

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Anderson S6511
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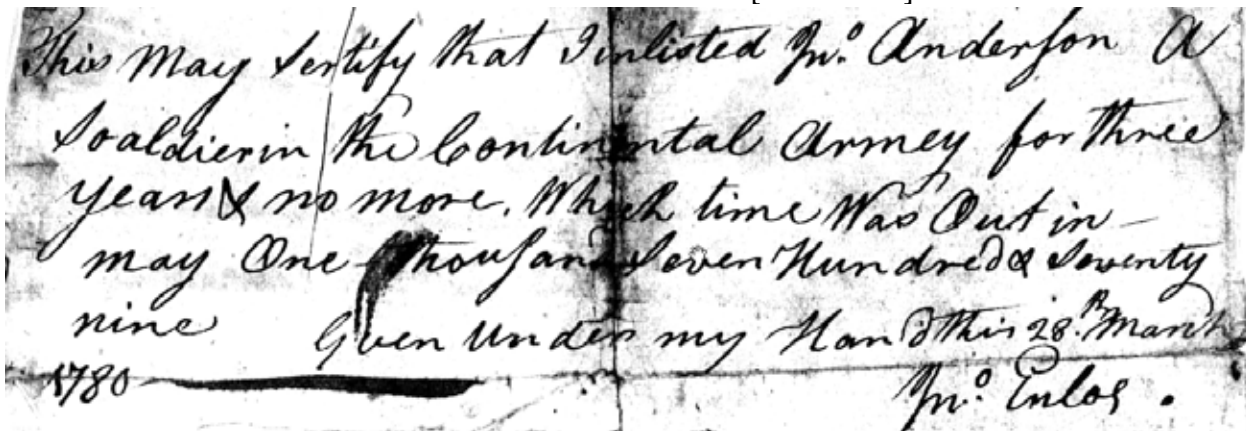
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This May Sertify [sic, Certify] that I inlisted [enlisted] Jno [John] Anderson a Soaldier [Soldier] in the Continental Army [Army] for three years & no more, Which time Was Out in May One thousand and Seven Hundred & Seventy nine.

Given under my Hand this 28th of March 1780.

S/ Jno. Enloe [John Enloe]



This May Sertify that I inlisted Jno. Anderson a Soaldier in the Continental Army for three years & no more. Which time Was Out in May One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy nine. Given Under my Hand this 28th March 1780. Jno. Enloe.

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State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 15th of June 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line that John Anderson a private in Enloe's Company of the 5th Regiment was mustered in 1777 for three years and deserted on the 9th of February 1780.

Given under my hand the day above.

S/ Wm. Hill

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State of North Carolina Pitt County this day personally came before me Samuel Randolph one of the Justices for the County aforesaid Samuel Simpson Esq. of the County of Craven and made oath upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God that he believed the Certificate in possession of John Anderson to be in the handwriting of John Enloe which Certificate reads as follows --

[same as above]

Sworn to before [me] this November 4, 1818

S/ James Randolph, JP

S/ Saml. Simpson

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District of North Carolina

On this 18th day of June 1819, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the said district, personally appeared John Anderson; aged 59 years, resident in Pitt County in the said district, who being by me first duly Sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:” That he the said John Anderson enlisted as a soldier, and Martinborough (now Greenville) in the State of North Carolina, on or about the 7th of May 1776, for one year, in the Company commanded by Captain Enloe, of the 5th Regiment; in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said company until the 24th of October 1776, when he reenlisted, in the vicinity of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, in the same Company & Service, for three years, commencing at his said first enlistment; that he continued in said Company without any intermission from the time of his said first enlistment & under the same Captain until October or November 1777, when Captain Enloe resigned & Captain Armstrong Succeeded him; that he still continued in the same Company, but transferred to the 2nd Regiment, under Colonel Patton until the end of the said three years & longer; that he was permitted to go home, and was regularly discharged, from the service, in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina, and April or May 1781, which discharge is lost; that he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth; and that he is now in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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Henry Barnhill¹ maketh oath that until a few years ago he was well acquainted with the circumstances of the aforesaid John Anderson, that he now resides about 13 miles from him; and that from his knowledge & from report, he believes & is satisfied that the said John is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to before me at the time & place aforesaid

S/ H. Potter, DJUSNC

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State of North Carolina, County of Pitt

The undersigned Robert Lanier & Marshall Dickinson, two of the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Pitt, having met at the House of Major John Hodge in said County on the ninth day of November in the year 1818 at the request of Major John Anderson of the same County, proceeded to take the deposition of said John Hodge & of Captain Ben Hodge, as follows, to wit

Benjamin Hodge being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God according to the form of the Law, deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with Major John Anderson of the County of Pitt and has been more or less since May in the year 1776, that the said Deponent enlisted in the Army on the 6th day of May 1776 and that the said John Anderson enlisted on the 7th day of the same month of May 1776 under Captain John Enloe in the 5th Regiment of North Carolina Continentals commanded by Colonel Edward Buncombe, which enlistment was for the term of Twelve months – that in October of the same year while encamped in the County of Halifax the said John Anderson reenlisted in the same company for the term of three years to commence from the said 7th day of May 1776 – that this

¹ [Henry Barnhill S6579](#)

deponent served in the said Company as Sergeant until his term of 12 months had expired, during which time the said John Anderson served in the same company as a private soldier and was left in the service by deponent. This deponent does not know of his own knowledge say any thing further of said Anderson's continuance in the said Army but always supposed & believes that he served his time out until he was lawfully discharged, as he never heard the contrary suggested though he has been well acquainted with him since the said War.

This deponent further saith that he often saw the above mentioned John Enloe write & sign his name – that he considers himself as well acquainted with us his handwriting – and from that acquaintance he saith that he has no doubt but that the certificate signed by the said John Enloe & hereunto annexed, is in the handwriting of the said Captain John Enloe.

This deponent further saith that the reenlistment of the said John Anderson in October 1776 for three years from the first enlistment as aforesaid above is perfectly in his recollection – that several others of his acquaintance reenlisted at the same time – that he recollects seeing Captain Enloe give them the sixteenth of a dollar towards their bounty & promised when the paymaster came to pay them the rest of the County in which was Ten Dollars – The Captain also offered this deponent the same terms & urged him to enlist, but deponent declined it.

And further deponent saith not.

S/ Benj. Hodge

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benja Hodge". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

John Hodge² being duly sworn as above deposeth and saith that he was an Ensign in Captain John Enloe's company in the 5th Regiment of Continentals originally commanded by Colonel Buncombe – That he is and has long been, well acquainted with Major John Anderson of the County of Pitt – that he well remembers that the said Anderson enlisted in said Company the latter part of April or the beginning of May in the year 1776, that he was among the first that he enlisted in said Company. This deponent continued in said company two years or two years and a half, during which time said Anderson continued in steady service unless absent on customary furloughs, and was serving in the same company and this deponent left the service. This deponent cannot say of his own knowledge that said Anderson enlisted for three years from the said April or May 1776 but he always understood & believes that he did – and he is fully convinced that he served his term of three years out, if not longer, having never heard to the contrary though well & intimately acquainted with him, and living in the same County for a great length of time to wit from our youth up to the present time.

This deponent further saith that he was accustomed to see the said Captain Enloe write & sign his name and from that acquaintance he believes the certificate hereunto annexed signed John Enloe is in the handwriting of the said Captain Enloe.

John Hodgs [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hodgs". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of North Carolina Pitt County this day personally came before me Shadrach Shivers one of the

² This officer is listed as "John Hodges" in **"Fortitude and Forbearance" The North Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War 1775-1783**, by Lawrence E. Babits and Joshua B. Howard, NC Archives, 2004.

Justices for the said County of Pitt William Spain³ of the County aforesaid and made oath upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he was well acquainted with John Anderson of the State and County aforesaid in the Continental Service from sometime in April 1777 till sometime in February 1780 at which time April 1777 said William Spain Entered into the Continental Service & that he had been Acquainted with said Anderson from his Infancy & had lived a neighbor to him and he believed that said Anderson had Served nearly 12 months before he the said William Spain had entered into Said Continental Service the above deposition of William Spain was taken and subscribed to before me at the Dwelling house of Captain Jesse Shivers on the 12th of June 1819. I certify that William Spain is a man of Credibility. Given under my hand the day & date above mentioned.

Sworn to before me the day and date above written.

S/ Shadrack Shivers

S/ William Spain, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, County of Pitt: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

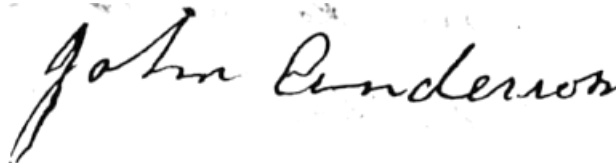
On this 10th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the Said Court John Anderson, a resident of the County of Pitt aforesaid, aged 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, in open Court, doth, on his oath, make the following statement, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he was a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution, a Private in the 5th and in the 2nd Regiments of the North Carolina Continental line, that he was placed on the Pension Roll under the Act of March 18, 1818, of the North Carolina Agency, received a Certificate thereof and drew the first payment due thereon – and was struck off from the same on account of property – that he now resides in the County of Pitt aforesaid and resided there at the time the first application was made.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State, or if any, only on that of the Agency in the State of North Carolina, from which he has been stricken off as aforesaid.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ John Anderson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Anderson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

³ FPA W6148