

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Fox¹ W7293

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f36PA

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Berks County} SS

On the 20th day of April A.D. 1818 Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the third Judicial District of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Andrew Fox an inhabitant of the Borough of Reading in the State aforesaid who on his solemn oath deposes and says that in the Spring of the year 1781 he enlisted as a Dragoon in a company commanded by Captain Bartholomew Vonhair [sic, Bartholomew Von Heer]. That the other officers of the company were Lieutenant Philip Mickenzie and Philip Strubing [sic, Philip Strubeng].

That he was kept continually at headquarters doing duty under the direction of General Washington [George Washington] and executing orders from him.

That the Deponent received his discharge in Newbury in the year 1783 but has since lost the same with other documents in consequence of the sinking of a boat in the River Schuylkill in which he was proceeding to the City of Philadelphia for the purpose of obtaining the land to which he was entitled by the terms of his enlistment.

The deponent further declares that he has never received any pension under the laws of the United States and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ James Diemer

S/ Andrew Fox



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On the 30th day of April A.D. 1819 Before me James Diemer Esquire, One of the associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for said County, personally appeared the within named Andrew Fox, who upon his solemn oath doth depose and say that he enlisted in the spring 1781 for and during the War, in a company of Dragoons as within mentioned, in the Borough of Reading, that he was out with said Company to Easton, Pennsylvania and from thence, escorted General Washington to Head Quarters, a place called Newborough, from that time remained with

¹ This veteran qualifies for inclusion in our database by reason of the fact that the company under which he served was with George Washington at the time of the battle of Yorktown and the surrender of Lord Cornwallis on October 19, 1781.

Genl. Washington, until the end of the War, when he received an Honorable discharge which is lost, that said Company being an Independent Corps, attached to no regiment or line to the best of his knowledge & belief

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Diemer

S/ Andrew Fox

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Berks County SS. On the 16th day of June A.D. 1819 Before James Diemer [sic] Esquire One of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for said County personally appeared, the Claimant Andrew Fox, who upon his solemn Oath according to law doth depose and say, that he remained in Captain Vanhears Company of Dragoons, during the War, that he among the others belonging to said Corps were employed by Genl. Washington, or by his Orders as [undeciphered word],² in carrying Messages & Letters, to the different Officers belonging to [the] Army of the United States –

Sworn & subscribed

S/ James Diemer

S/ Andrew Fox

Berks County SS On the 19th day of June A.D. 1819 Before me the subscriber one of the associate Judges of the court of common pleas of the County aforesaid came Adam Koch³ who upon his solemn oath doth depose & Say that he is a disinterested Witness, that he is personally acquainted with the Claimant Adam Fox that he the said Adam Fox was a private during the Revolutionary War in a company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Vanhear [sic] that this deponent belonged to the same Company that said Company was kept at General Washington's Head quarters, as Vydets in carrying Messages & letters for the Army of the United States

S/ Adam Koch



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District of Pennsylvania, SS.

On the 9th day of August A.D. 1820, personally appeared in open Court of common Pleas, holden in the Borough of Reading, County of Berks, being a Court of record, proceeding according to the course of the common Law, with a Jurisdiction, unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings Andrew Fox aged fifty nine years, resident in the County of Berks, and said District, who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress, of the 18th of March, 1818, and the 1st of May 1820. That he served in the Revolutionary War, in the company, commanded by Captain Van hear an Independent Troop of Horse in the line of the State of Pennsylvania, and has obtained a pension under the act of the 18th of March, 1818, his Certificate being numbered _____



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³ [Adam Koch S4484](#)

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March, 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any other manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with an intent thereby, so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress, entitled “an Act, to provide for certain persons, engaged in the land and naval service of the United State in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March, 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person intrust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Sworn & subscribed the
day & year aforesaid
in open court

S/ John Addams

S/ Andrew Fox

Schedule of Property

I have besides the necessary clothing & Bedding, One Stove, 4 Chairs, 3 old Tables, 2 Chests, 2 Iron potts, one pan, Cups & Saucers & plates, 2 Tubs, 2 Buckets, 1 Spinning Wheel, which I Value in the whole \$20.00

I am by trade a Wool Hatter but have for many years last past followed the Occupation of a Labourer that at the present distressing times am not able to maintain myself and family and by reason of my age and infirmities am not able to pursue any hard labour. I have no family except my Wife Catherine aged fifty six years. I am not able to Support, myself, except by private or public Charity

S/ Andrew Fox

[p 15: On September 24, 1836 in Berks County Pennsylvania, Catherine Fox, widow of Andrew Fox deceased, aged 73 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that her husband was a private in the company of Dragoons commanded by Captain Bartholomew Von Heer; that she was married to Andrew Fox on July 27, 1783 at which time her husband had obtained a written furlough under the hand of Captain Von Heer with his consent for Andrew Fox to marry her; that her name prior to her marriage was Catherine Rohland; that they were married by Pastor William Bras, a Presbyterian minister; that there is a record of their marriage in the records of the Congregation; that her husband died March 1, 1830; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 20, 1818 for his service as a private in the Pennsylvania Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]