

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Anderson S30827

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State of Kentucky            }  
  Montgomery County } SS

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of octr. 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Montgomery county court now sitting James Anderson residing in Montgomery County Ky aged 72 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the services of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated

He states that he was born in Prince william County Virginia in the month of April 1760 and continued to reside there untill about the age of 17. at that age he states he came to Kentucky [then Kentucky County VA]. and in conciquence of the number of hostile Indians there roming through the wilderness, and it was at that time almost an entire wilderness uninhabited save a few families. and they were stationed in forts: He states that the first services he rendered was as a volunteer for 12 mo. under capt Holder & col Boman as an indian spy and Guard to guard the fort at Harrodsburgh [sic: Harrodsburg] as this was the place at which he first settled. And during this 12 mos. he states he performed during this year one expedition against the Indians in Ohio at old chilicotha [Chillicothe] on the little Miami We marched on I think in the spring of 1779 to the above place and attacked the Indians some time before day we were repulsed by the Enemy and forced to retreat about 10 or 12 miles. and persued by the Indians to the above distance. they made an attack on us and we had a severe conflict (in Indian stile). We however beat them in this battle. We then returned home & I went upon the performance of my duty at the above fort as a spy and ranger and so continued untill the close of the year in 1780 at which time I rec'd. my discharge for the term of 12 mos. I think in the spring of 1780 I then volunteered for a tour of 3 mos. under capt Denton & col Clark [George Rogers Clark] to go on an Expedition against the Indians at Pickway [Piqua] ohio. We however marched to Chilicotha and their Towns having been burned we marched on to Pickway on the big Miama [sic: Big Miami River] and on our march we destroyed their corn and after much fatiague and hardship we returned home to Ky and I was regularly discharged for the term of 3 mos.

The next was at Bryants Station as a volunteer under capt Gatliff[?] & Lieutenant James Ray [pension application S31314] for a tour of 3 mos. and owing to the absence of Gatliff Ray took the command and James McCollough [James McCullough, pension application S36106] seceeded Ray as Lieutenant. the object of these services were to prevent an attack on the fort by the savages as at this time It was impracticable to raise corn or any thing else to sustain nature without a continual guarding by the soldierery. during this 3 mos tour I guarded the fort and ranged and protected the inhabitants from the tomahawk and scalping knife. And at the end of my tour I was discharged for 3 mos. The next was a tour of 3 mos as a volunteer under capt McGary & col. Clark in the fall of 1782 on an Expedition against the Indians at at new chilicotha Ohio at which place we had a severe battle We however defeated them took 7 prisoners and several scalps I also on my return rec'd a discharge for 3 mos. The next was a short tour of about 2 weeks as a volunteer to bury the dead at the Bluelicks after the [illegible word] Battle of the 19<sup>th</sup> of Aug't 1782. The next was a tour of one month as a volunteer under capt. McMillam[?] I think in the Spring of 1783. To guard and protect the landing of our Boats then desending the ohio River with families to settle the now state of Ky for this tour I also rec'd. a discharge. He states he also served a tour of 1 mos. at lees Town Ky as a volunteer to range guard and spy to protect the Inhabitants. And also two at Bryants Station [sic: Bryan's Station at present Lexington]. for all which tours he says he was regularly discharged. He states that from the time he came to Ky in the year 1779 untill the close of the revolutionary war It was

almost one continual state of alarm and warfare. so that I was always either on duty or held in readiness for an Expedition. He states that he has no documentary evidence having lost all his discharges. He states he can prove some of his services by Henry Wilson [pension application S30795] of Montgomery county Ky also some by James McCollough of same and also by James Ray & John Stephens – Ray of Mercer & Stephens of Montgomery county & state aforesaid. He states he has lived in Kentucky ever since he moved from Virginia in the year 1779. and now lives in Montgomery County Ky he has no record of his age He hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

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NOTE: A Treasury-Department document states that John A. Moore, guardian of the only child of James Anderson, received Anderson's final pension payment up to the date of his death on 15 Feb 1835.