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Pension Application of Richard Clough Anderson W1356

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State of Ohio. SS. }

Ross County. } On this 31st day of October, 1848, personally appeared before the Court of Common pleas of Ross County, of the State of Ohio, Sally Anderson, a resident of Chillicothe, in the County of Ross, Ohio, aged sixty eight years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order go obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 29, 1848, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Widows of Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army": that she is the widow of Richard Clough Anderson, who was a Lieut. Colonel in the Revolutionary Army; that, from the best sources of information she can obtain, it appears that said Anderson was, on the 29th day of Jany. 1776, {see American Archives 4th Series. Vol. 4. page 878} chosen Captain of the Company of Regulars raised in Hanover County, Va, the County of his birth & residence, in pursuance of a Resolution of Congress, of Dec'r. 28, 1775, authorizing the raising of six Virginia Battalions; that his Commission, as Captain, "in the Fifth Battalion of Virginia force in the Army of the United Colonies," bears date, March 7, 1776; that of Major, 1st. Virginia Regiment, is dated February 10, 1778, and that he was commissioned and served as Lieut Colonel in the Virginia Continental Line (see voucher No 1.) It also appears that her husband, the aforesaid Col. R. C. Anderson, joined the Army under Genl. Washington, about the time of the retreat from Long Island [27 Aug 1776], and that he was engaged in the following battles, viz: White Plains [28 Oct] and Trenton [26 Dec], in 1776, Princeton [3 Jan]; Brandywine [11 Sep] & Germantown [4 Oct], in 77 Monmouth [28 Jun], in 78, siege of Savannah [16 Sep - 19 Oct] in 79, Charleston in 80 [surrendered on 12 May] where he remained a prisoner about nine months - and Gloucester & York Town in [Oct] 1781; he received two wounds, one, from an ounce ball, in New Jersey, the other, from a sabre, at Savannah. He was in the military family of Genl. Lafayette during his campaign in Virginia, in 1781, and communicated personally his orders for Genl. [Anthony] Wayne's joining him with his troops; he was also in the mily. family of Governor [Thomas] Nelson, of Va, at the siege of Yorktown, when Cornwallis surrendered. At the close of the war, he was selected, by his brother officers of the Virginia Continental Line, as their Principal Surveyor, which office he held and performed the duties of, at his Residence, Soldiers Retreat, Jefferson County, Kentucky, till the day of his death.

She further declares that she was married to the said Anderson, on the seventeenth day of September, seventeen hundred and ninety seven, and that her husband, the aforesaid Anderson, died on the sixteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty six; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, 1800, viz: at the time above stated. [signed] Sally Anderson

NOTE: The file includes a document stating that in Jefferson County KY on 14 Sep 1797 Richard C. Anderson applied for a license to marry Sally Marshall, as well as a marriage bond signed on the same day by Anderson and William Croghan.