

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Anderson R193

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Fauquier County State and District of Virginia

On this 24th day of April 1821 Personally appeared in Open Court being a court of Record made so by the Constitution and Laws of Virginia with Jurisdiction in Law and Equity unlimited in amount and possessed of the power of fine and imprisonment Joseph Anderson aged Sixty five years and a resident of the said County and State who being first sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said Joseph Anderson on the 12th of September 1779 enlisted as a Soldier for the term of eighteen months in a Company of foot Commanded by Captain Richard Stevens in the 11th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Col. Thomas Hawes [sic: Samuel Hawes] of Caroline County Virginia that he was on continental establishment that he received a dangerous hurt which rendered him incapable of duty while he was attached to said Regiment, that he remained in the Hospital some time without mending and was afterwards sent home on furlough for recovery that his inability detained him at home untill the end of the war and has ever since rendered him unfit for Labour. that he did not receive a formal discharge that he has no other evidence than the annexed affidavit of William Skinker and William Thompson that the declarant was in no Battles of the Revolution

In pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 I Joseph Anderson do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed 1 Negroe man aged nearly seventy years. 200 Acres of Poor Land entirely unproductive 1 Horse 6 Head of Cattle 7 Hogs and 12 pigs 12 Sheep 6 Chairs 2 Tables 1 Cupboard 2 Chests ½ Dozen plates ½ Dozen Cups and Saucers ½ Doz Spoons 2 Dishes ½ Dozen knives and forks 2 Baroles. I Live upon a small piece of rented Land I am unable to cultivate it from the injury sustained by me during the Revolution in the abdomen and in the fallg of my intestines on both sides of the rim of my Belly and also from the debility of age I have a wife aged fifty seven years who is feeble but in other respects healthy She contributes to the support of my family by assisting upon females in their confinement. I have six children Thomas twenty three years old Milly eighteen years old and William fourteen years old who Live with me Thomas receives the principle share of his earnings Milly spins and assists my wife in cooking Milly does not aid me. Thomas ploughs and assists in the support of my family I have three children besides, Daniel aged Twenty eight Joseph twenty five Jenny aged twenty one they are married and Live to themselves they furnish me no assistance I have an old Negroe named George nearly seventy years old who is an expense and burthen to me My wife has a Daughter by a previous marriage and a Grand Child Sally Freeman and her son John the one aged thirty one and the other nine Sally weaves and spins occasionally for the family but principally for herself and child when she can get employment.

I am in needy circumstances and unable to Live in humble comfort or ease without public or private aid I owe several Debts and am unable to pay them My property is not sufficient for that purpose I have been permitted to keep it by the clemency of my Land Lord and creditors

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William Thompson a Justice of the Peace for the County of Fauquier appeared in Open Court and made oath that he had been acquainted with Joseph Anderson for twenty years that he is reputed to be an honest, industrious sober man that he has attended him as a physician that he has a rupture or Hernia of such a nature that it prevents him from Labouring that he is poor and Largely indebted. Sworn to in open Court this 24th April 1821.