

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Junior R5789

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State of Georgia County of Jasper: SS

On this 22nd day of October 1838 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of Jasper County now sitting, Anthony Junior a resident of the County of Jasper & State aforesaid aged about seventy-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 7th 1832 – That he entered the service under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. He enlisted as a Regular soldier in the County of Halifax State of Virginia where he then resided under Captain Nathaniel Cocke – Captain Ned Wade 1st Lieutenant & Joseph Hopson 2nd Lieutenant who was the man who enlisted him, he thinks in the spring of 1776 for two years. His Company marched to Williamsburg & from thence to Yorktown where he stayed and at Gwins Island [Gwinn Island] until his Company was marched to Baltimore. Before his first service was out, he reenlisted at Baltimore for three years under Captain Mosely he thinks in the winter of 1778 which he also served out – He afterwards hired as a substitute in a militia company at Halifax County Virginia under Captain Carr & marched to Little York where he was present at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He was about two months engaged in this last service – Deponent states that during the time of his regular service he was engaged in several important battles between the Americans & British. He was in the battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777] & Brandywine [September 11, 1777] in both of which contest General Washington commanded the Americans. He was in some skirmishes besides these battles; of less importance – He states that from his great age & infirmities his recollection is exceedingly bad & he cannot therefore recollect all the Regular field officers with whom he served during the term of his enlistment; but he remembers being at times under Major Nelson [perhaps Thomas Nelson], Colonel Ennis (or Innis) [probably James Innis] & Colonel Bullock, nor can he for the same reason give each march as he made it; but he passed in different parts of Pennsylvania, was several months in Philadelphia where he was inoculated for the smallpox – he recollects staying one winter at a place called Middle Brooke [Middlebrook], he thinks in Pennsylvania, – he also recollects that during his service he was marched to reinforce General Gates [Horatio Gates], but hearing that he had captured Burgoyne [Battle of Saratoga, October 7, 1777], he returned. Deponent has no record of his age, but thinks from what he has heard his Father say he must be at least 79 years of age – he had a discharge given him at Trenton, but lost it, & got another at York town after the taking of Cornwallis but lost it also, – Deponent states that he applied some 4 or 5 years since while he lived in Henry County, Georgia, for a pension, but failed to obtain it as he understood, because he did not prove his service by a witness – Since

then he has found out John Harrell a resident of Bibb County who was in the Army with him; by whom he is now able to prove his services – He knows of no one else in Georgia by whom he can prove his services but the said John Harrell. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid
S/ Henry Dillon, Clerk

S/ A. Junior [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anthony Junior".

[James Henderson, a clergyman, and Henry Dillon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Bibb County

Before me William Cumming a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared John Harrell who being duly sworn deposed & saith, that he was well acquainted with Anthony Junior, now a citizen of Jasper County, Georgia, in the Revolutionary War – that said Anthony Junior belonged to the Continental Army, that deponent knows that said Anthony Junior served as much as five years, but at this distance of time, in the present enfeebled state of his mind & body, he cannot remember the name of the officer under whom he enlisted, nor the various officers in that length of time with whom he served, but deponent knows that at the time of the surrender of Cornwallis the said Anthony Junior belonged to the company commanded by Captain Carr, the Regiment not now remembered by witness. This deponent was in very as engagements with the said Anthony Junior, all of which are not now recollected, but he was with him at the battles of the Brandywine, Red Bank [Fort Mercer at Red Bank, New Jersey , October 22, 1777] & Germantown –. Deponent was born in Burtee [Bertie] County North Carolina near the Virginia line, that he moved from North Carolina to South Carolina about one year after the surrender of Cornwallis, from which place he moved to the state of Georgia, about twenty-one years ago where he has resided ever since, that from the best information in his power he is now in the eighty seventh year of his age, that he now resides in Bibb County in Georgia.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 20th April 1838

S/ Wm Cumming, JP

S/ John Harrell

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Harrell".