

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Anderson S39941

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[Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County]

Personally appeared before me Jacob Rush, President of the first Judicial District in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, composed of the City and County of Philadelphia; Thomas Anderson, now a Resident in the City of Philadelphia, but late of the State of Delaware, and being duly sworn upon the holy Evangelist of God, doth depose and say, that he entered as a private in the month of January 1776 and Captain Joseph Stedam's Company under the command of Colonel John Haslett, who commanded the Delaware Regiment of the State of Delaware, that he continued under the command of the said Colonel Haslett, until he was killed at the Battle of Princeton [January 3, 1777]; That he the said Thomas Anderson, then served in the company of Captain Enoch Anderson, the Regiment being commanded by Colonel David Hall –that he received the commission of second Lieutenant, the date of which he does not recollect, and that he has lost the commission, that he was sometime after promoted and received the commission of first Lieutenant in said Regiment, bearing date the first day of May 1781, and that he continued in said Delaware Regiment until the end of the war.

Sworn and subscribed the 11th Day of April 1818 before me.

S/ Jacob Rush

S/ Thos. Anderson

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thos. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

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Philadelphia April 13, 1818

The Subscribers being Called upon to state what they know respecting the Circumstances, Situation and Standing, of Captain Thomas Anderson, do believe him to stand in need of support, as we have frequently lent him small sums of money for the purpose of buying wood, and the necessaries of life in Market. He opened an account with us the 4th December 1816, which to this date has accumulated to the amount of \$13.23 ½. We believe it is for the want of funds, that it yet stands unpaid. He says he is now in the 72 year of his age, he has lost the sight of his right eye, and lame of one of his legs, He rents a house in our Neighborhood, which we are told he pays at the rate of \$140 = for per Annum, his Wife and Daughter who lives with him are very indstrious [sic industrious] we believe, and assist him very much by Keeping boarders. – He is a man that we believe to be of good habits and moral Character, and much respected by all those who are acquainted with him.

Sworn and subscribed

by Thomas Clyde and
by Matthew Baxter, before
me Jacob Rush,
President of the first
judicial District in
Pennsylvania

S/ Matthew Baxter
S/ Thomas Clyde

District Court of the United States in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

On this Eighth day of September in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared in open Court aforesaid, being a Court of Record for the said District Thomas Anderson aged Seventy Four years and upwards resident of the City of Philadelphia and the said District, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: to wit, That he enlisted in the month of January in the year 1776 in the State of Delaware in the company commanded by Captain Joseph Stedham in the Delaware Regiment Commanded by Colonel John Haslet in the Line of the State of Delaware in the Continental Establishment, and that he continued to serve in said Regiment until he was discharged, after the Peace at New Castle in Delaware in the year 1783. That he fought at the Battles of Long Island [August 27, 1776], White Plains [October 28, 1776], and at Trenton [December 26, 1776]; also at the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; also at the Battles of Camden [August 15-16, 1780], Cowpens [January 17, 1781], Guilford [March 15, 1781] and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], also at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781], where he commanded for the occasion a company with which he entered and took Holmes's Redoubt. And also in many heavy Skirmishes, making in the whole of his engagements with the Enemy twenty nine Battles. That he was promoted during the War through various grades to be first Lieutenant of Kirkwood's [Robert Kirkwood's] Company, which Post he held at the close of the War. That he made his Original Declaration in order to obtain the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed 18th of March 1818 on or about the 11th of April 1818. And that he has received a Pension under the said Act a Certificate whereof was granted the 30th June 1818 and appears to be Numbered 1801.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 persons 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. -- And I further make Oath that my family consists of my Wife, aged 60 years a daughter aged 30 who Keeps house and a Son who is a cripple and unable to contribute to his support -- and that my sole means of living or derived from boarding Two Young Men-- One a Journeyman Tobacconist and the other late a Journeyman Printer.

S/ Thos. Anderson

Sworn to, declared and Subscribed on the eighth day of September in the year of our Lord 1820 in open Court

S/ D. Caldwell, Clk Dist. Ct.

An Inventory of the whole Estate of Thomas Anderson except his necessary Clothing and Bedding Viz.

12 Old Windsor Chairs

Dolls [sic \$] 3.00

3 Tables Viz-- 1 Dining Table

1 Old Carved Table	
1 Kitchen Table	
1 Old looking glass—plain & small the Frame broken off	.50
1 pair And, Irons Shovel & Tongs	4.
Kitchen Furniture	8.
1 Rag Carpet	2.
1 Bureau	2.25
5 Candlesticks, & one pair of Souffers [?] & Stand	.50
1 Candle Stand	1.50
1 Picture of General Washington	.75
2 Muslin Table Cloths	.25
1 Coarse Diaper ditto	.50
A Lot of Old Books of Small Value	.25
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	\$23.50

S/ Thos Anderson

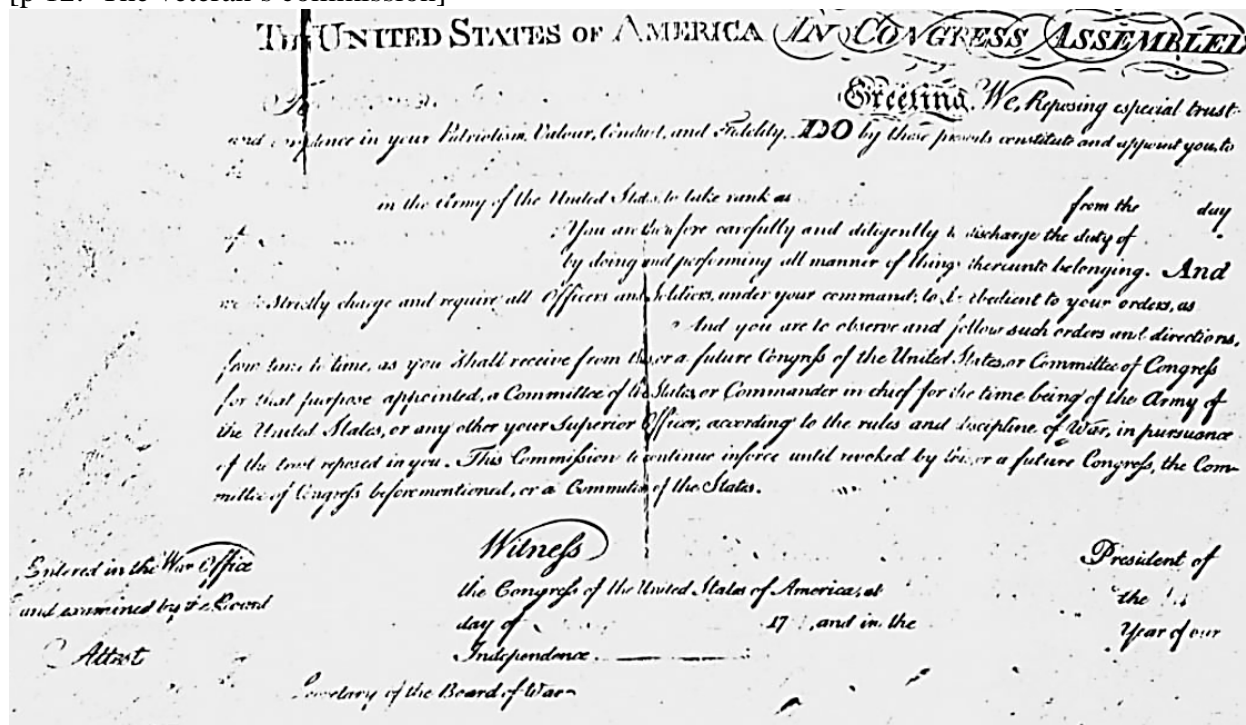
S/ Jos. Phillips

*Thos Anderson
Jos. Phillips*

Sworn to in open Ct. September 8, 1820

S/ D. Caldwell, Clk. Dist. Ct.

[p 12: The veteran's commission]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 11, 1818, for service as a Lieutenant in the Delaware Continental line.]