

Pension Application for Andrew Bortle

R.26156 (Widow: Sophia) Andrew drew a pension, but Sophia was not successful in her application for widow's pension. Married March 17, 1787, Albany. Andrew died October 19, 1849.

State of New York

County of Oswego SS.

On this 24th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said county Andrew Bortle aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the year 1778 in the month of November at the Town of Greenbush state of New York he enlisted into the service of the United States in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Ostrander & remained one month & a half. In the month of May 1779 he was drafted in the service for nine months.

Went to old Schoharie & were stationed in the fort three or four months under the command of Col. VanRensselaer & one baker was Major. Went to Albany remained there till the time had expired nine months.

In the month of July in the year 1780 was called out in the militia under Col. Bakesman. Went to Fort Plain thence to Stone Arabia & was there dismissed went home—was out six months.

In the fall of 1780 was call out again& went to Half Moon under Col. Henry Van Rensellaer, Major John Brown, Lieuts Stephen [?] & John Ostrander & Ensign John Haut—was out fifteen days on an alarm & then dismissed & went home.

In the fall of 1782 was called again & went to Half Moon—thence marched under Lieut Ostrander & Ensign [?] to Saratoga was out in service fifteen days.

In the month of September 1782 he with about two hundred others marched to Beverdam, were call out under Col. Tilman of Albany. He assisted in taking seventy five families of Tories & earned them to Albany was out about ten days.

In the year 1783 he was drafted for three months but did not serve only three or four days the war being at an end.

In answer to questions put by the direction of the War Department he further declares.

1st He was born in Livingston Manor State of New York on the 2d day of May 1762.

2d He has a record of his age on his family Bible at home.

3d When called into service he was living in the town of Greenbush County of Rensselaer, New York, after the war removed to Charlestown now county of Montgomery, thence to Warren in the county of Herkimer. Thence to town of Victor County of Ontario. Thence to Boylston, Oswego County his present place of residence where he has resided about 14 years.

4th He was drafted once for nine months & served—one for three months & served but a few days—at other times was called out in the militia—

5th The names of officers where he served were Gen. Gansevoort at Saratoga, Col. Rensselaer, Major VanBunn of the militia & those above named. He was most of the time with the militia of New York.

6th Never red'd a written discharge.

7th The names of some of the persons to whom he is known are Nathaniel Jacobs, John Jacobs, Reuben Snyder, Jacob Snyder, John Moore, Abraham Snyder & Elder Daniel Caulkins.

He has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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. (Signed with his mark)
Andrew Bortle

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. E. McPherson, Dep. Clk