

## **Pension Application for Andrew Gillespie**

S.10732

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this fifth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Mayor's Court of the City of Troy now sitting, Andrew Gillespie a resident of Lansingburgh county of Rensselaer and State of New York aged sixty nine 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 en entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

Entered the service as a volunteer under General Clinton as a Post rider (his uncle having furnished him with a horse), to carry dispatches from his officer in Little Britian [sic] in the County of Orange to the Printing office of Samuel London in the town of Fishkill in Dutchess County, three times a week and also to Old Paltz in Ulster County once a week; and also to Goshen to attend the Committees of Safety as I suppose in March 1779, and continued in Gen. Clinton's employ in this capacity nine months.

The next year in 1780, on the first of June, entered the service for six months as a classman for twelve men under the command of Colonel Smith of the Militia of orange and Ulster Counties under Captain Mathew Johnson—Our Adjutant's name was Hendrickson—Peter Roosa Lieutenant and Jonathan Dubois, Ensign—rendeszoused [sic]t the Baracks [barracks] in West Point—Staid there until the first of December and was then dismissed—helped build Fort Putnam—Gen. Arnold commanded at West Point, and went over to the British in the month of September. I was every day on duty during the time. Colonel Minthorn's commanded a short time after Arnold left.

In 1780 enlisted in the service in March under Captain Gilbert Livingston of Dutchess County for nine months as a volunteer, in a co'pany of Rangers under Lieutenant Schoonmaker--& Ensign Benjamin Hasbrouck—went to a place called Mumkancus ten or twelve miles back of Kingston—spent part of the time at the Fort in Mamakating hollow also at Pienpack and Lackawana woods—Col. Wiesenfels of the Continentals commanded at the Fort at Mamakating—Alexander Patterson was Commissary, Major John Gillespie commanded the Fort a short time—Major John Gillespie commanded the Fort a short time—John graham Sergeant—Eighteen men of whom I was one, went out to the Lackawana woods in the month of September were met by a party of Indians, supposed to be forty or fifty in number—Graham and nine men were killed among whom were Robert Sempter, Alan Emblee, John Lair, James McCue, Moses Shaw, David Consant, Abraham Vandenburg—Adam Scott, and Alexander Crawford—The rest of the party escaped—Jacobus Ivory was shot in the mouth and in one of his arms, but made his escape, John Culter, Simeon VanKuren, Jacob Rynehart, Christopher Mause, were among those who escaped.

We were discharged in December on Christmas day—

That I was born in Shawangunk (then Ulster County) now Orange County New York on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1763.

Record of my age was burnt in my fathers house just after the Revolution. I lived in Shawangunk when I entered the service each time never got any discharge in writing. I know John W. McCullough of Lansingburgh and Matthew Gillespie of Troy who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution and I do not know but there was some others in Orange County who do know it, but I left that County forty five years ago & am poor and unable to go there & nearly blind.

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 the agency of any State, or (if any), only on that of the agency of the State of [blank] (Signed with his mark) Andrew Gillispie

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Archibald Bull, Clerk

Letter in folder dated January 29, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, IS.10732, based upon service of Andrew Gillespie, in the Revolutionary War.

Andrew Gillespie was born July 4, 1763, in Shawangunk, Ulster County (later Orange County), New York. Names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Shawangunk, New York, Andrew Gillespie volunteered as a post rider under General Clinton, carried his dispatches from his office in Little Britain, Orange County, New York to the printing office of Samuel London in Fishkill, New York, three times a week, also, to Old Paltz in Ulster County, once a week, also, to Goshen in March 1779, and continued under General Clinton in this capacity for nine months; enlisted June 1, 1780, served six months as private in Captain Mathew Johnson's company, Colonels Smiths' and Minthorn's New York regiment, and assisted in building fort Putnam; enlisted in March 1781, served as private nine months in Captain Gilbert Livingston's company of rangers, Colonel Wisenfel's New York regiment, stationed a part of the time at the fort in Mamakating where Major John Gillespie commanded for a short time, his relationship to Andrew not shown.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed September 5, 1832, at which time he was residing in Lansingburg, Rensselaer County, New York.

No reference was made to wife or children.

In 1832, one Matthew Gillespie was residing in Troy, Rensselaer County, New York, and stated that he lived in Montgomery, Orange County, New York during the Revolution, and that he had known Andrew Gillespie for more than sixty years. No relationship stated.