

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Anderson VAS1931

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Lunenburg County Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the speaker and other members of the General Assembly of Virginia.

Your Petitioner, James Anderson, humbly represents to your Honorable Body, that at an early period of his life he stepped forward in the Revolutionary war, influenced by a determination to give his aid, to the establishment of a free and independent government, under which we now enjoy so many blessings. That while engaged in this honorable opposition to British insolence, Tyranny and oppression, he received from the enemy of his country a wound in his knee which much afflicted him and has in some measure disabled him from using those bodily exertions which are so often necessary to the comfortable subsistence of a family for the proceeds [?],¹ and a provision for the offspring of one who does not enjoy the advantages of a profession. Your Petitioner further states to your Honorable Body, he has never received any gift of lands, or any pension or any other such remuneration from the government for his services and suffering during the Revolutionary struggles. He now hopes that the Legislature of his country will grant him the relief to which he has been so long entitled, and that his condition will be ameliorated by the allowance of a pension by your honorable body, whose decisions your petitioner is well assured are always influenced by the noble sentiments of justice, liberality and gratitude & your petitioner will ever pray &c

[Reverse]

Anderson Petition

Claims

December 1518 10

reasonable

January 2nd 1811

reported January 2nd 1811

Bill drawn

January 7th

1811

¹ *James Anderson*

Lunenburg County Sct.

This day Capt. John Pettus² of Lawful age personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and made oath That he this Deponent was at the Battle of Gildford [Guilford Court house, March 15, 1781] in the year 1781 and Col. Nathaniel Cocks [Nathaniel Cocke's] Regiment of Virginia militia that James Anderson a corporal in Capt. Wm Dowsons [William Dawson's?] Company of militia in the asfore [aforesaid] Regiment was wounded in the knee in the aforesaid Battle, and that he has been well acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson since he received the wound, and that that person now petitioning the General Assembly for a pension is the same person that was Wounded at the Battle of Gildford – and further this Deponent saith that he has long been acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson and that he believes him to be an honest good Citizen. Given under my hand this 8th day of October 1808

S/ Edmd P Bacon

Lunenburg County Sct.

This day William Bragg of Lawful age personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the said County aforesaid, and made oath That he this Deponent was at the Battle of Gilford in the year 1781 in Col. Nathaniel Cocke's Regiment of Virginia Militia, that James Anderson a Corporal in Capt. Wm Dowsings [William Dowsing's?] Company of Militia in the aforesaid Regiment was wounded in the knee in the aforesaid Battle. And that he has been well acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson before and since he received the aforesaid wound and that the person now petitioning the General Assembly for a pension is the same person that was Wounded at the Battle of Gilford and further saith that he has long been acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson and that he believes him to be an honest Good Citizen. Sworn to before made this 3rd day of November 1810

S/ John Robertson, JP

Lunenburg County Sct.

This day Thomas Wood³ of Lawful age personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the said County aforesaid, and made oath That he this Deponent was at the Battle of Gilford in the year 1781 in Col. Nathaniel Cocke's Regiment of Virginia Militia, That James Anderson a Corporal in Capt. Wm Dowsings Company of Militia in the aforesaid Regiment was wounded in the Knee in the aforesaid Battle, and that he has been well acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson before and since he received the aforesaid wound, and that the person now petitioning the General Assembly for a pension is the same person that was wounded at the Battle of Gilford, and further saith he has long been acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson, and that he believes him to be an Honest Good Citizen. Sworn to before me this 5 Day of November 1810

S/ John Robertson, JP

Lunenburg County Sct.

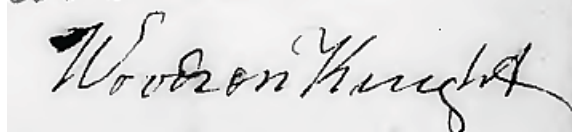
This day Woodson Knight of Lawful age personally appeared before me a Justice of the

² This MIGHT be the same man as [John Pettis W3449](#) who claimed to have fought at the battle of Guilford Court House.

³ This MIGHT be the same man as [Thomas Wood W6568](#) whose widow claimed that her husband fought at the battle of Guilford court house.

Peace for the County aforesaid & made Oath That he this Deponent was at the Battle of Guilford in the year 1781 in Col. Nathaniel Cocks Regiment of Virginia militia. That James Anderson a Cpl. in Capt. Wm Dowsons Company of Militia in the aforesaid Regiment was wounded in the Knee in the aforesaid Battle and that he has been well acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson Before and since he Received the aforesaid Wound and that the person now petitioning the General Assembly for a pension is the same person that was Wounded at the Battle of Guilford – further this deponent saith that he has long been acquainted with the aforesaid James Anderson and that he believes him to be an Honest Good Citizen
sworn to before me

S/ Woodson Knight

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Woodson Knight". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Lunenburg County Sct

This day Woodson Knight appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the said County and made oath to the above Deposition. Given under my hand this 8th day of November 1810

S/ Jno. Taylor, JP