

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Anderson Cocke S9232

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State of Virginia, County of Prince Edward Sc.

On this 21st day of August 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the county court of said county, Anderson Cocke formerly a resident of said county but last in the county of Campbell in said State of Virginia, aged seventy four 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776, with Captain John Morton and served in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers, Viz. Colo. James Read & Major Robert Lawson; he enlisted in the month of February 1776, served two years, (the greater part if not all the time) as a musician having enlisted in the county of Prince Edward. he marched from thence to Suffolk and — thence to Portsmouth in Virginia and after Lord Dunmore left the waters of James River [11 Jul 1776], in the month of September 1776 he went by water to the head of Elk in Delaware [sic; now Elkton MD], from thence to Philadelphia, thence to Newark in New Jersey where they met Gen'l Washington in his retreat after the surrender of Fort Washington [16 Nov 1776]. We then joined Gen'l Washington's army at New Brunswick, and in December [26th] 1776 he was at the battle at Trenton, in September [11th] 1777 was at the battle of Brandywine, and in October [4th] of the same year was at the battle of Germantown, the winter of 76-7 we took up winter quarters at Chatham in New Jersey, and the winter of 77-8 we lay at Valley forge, Pennsylvania. a part of the time while in the Army he was with a detachment under Lord Sterling for a short time, was regularly discharged at Valley forge, but does not know what has become his discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not nor ever has been on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

He further states that there were several changes in the officers while he was in the Army, Major Lawson was promoted to a Colonel, at the time he was discharged, Brigadier Charles Scott commanded the Brigade, Major Bell commanded the Battalion in the place of Lawson, perhaps Bell had commanded as Senior Captain, he might have been commissioned a major.

Question, where were you born? Answer the County of Cumberland in Virginia. — q. have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? A I do not know that I have it, I think it was in a family bible. — q. where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live? answer in the county of Prince Edward when I enlisted and served at various places in the adjoining counties, at present partly in Prince Edward and partly in Campbell County Virg'a., mostly in Prince Edward. q. how were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom? A I have stated in my declaration. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served, such as continental and militia Regements as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your service? Answer I have in the body of my declaration. q. did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it? A. I received one, do not recollect by whom it was signed, nor what has become of it. q. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? —

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Anderson Cocke

NOTE: Certified by William Wright, whose deposition made in Cumberland County VA (W6596) is virtually identical to that of Cocke.