

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Skidmore [Scidmore] VAS26

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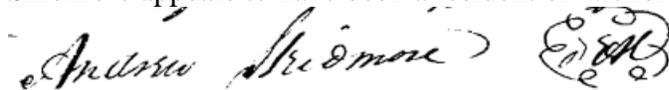
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The following information was gleaned from the online digital collection of the [Virginia State Library](#).

Andrew Skidmore signed a letter of attorney dated August 20, 1820 authorizing his attorney receive the pension money due him from the state of Virginia. Skidmore was awarded an annual pension by the state of \$80. The pension was granted to Skidmore by act of the Virginia General Assembly in February 1818. At least during some of the time he was drawing his pension, Skidmore appears to have been a resident of Nicholas County, VA.



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Nicholas County (to wit)

This day the within mentioned Andrew Skidmore came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Nicholas aforesaid and made oath that he was the same Andrew Skidmore to whom the Original Certificate was granted of which the following is a true copy of the law

Be it enacted by the General Assembly that Andrew Skidmore of the County of Nicholas and old soldier who was severely wounded in the hand at Point Pleasant¹ whilst under the command of Colonel Andrew Lewis in the year 1774 shall receive \$60 for his present relief in the auditor of Public accounts is authorized & required to issue a warrant on the treasury to him or [indecipherable word or words] for his use for the same to be paid out of any money therein not otherwise appropriated.

And be it further enacted that he shall be placed on the Pension list & receive annually \$80 to be paid as other Pensioners are paid this act shall be in force from the passing thereof."

That he the said Andrew Skidmore served in the Army as aforesaid and that he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support and that he resides in the County of Nicholas & State of Virginia.

Given under my hand this __ day of __ 1825

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¹ This is probably a reference to an action with the Shawnee Indians on October 10, 1774, which would place it as occurring before the commencement of the Revolution.

[Note: almost all the documentation in this file consists of powers of attorney signed by Skidmore in which he authorizes various attorneys to biannual installment of \$40. The documentation ends with a document dated December 13, 1827. Presumably the veteran died sometime shortly thereafter.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Nicholas County

To the Honourable the General Assembly of Virginia – the Petition of Andrew Scidmore [sic] of the County of Nicholas. Humbly Sheweth

That when about Eighteen years of age he moved from the South Branch of Potomac [River] to Tygars Valley [Tygart's Valley], Encountering all the Dangers and hardships of a frontier Settlement. During a State of active and Bloody warfare with the Savages, and as yearly [sic, nearly?] as the year 1774 was called out under the command of Col. Andrew Lewis to Point Pleasant at which place he was Severely wounded in the hand, the effects of which now press heavily on him and extorts in the last stages of life, that Assistance which Better health Refused to ask as a Soldier's pride Deigned to have Received.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that your Honourable Body will pass a law for his Regleave [relief?]² as to you Seem Just and Right and your petitioner as in Duty Bound will Ever pray &C

S/ Andrew Scidmore [sic][not the actual signature of the veteran]

Andrew Scidmore's
Petition December 9th, 1818
Referred to Claims
Reasonable
December 14th
Reported December 15th
Bill drawn
December 16th

Randolph County to wit Virginia

Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Thomas Collitt Sr. and made oath that he was at Point Pleasant under the Command of Col. Andrew Lewis in the old Indian War and that Andrew Skidmore Sr. was there in the service under him and that he the said Skidmore was wounded there in the Battle. Given under my hand this 26th day of August 1818

S/ John M. Hart