

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Anderson ¹ W2048 Rebecca Anderson f65NJ/NC
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State of New Jersey County of Hunterdon: SS

On this 7th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas now sitting at Flemington in and for the said County of Hunterdon, Jacob Anderson a resident of the Township of Bethlehem in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, aged in his 79th year since the 2nd day of March last; who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832, entitled "An act Supplementary to the Act for the relief of certain Surviving officers and Soldiers of the Revolution." –

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, under the following named officers and Served as herein stated, in several different capacities. –

In September A.D. 1775, I went from the State of New Jersey to the State of North Carolina. In March following being by Dan River, at the House of Colonel James Martin of the Militia, I went as a volunteer Horsemen under the said Colonel Martin, with the Militia who were then called out to act against the British, and a class of people, called Regulators, who were assembled near Cross Creek in the lower part of said State. We joined other troops until we had about three hundred, and then fell in with Colonel Alexander Martin, who was said to have with him about twelve hundred listed troops. We marched on and General Moore [sic, probably Colonel James Moore] and Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] defeated them at a certain Bridge between eighty and one hundred miles from said Dan River where we started from. We took a number of prisoners – I was out one month on this expedition. In April following, I returned to New Jersey my native place. On the first of July following I went from the County of Hunterdon where I then resided, as a volunteer in the 5 months service under Colonel Philip Johnson to New York – was there some days, when a Lieutenant resigned, and Colonel Johnson procured me a Commission from the New Jersey Convention as a Lieutenant in his place, in Captain David Frazer's[?]² Company, Colonel Philip Johnson's Battalion and General Heard's Brigade. This Commission has ever since been in my possession and is now shown to the Court, and is dated the 10th day of August A.D. 1776, signed by order of Convention, Samuel Tucker President and attested by William Paterson Secretary – This Commission appointed me a Lieutenant during the will and pleasure of the said Convention, or future Legislature of the said State – Our time

¹ BLWt10218-160-55

² David Frazer

expired on the first of December A.D. 1776, when General Washington was on his retreat through New Jersey to Pennsylvania. I was in the Battle at Long Island when Colonel Philip Johnson was killed. Captain Frazer and myself continued with the camp of General Washington on his retreat through New Jersey to near Newtown in Pennsylvania. I was there nearly one month with him when General Washington returned to Jersey. About the first of January A.D. 1777, the militia being out, I as a Lieutenant, and was sent by Colonel John Mehelm with the charge of nine or ten Hessian prisoners to New-Town in Pennsylvania. I lodged them there in Prison and on my return to In New Jersey, I was made a Captain in the militia and acted as such, although I never received a commission for some cause or accident beyond my control. I was stationed on the lines of our Army from Somerville to New Brunswick. I was constantly out on service, although the Militia on the lines served but half a month at a time, and then was relieved, so that only one half of them would be out at a time. Part of our time I was under Colonel John Taylor, in General Dickerson's Brigade; while under him, we took a number of Wagons and horses from a large foraging party of the Enemy at Millstone and part of the time I was stationed at Bound Brook under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. I was also in the expeditions to Short Hills and Springfield, and served this time as a Captain between 5 and 6 months. Colonel Charles Stewart Commissary General of Issues, then appointed me as assistant Commissary of Issues, in which station I served one-year and two months. By Commission from Colonel Stewart is now shown to the Court, and is dated June 22, A.D. 1777, and is directed to me as Captain Jacob Anderson, which I offer as proof of my rank of Captain as above stated and served as such. In further proof of which I showed the court the oath of allegiance taken by Major David Pragu and myself on the 9th day of July A.D. 1777 before Andrew Bray Esquire then a Justice of the Piece of the County of Hunterdon. This oath was taken at a time when our duties called us to the State of Pennsylvania and in that I am recognized as a Captain. As Assistant Commissary of Issues, I was first stationed in New-Town in Pennsylvania, then at Potts-Grove [?] nearer Camp, and after that at middle town near Harrisburg Pennsylvania – and served as above stated as Commissary one-year and two months which station I am told is equal to the rank of a Captain's – and I respectfully submit my claim to a Pension as Captain.

And I do further declare that I was born in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey on the 2nd day of March A.D. 1754, and that the manuscript Book which is now shown to the Court contains the true record of my age. – I entered the service as a volunteer, and with the exception of my temporary absence as above stated in North Carolina, I resided at the time in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, and have resided in said State ever since the revolutionary War, and I refer to the Reverend Holoway W. Hunt the pastor of the Congregation to which I belong, and to Benjamin Egbert Esquire and Joseph Johnson Esquire (the nephew of Colonel Johnson above named) who are both Judges of this Court, who all reside in my neighborhood to whom I am known, and to whose opinion of my birth and voluntary Services, I am willing to submit. And I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. – And I may add that misfortunes will under this pension very acceptable toine [?] in my few remaining years of life – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ George Rea, Judge &

S/ Jacob Anderson



[Holloway Hunt, a clergyman and Joseph Johnston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of New Jersey County of Hunterdon: SS

On this 5th day of February in the year 1833 Personally appeared in open court before Benjamin Egbert, Joseph Johnson, George Rea and others, Judges of the Court, now sitting at Fleming town in said County, Jacob Anderson a Resident of the Township of Bethlehem – County and State aforesaid, being in the 79th year of his age – since the second day of March last, being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath by way of amendment to his former declaration make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 in favor of the Revolutionary Pensioners viz. – first – being in the State of North Carolina spending (at an old Friend's) the Winter in the year 1776, named James Martin, a Colonel in the Militia, living by Dan River, the British troops and a set of men called Regulators, their adherents – were collecting together in the lower Part of the State, the Militia being called out on duty, I went as a Volunteer light Horseman, with said Colonel James Martin between 80 and 100 Miles to cross Creek, where General Moore and Colonel Caswell defeated them, at a certain Bridge, I was at the taking of several Prisoners – was out in the service (one month) in May following I returned to the State of New Jersey, my Native Place, about the first of July 1776, went into the five months service, with Colonel Philip Johnson – but did not get my Commission, as Lieutenant in Captain David Frazer's Company of troops, until after we was in the City of New York, from thence, we was Sent over to Long Island, and put on guard near Flat Bush, where the enemy had landed, it being in the Evening, the next morning some Stacks of Green being discovered in the lower part of the Narrow field, near the Enemy, General Washington had given orders, to those having Grain to stack it out, so that fire could be put to it, rather than the Enemy should give it – I being one of 18 went to fire some Stacks, and well on to 100 of the Enemy lay in Ambush Concealed took five of us Prisoners, we fired at them and had to run, two nights after we was put on guard, on the big road leading to Flat Bush, the Enemy was discovered to be in motion, in the morning the Battle began, Colonel Philip Johnson got killed, Captain Frazer and I, being near to him but got off being much exposed to Danger, two nights after, we was conveyed over the East River to the City, a few days after General Washington, marched us on York island, but the North River twelve miles to a fortification, was there some time, had some Fighting – thence to the White Plains – had some fighting thence crossed the North River at King's Ferry, thence down said River on Jersey side to a Fortification, the British troops landed above us across said River, General Washington moved in haste to get before them, and Retreated before them through Newark, Elizabeth Town, New Brunswick and so on until he got into the State of Pennsylvania, the 5 months men's time was ended, the first of December 1776, when General Washington was between Brunswick and Princeton (my 2nd Period of 5 months) my lieutenant's Commission – I sent on with other papers from Clinton post office, to the Honorable Lewis Cass, Secretary of War, at Washington City, to establish my Claim to said Pension, about 2 months ago, after said 5 months service, I in December with our Army being in camp near New Town Pennsylvania, being there about 20 days, General Washington returning to Jersey State, about the first of January 1777, the Militia being called out on duty, I went with said Militia as Lieutenant to the Banch [Branch], being on the Road to Brunswick – where the Enemy had taken up their Winter Quarters, after being at said Branch under the Command of Colonel John Mahelm, was sent by him with a guard to convey 10 Hessian Prisoners to New Town Pennsylvania for safekeeping, that was taken by said Militia on the lines &c this Tour and at New Town Camp as Lieutenant in the Militia (my 3rd Period is a Months and 14 days) on my Returned to At said Branch, was appointed a Captain in said Militia, to stay out

on the lines constantly, the half of the Militia went with me there Tour, say one month, and those at their homes, to relieve those out, and so on alternately – towards the latter end of January 1777 went as Captain to Somerville under Captain John Taylor, in General Dickerson's Brigade, was in the Battle we had with a large Foraging Party of the Enemy, with a field piece, at Vanvactors Mill [?]³, on Milstone Creek, we beat them and got a Number of Horses and Wagons, was most of the winter in and about Somerville – thence I was sent on to Bondbrook in General Lincoln's Brigade, had several combats with the Foraging Parties of the Enemy, thence to the Short Hills and Springfield under General Washington, out as Captain (my 4th Period as Captain 5 months) then on the 22nd of June 1777, was appointed and Assistant Commissary of Issues, by Colonel Charles Stewart C. G. of Issue to take my Stationed at New Town Pennsylvania, until further orders, as said Commission sent on to the war Department as above, from Newtown was ordered by Colonel Jones D. C. G. of Issues to Pottsgrove, in said State as per order, in a letter to me, sent it on, to the war Office, as above, from thence by said Jones to Middletown, in said State near Susquehanna River and about 10 miles from Harrisburg, Colonel Stewart's recommendation of me to the Quarter master at Middletown in said Jones' letter to me, said letter sent to said war office as above (was Commissary one year one month and 16 days being the 5th Period and Last) part of the time received \$40 per month; and part 60 per month which I am in hopes will now entitle me to Captain's Pay as per law, Jacob Gray, was my Clerk, is now dead, the Commission will tell when I commenced, and then was attended to, and Jacob Gray's drawing up the last Pay Roll, will tell when it ended, and say I never stood as a Sentinel on guard in said war, and do hereby relinquish all claims whatever to a Pension, under any other Law – Except the Present, and declare my name is not on any Pension Roll heretofore. Sworn and subscribed the day and year as aforesaid

S/ Jacob Anderson

Sworn & subscribed in open court
S/ Benjamin Egbert

[p 9: supporting affidavit as to Anderson's service in the north given by Lt. John Clifford.]

[p 12: On April 2, 1853 in Hunterdon County New Jersey, Rebecca Anderson, a resident of Union (formerly Bethlehem) Township in Hunterdon County New Jersey, aged 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jacob Anderson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him October 20, 1817; that her husband died May 11, 1837 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: Holloway W. Hunt , a clergyman, gave testimony that he married Captain Jacob Anderson and Rebecca Lanning October 20, 1817 in Bethlehem (now Union) Township.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$510.83 per annum for service as a Lieutenant & Captain & assistant commissary of Issues. His pension was increased from \$443.47 per annum. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

³ *Vanvactors Mill,*

[Lieutenant's commission: p 29]

The Deputies of the State of New Jersey in Convention
 To Jacob Anderson, Gentleman


We respecting official & prof. Acquaintance in your Christian & labor. Conduct & fidelity, Do by Virtue of the
 Power & Authority delegated to us by our Constituents, & in Compliance of the Wishes of the Honourable
 Continental Congress, constitute & appoint you the said Jacob Anderson ~~General~~ Lieutenant in
 Capt. Frazer's Company in the Battalion of the said State of New Jersey, raised in the
 Counties of Somerset & Monmouth, in the Brigade under the Command of General Mearns, and
 destined to reinforce the Army at New York, during the Absence of the Officers of this Convention
 in future Legislatures of this State. You are therefore to take the said Company into your
 Charge & to see that the said Lieutenant thereof, if duty so require, will observe & maintain the
 in Honour. And as they are hereby directed to obey you as their Captain, so you are likewise
 to observe & execute the Orders & Directions from Time to Time as you shall receive from
 your Superior Officer or Officers, this Convention, or the future Legislatures of this State,
 and for you so doing this shall be your Commission. Dated the tenth & last Day of August 1777
 By Order of Convention.
 Saml Tucker President

Wm. Caldwell, Secy.

[p 31: commission as assistant commissary]


In Pursuance of a Resolution of Congress dated the 20. day of June
 1777 I do hereby appoint you an Assistant Commissary of Stores
 of your Station for the present to be at Newton in the State
 of Pennsylvania to which place you are to repair and take
 into your Charge and Care all Continental Stores belonging
 to the Commissary's Department for you so doing this
 shall be your Warrant Given under my hand June 20. 1777
 By Order of Congress
 Geo. Mifflin Secy

To
 Capt. Jacob Anderson
 Assistant Commissary



[p 33: oath of alliance]

The Bearer hereof Major David Crozer and Capt. Jacob
Anderson having occasion to travel into Pennsylvania
and perhaps to other parts in the United States and
as they are informed that there is a law in Pennsylvania
that no persons can travel in that Province unless they
do take the oath of allegiance and support to the United
States, they therefore appeared personally before
me this 9th day of July 1833 and has taken the
oath and oath of allegiance to the States accordingly
given under my hand the date as above

 Andrew Bray Justice for
the County of Hunterdon
in west New Jersey

[p 44: yet another application this one dated August 6, 1833. The reason why an additional declaration was required is not clear. I have elected not to transcribe it since it appears to contain a description of his services substantially identical to that contained in his first 2 declarations.]