

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Samuel (Samuel) S7443)

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State of North Carolina Granville County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions August Term A.D. 1832

On this 11th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before Lewis Taylor, Richard Bullock & Thomas H Willis members of said court now in session, Andrew Samuel, a resident citizen of said County who was born in the County of King & Queen in the State of Virginia on the 28th day of April A.D. 1754 8 Register of which was made in the family Prayer Book in Virginia, but which he transferred into his own family Bible now in his possession, who being 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 7th of June A.D. 1832.

That he entered in the service of the United States by enlistment in what was called the "Minute" service of the State of Virginia under Captain William Richards, Lieutenant Whit Campbell and Ensign Gardner – he cannot remember who were the Superior officers for they were frequently changed, but remembers that one web a Continental officer was a chief director of our operations. He enlisted in his native County & was marched to the mainland opposite to Gwinns Island [Gwynn's Island] on James River, which was then occupied by Governor Dunmore after his return from England – The year he cannot remember – From this station we were removed to Gloucester town where we were employed in preparations for building forts & other fortifications – I enlisted for two years, but most of the men composing our detachment having entered the Marine Continental Military or other public Service I was discharged at the expiration of one years service.

My discharge was considered of no value and has not been preserved, but is lost or destroyed.

I did not engage again in the public service until the spring of 1780 when I enlisted in King & Queen County in the Continental service for a Term of three years in the Artillery service, under Captain Booker & the other Company officers I did do not recollect, the field officers that I remember was Colonel Harrison and Major James Pendleton; with the latter I had been long & well acquainted – our Headquarters was at Chesterfield Court House, from which place we were marched down James River to J. McKay's Mills [Mackey's Mills?], and continued in service there about and up and down the River under the command of General Muhlenberg – After some time the British force becoming and overmatch for us, we were forced to retire before them up the River as far as Petersburg where I have with other men, were engaged in the battle that took place at that town [April 25, 1781] – The British General Philips was there killed – From Petersburg we marched to Richmond and joined the Army under the Marquis Lafayette, and with him the whole force under that his command was marched into the upper country to within twelve miles of the Albemarle barracks where he formed a junction with the forces under

the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. Thus reinforced we turned upon the Enemy and came up to them at Bottoms Bridge – The Pursuit was continued to the Musketo Marsh [Mosquito Marsh], within fifteen miles of old Jamestown where General Wayne, contrary to the advice of the Marquis, and without his aid, made an attack upon a part of the British Army under Cornwallis and succeeded in taking about thirty head of cattle and one piece of Field Artillery. The American forces under General Wayne rejoined those under the Marquis Lafayette and the whole marched to Williamsburg where we were met by General Washington. The subsequent operations until the capture & surrender of Cornwallis at York, are matters of familiar History and do not require to be restated – I continued in constant and active duty until the consummation of that event so glorious to the American arms and propitious to the cause of Freedom. After the surrender; I was kept on duty and dispatched to guard and conduct the Prisoners up to Fredericksburg; where we were detained some time, when we were marched to Richmond, thence to Cumberland old Court House, where, some short time before Christmas we were discharged. The term for which I enlisted was for three years, but the war having been thus happily and speedily brought to a close, I served only one year and a half – My discharge in these two tours, I never considered of any value, and therefore took no particular care of them – they have both been lost or mislaid or destroyed.

I continued to live in my native County for about three years after the termination of the Revolutionary war, when I removed to Mecklenburg in the same State where I lived about 6 or 7 years, when I removed to Warren County in the State of North Carolina I lived until the year 1807, when I removed to Granville County where I have continued to live ever since and am now a resident.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Andrew Samuel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Samuel". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large, stylized 'A' and 'S'.

We Joseph Lumpkin¹ and John Wood residents of Granville County, the first aged 74 the 19th September 1832 and the last age 74 the 18th day of April 1832 being duly sworn according to law doth, on oath, testify and declare as follows viz.

That they were both born and raised in the County of King and Queen and State of Virginia and were there resident at the Commencement and at the termination of the Revolutionary War. They both lived in the same neighborhood and mustered in the same Militia company with Andrew Samuel, who was a little older than them, and who had made the foregoing declaration.

The said Wood declares that Captain William Richards was a relation of his and that he perfectly recollects that he marched as Captain of a Company of "minute men" as stated in the foregoing declaration, but he does not recollect that Andrew Samuel was a member in said company on this Tour but a great many young man in the same neighborhood did perform duty in that company, but he cannot recollect particularly of the service of the said Andrew Samuel, but he has no doubt of the truth of and that he does believe that he served in the manner and for the space of time he has stated in said Company.

¹ FPA S8870

And the said Lumpkin and Wood do both declare that they know that said Samuel did serve as a Soldier in the Revolutionary Army, but are unable to designate the particular tours or terms of service which he performed.

They both declare their firm confidence and believes that the said Andrew Samuel did perform the services as set forth in his said declaration.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year viz. this 11th day of August A.D. 1832.

1832 Joseph Lumpkin
John Wood

State of North Carolina Granville County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term A.D. 1833

Personally appeared in open [court] now holding by William M. Sneed chairman and Thomas H Willis and Joseph H Bryan Justices holding for said County Andrew Samuel a Citizen of said County who being duly qualified according to law declares upon oath as follows viz.: That on the 11th day of August last, in this court, he subscribed and swore to a Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June 1832 and caused the same to be forwarded to the War Department, which has been returned stating an objection to granting that my prayer "That my name as a Private of Artillery was not to be found on the roll ["] and adding the instruction that "if I served in any other capacity let him amend his declaration in that respect.["]

This Declarant in explanation states that it was considered by him, that as a Roll was in the War Department of the Services of the Militia of Virginia and as he presumed that his name would appear on it, he was not so full and explicit in his declaration as he might have been. He will now make such an explanation and statement of facts as he trusts will satisfy the Secretary at War, that the services in in the Artillery are stated in his declaration were duly and actually performed.

In the spring of 1780 a company of Infantry was raised in King & Queen [County] for a Tour of eighteen months – I think it was by draft and every fifteen men of the militia were to furnish one man as a substitute I was engaged by Colonel William Lyne and Barnett Todd for the sum \$6000 Continental money to perform this tour. – Who the other thirteen men were with them, that had to furnish the substitute I do not remember, if I ever knew this these gentlemen paid me the sum stated and I entered the company as their substitute. According to orders I reported to Chesterfield Court House the place of Rendezvous and was placed in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Scott – Colonel Davis was also in command but the other officers I do not remember; – The destination of the detachment was to aid the Army in the South under General Greene – It required a considerable time to make the necessary preparations for the force destined for this service to March. After remaining some weeks at Chesterfield Court House we commenced our march and proceeded as far as Petersburg under the command of Colonel Hawes and Major Mitchell – Having halted here a few days, I was importuned by Aaron Ball an old acquaintance who was in the Artillery service to enter it also – To enable me to quit the one and engage in the other Service, I was required to enlist for a Term of eighteen months more over and besides a like term of service I was then engaged in, making the tour in all three years. A motive which had no small influence with me in this course I pursued was that I should

avoid the journey to the southern Country which I did not like and could be and performed duty in the State of my nativity. The persuasions of Ball and others united with these other considerations prevailed with me and I entered as a private in the Artillery for the term of three years, the time I had already served being computed as part of it. I was attached to the Company commanded by Captain Booker & Colonel Harrison & Major Pendleton were 2 of the field officers in command. The service I rendered and circumstances of the service by me performed are set forth in my Declaration as heretofore prosecuted.

How it is that my name does not appear on the roll I am unable to account for But I solemnly declare that I served as I have stated in my Declaration. I know of no person now living who served with me in this campaign but James Singleton of Virginia who was a brother soldier with me. If he still lives I well endeavor to obtain his certificate. Isham Epps of Granville County living more than 30 miles from me but whom I have not seen in 2 years or more saw me in service in the Artillery at James Town after the surrender. I will endeavor to obtain his affidavit.

The Declarant wishes to be particularly stated and understood that when he speaks in his Original Declaration of entering into the Artillery service on the Continental establishment he means & now explains that he did not design to say that it was on the regular Continental Establishment of the United States but in the regular Establishment of the State of Virginia.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court 9th of February A.D. 1833

S/ Andrew Samuell

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of April 1782, in the name of Andrew Samuel as a corporal of Artillery for £48.12.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Captain Bohannon and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
13th day of March 1835.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

State of Virginia King & Queen County

I William Lyne a native and resident of the County and State aforesaid, now in my seventy first year do hereby certify, testify and declare, that Andrew Samuel, who is now living as I am informed in the County of Granville and State of North Carolina was born and raised a close neighbor to me – During the war of the Revolution the said Samuel entered into the service of the Country as did two of his brothers – I am well acquainted with most of the Military operations and preparations in this County during that period, from the fact of my father the late Colonel William Lyne having been during the whole of the Revolutionary War, the Colonel commandant of the Militia of said County, my living with him.

I well remember that Andrew Samuel entered the service for the term of 18 months I believe as a substitute and I think but am not positively certain, under the following circumstances, I learned that Andrew Samuel has stated that he entered the service as a substitute for my father. In this he must be mistaken from the fact before stated that my father was Colonel commandant of the County during the whole period of the War & of course not subject to a draft. The facts of the case I think were these – A draft was ordered to be had by law among the single

man – among those that were drafted under this law was my uncle John Lyne, then a widower – I remembered that my uncle [indecipherable word] to employ a substitute but [indecipherable interlineation] under the draft but alleged that the draft was contrary to the [indecipherable interlineation] that my father employed Andrew Samuel as a substitute for my uncle John – and I also well remember my father selling to Samuel a small corner of his land and I pursuing & believe for this service – I have a distinct recollection that this service was for 18 months, and that upon the expiration of the Time of service Samuel returned and was at my father's house – I should have said that when he left the Service for he may have engaged in another and further service but of this I have no recollection – I do not recollect the year that this draft took place but I think the War had progressed some time perhaps 2 years or more before it occurred.

Andrew Samuels is older than I am perhaps 6 or 7 years. We went to school together.

I have no recollection of a further service by Andrew Samuel.

March 2nd A.D. 1836

S/ Wm Lyne

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wm Lyne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

State of North Carolina Granville County

Personally appeared before me William M Snead a Justice of the Peace for said County & state Isham Epps aged seventy-five years a resident of said County and state who being duly sworn testifies and declares that he was born in the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia & removed to North Carolina about thirty-three years ago.

That he has been well acquainted with Andrew Samuel who is 6 or 7 years younger than himself for fifty years or more, that said Samuel married the sister of this affiant, and this occurrence led to a more intimate knowledge and acquaintance with him then would probably have taken place if that had not taken place – That said Samuel entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary war while he resided in the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia but what service it was he is unable now to state; He never saw the said Samuel on duty that he can now recollect – This affiant has always, since that war, understood that Andrew Samuel served in the Artillery service of the State forces of the State of Virginia – and this information was derived from the statement of soldiers who performed duty with him in that service and that was the universally received opinion of the persons who lived in the neighborhood of the said Samuel & this affiant. He knows nothing of his own knowledge of the places & particular kind of service rendered by said Samuel nor of the length of his service.

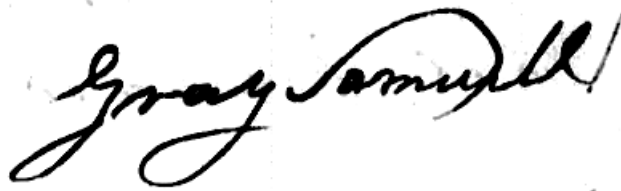
Subscribed & sworn to 12th day of February 1833

S/ Isham Epps, X his mark

I Gray Samuel² of the County of Caroline aged seventy-five do hereby certify that Andrew Samuel was a Soldier in the Revolution that he enlisted in the minute service in the year 1776 under Captain William Richards for the term of two years afterwards he is enlisted in the

² FPA W5989 transcribed and posted in this database 1/9/12

Company of Artillery commanded by Captain Whitehead Coleman and was in the service until the taking of little York. Given under my hand this 28th day of April 1834
S/Gray Samuel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gray Samuel". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Gray" is written in a large, flowing script, and the last name "Samuel" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact script. The signature is positioned below the printed name "S/Gray Samuel".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$81 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a corporal of artillery for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]