

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to David Anderson VAS2234
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[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

The petition of Archibald S Anderson of the County of Lancaster respectfully states that he & his sisters Anne E, Mary, & Lettice L Anderson are the heirs of the late David Anderson of Louisa County who was a midshipman in the va navy in the revolution. The memorialist cannot state any thing particularly about the service of his ancestor, being himself young. He has always understood that he was in service

Your petitioner is informed that he is entitled to bounty lands. If so, he prays the allowance of the same. [signed] A. Anderson

[21 Aug 1835]

Report on the claim of the heir of David Anderson – midshipman in the State Navy, for bounty land for his services

To the Governor/ Sir,/ The claimant has not produc'd any proof of the services of David Anderson, or that he was a midshipman in the State Navy. He has probably relied on the fact, that David Anderson was reported by me, in 1833, as a Midshipman, & entitled to bounty land – my said Report was made, without giving any reference to document or proofs, which might now be important, in examining this claim. I have no doubt, but these proofs were before me, when I made that report; But cannot now refer to them. I have enterd the name of David Anderson Midshipman on a list of officers of the Dragon, which was carefully prepar'd for my own use, from the Journals of the Council, and of the Navy-Board – the proceedings of the Committee of Safety – and from Vol. 1. Navy Papers. But from which of three sources I derived information, of his being midshipman, I do not now know.

There were sundry orders made by the Navy board, in the year 1778, respecting Mr. David Anderson, which are similarly worded with orders which have been made respecting other midshipmen – (see large Navy Journal – pages 362 - 374 - 375 - 382 - 389 - 392 -)

David Anderson was certainly in service on board the ship Dragon at the dates of these orders.

His name has not been found on the army Register of the State line.

I would respectfully suggest, (without knowing what are the wishes of the Claimant) that a decision upon this claim may be postpon'd, until the claimant shall have it in his power to take any evidence of the services &c of David Anderson, which may be within his reach; and until, I may have opportunity for a more thorough examination of the claim, than I am now able to give it.

Respectfully submitted/ John H Smith Com'r &c/ August 26th 1835

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