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Pension application of Andrew Presley (Presly) S21434

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State of Tennessee Claiborne County: Be it remembered that this being the 17th of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of pleas and quarter sessions held for said County the same being a court of Record Andrew Presley aged 80 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 the 7th 1832

He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he resided in the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] in the State of North Carolina in the year of 1779 and in the month of July in said year that he was drafted to perform a 3 months Tower [tour] of duty in the cause of his country under Captain Randleman and we marched to various places in said County after the Tories and the Company to which I belonged was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Henry Barrier we had no General engagements but a [sic] several skirmishes with the Tories and after my Term of service had expired I received my discharge from Captain Randleman and returned home after having been 3 months in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war as a private which said discharge I have lost or mislaid it so that I cannot produce the same.

And this applicant begs leave to represent further to the department that sometime in the month of July 1781 that he volunteered his services in the Army of the United States for the term of 3 months under Captain Dowel which company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Malmonda [sic, Malmedy] and we marched from Rowan to Camden in the State of South Carolina and from there we marched and crossed the Congaree River in said State and there we joined General Greene's Brigade and we marched from there to the Eutaw Springs in the said State of South Carolina where we arrived as well as applicant can recollect about the 7th of September in the said State and as well as he can remember it was on the next day that the Battle commenced between Greene and Cornwallis [sic] which lasted about one hour and three quarters and this applicant states that he was in the Battle from the commencement to the Ending of the same he states that he received no wounds in said Battle but that he received [indecipherable word or words] 7 balls through my garments and he states that we there defeated the British and we made prisoners of about 500 of them and from there we marched up into Rowan County in the State of North Carolina where we guarded them and I was under the command of General Lock [sic, Col. Francis Locke?] And after my term of service had expired I returned home after having received my discharge from Colonel Locke which said discharge I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot produce the same -- he states that putting the whole together that he served his country in the Army of the United States for the term of 6 months putting the

whole together he states that he has no Documentary Evidence of his service nor does he know of any living Testimony by whom he can prove the same he hereby Relinquishes Every Claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State whatsoever.

Questions propounded by the Court

1st where and in what year were you born. I was born in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina in the year 1754. Question 2nd have you any Record of your [age] and if so where is it. Answer I have no record of my age I only know it what my parents told me. Where were you living when you were called into service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. I lived a while in the state of North Carolina I now live in the State of Tennessee Claiborne County and I lived in Rowan County when I was called into service. 4 -- How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute or if a substitute for whom. Answer I volunteered. 5. Did you ever receive a discharge and if [so] who from. Answer I received two one from Colonel Locke and one from Colonel George Barrier both of which I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot come at them. 6. State some of the names of some of the Regular officers whom you knew and such Continental and Militia Regiments as you are acquainted with. Answer -- I knew Colonel Washington General Lee and many others that were at the battle at the Eutaw Springs. 7. State the names of some of your Neighbors who know you in your neighborhood and can certify as to their belief of your services as a Soldier. Samuel McBee, Valentine Phelps and many others.

Sworn to in open court 18th March 1834

S/ Benj. F. Cloud, Clk

S/ Andrew Presly, X his mark

[fn p. 37: Samuel McBee, a clergyman of the Baptist Church, gave the standard supporting affidavit; likewise Valentine Fulps gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 10: On April 27th, 1855 in Hawkins County Tennessee, Andrew Presley, 105, filed for his bounty land entitlement identifying himself as the "identical Andrew Presley who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John Dowel in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Malmoody [sic, Malmedy] in the revolutionary war. This application was supported by the affidavits of Abijah Anderson and Henry G. Hartley.]