

## **Pension Application for Andrew Garner**

S15127

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of Oyer and Terminer holden in and for the County of Schoharie and State aforesaid now sitting Andrew Garner, a resident of the town and county of Schoharie aforesaid and State of New York aged rising of 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He entered the service once for one month twice for three months, once for four months, and once for nine months, and according to his recollection now, he thinks it was in the following order to wit, The first time he entered the service was in the month of August in the year 1778, in the town of Marbletown in the county of Ulster and state of New York for one month in Colonel John Cantine's (1) regiment, but the captain's name he has forgotten. He went as a substitute for what called the class or a certain number of men who had to furnish a man. He joined the company at a place called Stone Ridge, in said County and went to a place called Larranack and helped build a fort there, where he stayed till his time was out when he was discharged at the place last aforesaid sometime in September of the same year.

He again entered the service in the month of June in the year 1779, as a substitute for one Jeremiah Clarwater for three months, in Captain John Dubois's Company in Colonel Malcom's (2) regiment in the town of Marbletown in the county of Ulster and State aforesaid. He marched from there down the river by land to Fishkill and stayed there till some time in September where he was discharged at Fishkill aforesaid after the expiration of the three month's service.

In the summer of 1780, he again entered the service as a substitute for a class called the exempts who had to furnish a man [six] He entered the service for three months at Marbletown aforesaid in Ulster county & State aforesaid in Moses Cantine's (3) company in Colonel Malcolm's regiment. He went from there to Hudson river, and thence by water to Albany and from there by land to Schenectady, and then up the Mohawk by land to Fort Plain (then) in the county of Tryon in said state while stationed there, he and a number of others were detached to go with cattle to Fort Stanwix. They had proceeded but about 15 miles when intelligence reached them that the Indians had burnt the Dutch Settlement, (4) they marched to the place, but came too late to save the place, it was in ashes and the Indians gone with their plunder. They then returned to Fort Herkimer where they had left their cattle, and went on with them to Fort Stanwix. On their way there, and near old Fort Schuyler, they came across the Indians, supposed to have burnt the Dutch settlement. They fired upon them, killed one, and took from them their plunder. After delivering their cattle at Fort Stanwix, they returned to Fort plain, where he remained till his term of service had expired, when he was discharged, sometime in the month of November of the same year, which discharge was not in writing. While he was there, he recollects he heard that Schoharie was burned. At the time he was discharged one William Connor a sergeant and one Garret Constable were discharged and returned with him to Kingston.

Again in the summer of 1781, he entered the service at Marbletown aforesaid, as a substitute for one Jacobus Rosecrantz, for four months, in a company commanded by Captain Harry Doge (5), in Colonel Wisenfelt's regiment. That he marched with the company to New Windsor, and crossed the Hudson river to FishKill and from there a short time but does not remember the number of days, then they went down the river to Haverstraw, stayed there a few days, then they went to Tappan Bay and stayed there a few weeks, but can't remember the exact number, while there he helped build a fort.

They went from there to West Point by water, and stayed there a few days, then went from there in a sloop to Albany, and from there by land to Schenectady and from there they marched up the Mohawk River to Fort Plain, and stayed there but a few days before they had orders to march to Saratoga, they accordingly marched from there to Saratoga by way of Schenectady. They were stationed about nine or ten miles from Fort Edward and while he was at Saratoga he helped build a Fort. That he and others to the number of about one hundred were sent to Skinesborough—(now called Whitehall) between thirty and forty miles through the woods, they crossed the Hudson River at Fort Edward and struck for Wood Creek, which they followed to Skinesborough, they made no discovery of enemy and returned in doing of which they got lost and were without provisions nearly three days. After returning to Saratoga, he stayed there till his term of service had fully expired. While he was there he recollects he heard of the taking of Lord Cornwallis. (6) That he was discharged at Saratoga, the latter part of November but his discharge was not in writing.

That again in the spring of the year 1782 at Esopus in the county of Ulster & State aforesaid he enlisted for nine months in Captain Henry Pawling's (7) company in Colonel Wisenfelts regiment, and marched from there to a place called Churchland, ten or twelve miles from where he enlisted. They stayed there about two months and then marched to a place called Shocan in Marbletown. That he served while there as one of the rangers and continued to serve till within about two or three weeks of the expiration of his nine months enlistment where he was taken sick and remained so till he was discharged at Marbletown aforesaid sometime the latter part of December after the expiration of the nine months.

And to the particular interrogatories of the court he answers that he was born in the town of Marbletown in the county of Ulster and State of New York the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 1759.

That his age is recorded in the church book of the Lutheran congregation, at Kingston in the county of Ulster aforesaid. That he was living at Marbletown in the county of Ulster and State aforesaid, when called into the service, and continued to serve there till after the close of the war. That about thirty eighty years ago he moved to Schoharie where he has resided since and where he now resides or lives.

That the first time he entered the service as a substitute for the classes as they were called, and each subsequent time he went as a substitute for others as he has in his declaration set forth, excepting the last term of service which was by enlistment for nine months as before stated.

He does not recollect the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served. That the general circumstances of his services are as he has already stated in his declaration—He further says, that he never had a written discharge. He further says that it would be difficult for him to state how many of his neighbours would swear as to his character for veracity but he thinks that all who are acquainted with him, would, if questioned under oath, say they never heard his character for truth and veracity

questioned, and also what their belief, as to his services as a soldier of the revolution would be, he cannot say.

He hereby relinquishes every claim what ever 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 Garner

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard, Jr., Clk.

Letter in file written in response for information dated June 10, 1940.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of Andrew Garner, who, you state, may have served in the Revolutionary War, instead of as a colonel in the War of 1812 as previously stated by you.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and only one claim for pension found based upon military service in that war of a soldier with the name Andrew Garner. His record follows as shown in the papers of pension claim, S.15127, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Andrew Garner was born March 8, 1759, in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York; his age was recorded in the church records of the Lutheran Congregation at Kingston in Ulster County. The names of his parents were not stated.

While residing in Marbletown, New York, he enlisted in August, 1776, and served one month in Colonel John Cantine's New York regiment. He enlisted in June, 1779, served three months as private in Captain John DuBois' company, Colonel Malcolm's New York regiment, and was discharged at Fishkill. He enlisted in the summer of 1780, served three months as private in Captain Moses Cantine's company, Colonel Malcolm's New York regiment, engaged in driving cattle to Fort Stanwix, and on his way there was in an engagement with the Indians near Fort Schuyler. He enlisted in the summer of 1781, served four months as private in Captain Henry Dodge's company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York regiment and assisted in building the fort at Saratoga, where he was discharged. He enlisted in the spring of 1782 at Espous, Ulster County, New York, and served between eight and nine months as private in Captain Henry Pawling's company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York regiment.

The soldier continued to reside in Marbletown, Ulster County, New York, until he was aged about thirty-eight years then moved to Schoharie, Schoharie County, New York, of which place he was a resident when he was allowed pension on his application executed November 12, 1832.

There are no family data, whatever, shown in this claim for pension.

End Notes—S15127—Andrew Garner

1. Andrew's surname on the various unit muster rolls is given as Carner not Garner. He served as a private in Captain Charles W. Broadhead's First Company Southeast District of Marbletown in Colonel John Cantine's Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia. Cornelius C. Wynkoop had served captain of this company in 1775. Broadhead was commissioned Captain on March 19, 1776. Cantine was commissioned captain on March 19, 1778. Cantine was commissioned colonel on February 21, 1778. Colonel Levi Pawling had been appointed First Judge of Common Pleas.
2. William Malcolm had served as Colonel of one of the sixteen Additional Continental Regiments raised in 1777. The regiment was Consolidated in June of 1779 with

Colonel Oliver Spencer's Additional Continental Regiment. Colonel Malcolm was discharged from the Continental service and had no permanent command until July 1, 1780 when he was appointed Colonel of a regiment of New York State Levies. So far there is no evidence of a Captain John DuBois in the service of New York. A John J. DuBois is appointed Lieutenant in the levies in 1780.

3. Andrew enlisted as a private for 3 months in Captain Moses Cantine's Company on July 25, 1780 in Colonel William Malcolm's Regiment of New York State Levies. He is listed as deserting on October 15, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series 246, Roll 72, folder 73, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. It is not possible to pinpoint this raid as Malcolm's Regiment arrived in the Mohaw Valley well after the August 2, 1780 and had left for West Point, NY by Oct 1, 1780. The burning of Schoharie which Andrew mentions was on October 17, 1780, two days after he had deserted. Also William Connor and Garret Constable did not serve with him in 1780 but did in 1781.
5. Henry Dodge was a captain in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Frederick Weissenfel's Regiment of New York State Levies in 1781 but Andrew wasn't in this regiment. Andrew is listed as enlisting on April 26, 1781 in Captain John Burnet's Company in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant, Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 134, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
6. Lord Cornwallis surrendered his British forces on October 19, 1781 at Yorktown Virginia.
7. Henry Pawling was appointed captain on April 10, 1782 in Weissenfel's Regiment. Andrew is listed as serving in Pawling's in 1781 or Weissenfel's in 1782. He did however serve in Captain Brodhead's Company in Colonel Cantine's Regiment. Possibly Rosecrantz never actually joined either regiment and Andrew just served in his place for the whole term of the enlistment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, folder 169, National Archives, Washington, D.C.