

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Anders [Andres] S6516

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State of North Carolina, Bladen County: Superior Court of Law Spring Term 1834

On this the first day of April in the year 1834 before the Honorable Henry Seawell one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity in and for the State of North Carolina, now presiding, in the Superior Court of Law for the County of Bladen, personally appeared James Anders a resident of New Hanover County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy five years the 18th of May 1833, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

The reasons this applicant assigns for making his declaration in Bladen County instead of New Hanover County in which he resides are First that he was born and raised in the County of Bladen and is better acquainted there than in New Hanover; 2ndly that he lives nearer the Court House in Bladen than the Court House in New Hanover – living thirty-five miles from the Court House in Wilmington New Hanover County, and lives only twenty miles from the Court House of Bladen in Elizabeth Town, and 3rdly because it will be more convenient to attain the evidence of Josiah Sykes by whom he expects to prove part of his service.

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

1st In January 1776 there being a demand for soldiers he volunteered and entered service in a company of Bladen militia under Captain Stephen Anders,¹ John Anders Lieutenant, Joseph Anders Ensign, and served one month as a private, and marched from the place where he embodied on South River to Elizabeth Town thence up to Rockfish seven miles below Cross Creek now Fayetteville, where he joined some provincial troops under General Moore stationed there to prevent the Tories from marching by that way to join the enemy in Cape Fear [River] – below Wilmington and understanding the Tories had crossed Cape Fear higher up & were marching for Wilmington, he was ordered & thence marched to Moore's Creek Bridge where he was in a battle [February 27, 1776] with the enemy under Captain McLeod [Donald MacLeod] the who was killed and eight others – that the Americans were commanded by Colonels Caswell Richard Caswell] and Lillington [John Alexander Lillington]; the regular officers he knew were General Moore & Colonel Ashe [John Ashe]-- -that he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

2ndly In May 1776 he again volunteered and entered service in a company of Bladen militia under the same officers as in the last mentioned tour viz. Stephen Anders Captain, John Anders, Lieutenant, Joseph Anders Ensign and served three months as a private and marched from Bladen to Wilmington, thence to Jumping Run and there stationed to prevent the enemy, lying on board their shipping in Cape Fear from landing and marching up to Wilmington – in no battle – that he has no documentary evidence but thinks he can prove this service by Josiah Sykes living in the upper part of

¹ J. D. Lewis spells these veterans' surname as "Andres"

New Hanover County near the line of Bladen aforesaid --

3rdly He entered again as a volunteer in September 1776 in a company of Bladen Cavalry under Captain James White, Edward Jones Cornet and served one month as a private in an expedition against Tories and disaffected persons, and marched from Bladen into Robeson County on Drowning Creek, thence into South Carolina, was in no battle has no documentary proof and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

4thly And April 1777 a draft being ordered to be made there being a necessity for soldiers this applicant, rather than stand a draft, volunteered and entered service again in a company of Bladen militia under Captain James Shipman, his other company officers he forgets and was attached to a brigade under the command of General Moore and actually served five months as a private marched from Bladen to Wilmington and stationed there and in the vicinity to guard against an apprehended attack of the enemy on board ships of war in Cape Fear below Wilmington, was in no battle, has no documentary evidence and don't know that he can prove this service, and – Captain Shipman is alive but can't tell whether he recollects this applicants service under him.

5thly He entered service again as a volunteer in February 1778 in a company of Bladen cavalry under Captain James White, Edward Jones Cornet, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Richardson, Stephen Anders Major, and served three months as a private, marched from Bladen into South Carolina, and was seeking an engagement with Colonel Barfield commander of a body of Tories in South Carolina; During this tour of service, a detachment of the Tories fired upon the Americans in camp and wounded Joseph Anders Captain of a company of militia Infantry belonging to said Regiment, he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person alive who served in his company but can prove that he was in service at that time by Josiah Sykes aforesaid.

6thly He entered service again as a volunteer in a company of Bladen cavalry under Captain James White in June 1778 and served three weeks as a private, he forgets his other officers – marched from Bladen to Cross Creek now Fayetteville thence over Cole's Bridge into Richmond County, thence along down near the South Carolina line into Brunswick County; this being an expedition to keep the Tories and disaffected persons in awe & subjection – he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service.

7thly In January 1781 he entered again as a volunteer in a company of New Hanover Cavalry (having then removed into that County) being ordered out by the Acting Colonel of the County under Captain David Jones, his other officers he forgets and served two months as a private and was marched down to the Big Bridge in New Hanover County to guard that place and while he was out in this service a skirmish occurred on the East side of the River in which Colonel Brown was wounded – he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove this service – in his last tour Abram Moulton was his Major.

Answers of said applicant the questions propounded to him by the Court aforesaid as prescribed by the War Department

1. I was born in Bladen County N. C. 18 May 1758.
2. There is a record of my age at [illegible word]² Beatty's Esq. in a Prayer book that belonged to my father.
3. When first called into service I was living in Bladen County NC. Since the Revolutionary War I've principally lived in New Hanover County N. C. and I now live in New Hanover County NC.
4. I always volunteered.
5. I refer to my declaration.
6. I don't recollect ever to have received a discharge in writing.

7. He George W. Bannerman, Esq., Owen Anders, Stephen Pridgeon, John Anders, James M. Anders, Timothy Pridgeon, Thomas Sykes & others I could name in Bladen County and George Bannerman, James Kerr, Enoch H. Anders, Robert Murphy and others I could mention in New Hanover County.

He hereby relinquishes 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.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & Year aforesaid.

S/ James Andres



Witness:

Alex McDowell, Ck

[Owen E Anders and Timothy Pridgeon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina, Bladen County

On this the second day of April A.D. 1834 before the Undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Josiah Sykes a resident of New Hanover County in the State aforesaid aged ninety two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he is well acquainted with James Anders a resident of New Hanover County aforesaid aged about 75 years, an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832, knew him before, during and ever since the Revolutionary War and served with him in that war a tour of three months in a company of Bladen militia under Captain Stephen Anders, John Anders Lieutenant and Joseph Anders Ensign, commencing in May 1776 – that they marched from Bladen to Wilmington, thence to Jumping Run just below and there stationed to prevent the enemy lying on board their shipping in Cape Fear below Wilmington from coming up and attacking the Town. This Deponent does not recollect to have served in any other tour with said applicant then in that above stated. He recollects however to have been in pursuit of a body of Tories under the command of Colonel Barfield being in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Richardson of Bladen. The date he can't pretend to state with certainty.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me and I do hereby certify that Josiah Sykes the aforesaid deponent is well known to me and that his statement is entitled to full faith and credit.

S/ Wm Sutton, JP

S/ Josiah Sykes³

[Facts in file: Veteran died October 10, 1839, place not stated; there is no indication in this file as to the marital status of the veteran or as to any children he might have had. There are references however in the file to Owen E Anders, John Anders, James M Anders all living in Bladen County North Carolina in 1834 and to Enoch H Anders a resident of New Hanover in 1834. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$57.06 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months and 21 days in the North Carolina militia.]

³ [Josiah Sykes S7673](#)