

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Alexander Anderson: S2340

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State of Tennessee} SS.

County of Stewart}

On this twenty fifth day of September Eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court before James C. Mitchell the presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of the fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee, including the County of Stewart, now sitting, Alexander Anderson, a resident of the State of Tennessee and County off Stewart, aged Seventy one 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 of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated -

I volunteered in Frederick County Maryland I think in the Fall of 1777 for three months, under Captain Pable, Lieutenant Key, Colonel Bruce and Major John Scott - commanded by the Officer who was General at the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], his name I do not remember [Gen. William Smallwood] - marched to Germantown, but before reaching there encountered the British and Tories at Peolia [sic: Paoli PA]. I was in the Battle of Germantown Pennsylvania - marched to a creek which emptied into the Delaware River, where we camped and scoured the country till our time was out - discharged at Little York by Captain Pable -

The second time, I substituted for James Anderson, under Captain Samuel Wallace, Lieutenant Canton, Colonel John Boyer [sic: Bowyer] I think in October 1779 - marched to Petersburg [sic: Petersburg] Virginia, from there across the Dismal Swamp to Edmonds Hill in North Carolina - was stationed at Edmonds Hill - had frequent skirmishes with the British and Tories. we remained there till the British left that part of the Country - from there marched through Petersburg Virginia to Richmond Virginia. I substituted in Rockbridge County Virginia for three months; but served five months - was discharged at Richmond Virginia by Captain Wallace. between the time of my first service and my second trip my mother moved from Maryland to Rockbridge County Virginia -

1- Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in York County Pennsylvania, I was told, in October 1761-

2- Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

I have no record of my age -

3- Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Frederick County Maryland when I entered the service the 1st time and in Rockbridge County Virginia when I undertook the 2nd tour. after the war I moved to Sevier County East Tennessee where I lived about 11 years. from there I moved to Dickson County Tennessee where I lived about 23 years. from there I moved to Stewart County Tennessee where I have lived about 2 years and I now live in Stewart County Tennessee

4- How were you called into the service; were you drafted, did you volunteers, or were you a substitute and if a substitute, for whom?

The 1st Campaign I volunteered - the 2nd I substituted for James Anderson.

5- State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served - such Continental and Malitia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service -

General Washington and [illegible] were near the troops where we served, and other officers whose names I do not recollect, but at no time did they remain long - the general circumstances of my service I have already related -

6- Were you discharged from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

I was discharged each time 1st by Captain Pable and the 2nd time by Captain Wallace - they are lost -

7- State the names of persons to whom you are known and who can testify as to your

character for veracity and good behaviour and their opinion as to your having served as a soldier of the Revolutionary War -

For character for veracity &c I refer to Alexander Brown and John Worden

I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure, who can testify as to my service in the Revolutionary war. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension

Roll of the agency of any State -

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