payment in Tallahassee than in Jacksonville.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina service.]