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fl. 1775–89

Samuel Andrews, a [Loyalist](#) ^[2] leader during the [Revolution](#) ^[3], left his home in New Bern for Governor Josiah Martin's ^[4] protection after the latter fled to the Cape Fear estuary in 1775. Commissioned a lieutenant by the governor, he fought at [Moore's Creek Bridge](#) ^[5] and was taken prisoner to [Halifax](#) ^[6]. He was released in October 1776 after taking the state oath of allegiance before the committee of safety. In 1781, Andrews raised a militia company in [Bladen County](#) ^[7] and joined [Cornwallis's](#) ^[8] forces. Part of the time he served under [David Fanning](#) ^[9], specializing in rescuing Loyalist prisoners and conducting them to the British areas. In 1782 he was in Charles Town as a major in Hector McNeill's regiment of the North Carolina militia.

At the evacuation of Charles Town, he went to East Florida, taking his wife, four children, and four enslaved people with him. There they lived on Doctor's Lagoon. Meanwhile, in North Carolina, Andrews was specifically excluded from the [1783 Act of Pardon and Oblivion](#) ^[10]. He reluctantly decided to go to Nova Scotia. In 1784 he told the Spanish authorities that he had not decided whether to remain in East Florida or to go with the British. He was in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, in 1785, and in 1788 he received 250 acres on the nearby Tusket River. He was living in the Shelburne area in 1789.

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