

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Anderson S6512

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

On this __ day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, William Anderson, aged 75 -- a resident of Edgecombe County, who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. --

He enlisted under Capt. John Grey [John Gray] for twelve months. The company was attached to the Regiment of Col. Sumner [Jethro Sumner]. He was ordered to Wilmington and accompanied the Regiment from Wilmington to Charleston -- at the time General Lee [Charles Lee] as in command -- after remaining some time in Charleston he went to Savannah Georgia. After having been in camp at Savannah for a considerable length of time he went to Ossibo [Ossabaw?] Island and having there put up provisions they returned to Savannah and remained until the death of the Capt. The company was dissolved and he returned to Halifax and was discharged. This service embraced a period of 12 months.

He again entered as a substitute in the service of the United States under Capt. Edward Clinch -- with [illegible first name] Hale 1st Lieut. This company belonged to the Regiment of Col. Jos. Clinch [Joseph Clinch]. He went through the southern part of North Carolina and passing through South Carolina entered Georgia and engaged the enemy at Briar Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]. After the defeat at Briar Creek he returned to North Carolina.

He soon enlisted as a substitute in the company of Capt. Bradley [George Bradley]. This company belonged to the Regiment of Col. Mebane [Robert Mebane]. The company was organized in Kingston [sic, Kinston] NC from Kinston he went on to Charleston and remained there more than a year. He was there during the siege and when Charleston capitulated [May 12, 1780] he was taken prisoner by the British. He was about six weeks guarded as a prisoner and made his escape and returned to North Carolina.

The first clause in this declaration he sustains by Micajah Petway.¹

The second clause he sustains by the evidence of Lewis Todd² and ~~Barrett Bradley~~.

The third clause he sustains by the evidence of Nath Bradley [sic, Nathaniel Bilbry]³ in

¹ [Micajah Pettaway \(Petway, Pettway\) S3668](#)

² [Lewis Todd S7736](#)

³ [Nathaniel Bilbry \(Bilborv\) S6645](#)

part -- the rest is unsustainable save by the oath of himself.

S/ William Anderson, X his mark

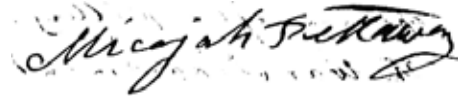
He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present -- and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed.

I Micajah Pettaway do hereby certify that we were with William Anderson and believe the facts set forth in the first clause of his declaration to be correct.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Micajah Pettaway



I Lewis Todd do hereby certify that I were with William Anderson and believe the facts set forth in the 2nd clause of his declaration to be correct.

Sworn to & subscribed

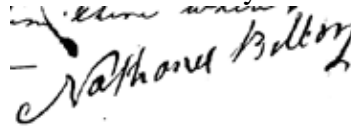
S/ Lewis Todd



I Nath'l Bilbry hereby certify that I was with William Anderson at Charleston -- and left him there when I quit Charleston after the siege.

Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Nathaniel Bilbry



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State of North Carolina Edgecombe County: June 14th 1833

Personally appeared before me H. Austin a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of aforesaid Wm Anderson, who being duly sworn deposed and saith.

That he was born in the County of Edgecombe, State aforesaid, where he has continued to reside during his whole life with the exception of one year when he lived in the County of Johnson [sic Johnston]. He has not in the declaration mentioned the periods of the war when he served in the armies of the United States in consequence of his being unable from loss of memory to specify the same: but he mentioned circumstances of sufficient notoriety he hoped, to enable the department to decide favorably upon his application.

He did not allude to the fact of his service as corporal and Sgt. for the reason that he was unwilling to embarrass his application by claims he might be unable to substantiate. He was not aware at the time that his declaration was made, that the Certificate which was afterwards procured at Raleigh could be had -- indeed it was afterwards obtained without his knowledge; and the apparent discrepancy between the certificate and the declaration is thus explain.

He entered as a substitute in the town of Tarborough and was received by Capt. Blount [Reading Blount] who was acting as a receiving officer -- and the men that were carried to Kingston [sic, Kinston], before companies were formed -- when they were organized, the declarant was cast in the company of Capt. Bradley [George Bradley]. The certificate is wrong

in stating that he enlisted as corporal. Declarant would merely remind the Department that the men never enlisted as corporals -- these offices being subsequently appointed by the commissioned officers -- at least such was the case during the period of his service.

Applicant has not procured evidence from a clergyman because none is resident in Tarborough and his age and infirmities put it out of his power to travel far for any cause whatsoever, and he felt that the direct evidence of Petway, Todd and Bilbry as to his services would have obviated its necessity.

Applicant deposes that in the tour embraced in the first clause of his declaration he served twelve months -- in the second five months and in the last eighteen months, during the last. He served as Cpl. and for a short time, that it regular intervals as Sgt., and for these services he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed.
S/ H. Austin, JP

S/ William Anderson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that William Anderson a private in Capt. Blount's company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 20th of July 1778 for nine months was made Sgt. 25th of October 1778 and reenlisted as a Cpl. the 20th May 1779 for 18 months, nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 16th April 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina service.]