

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Anderson W23448

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State of Virginia

Cumberland County to witt,

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Jan'y 1839 personally appeared before me Hez'a. Ford a Justice of the peace, in and for said County, Mrs Martha Anderson, the widow of Rich'd. Anderson dec'd.) a resident of said County, aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows" That she is the widow of Rich'd. Anderson dec'd. of said County who was a private in the Infantry service of the virginia line, on Continental Establishment, as will appear by the official Roll (published by an act, and Resolution, of the General Assembly of Virginia, Jan'y. 7<sup>th</sup> 1835,) taken from the army Register, purporting to contain, the names of such non-commissioned officers, and privates, on Continental establishment, as are entitled to lands. That, by his name appearing on this list, he must have served three years or he would not have been entitled to land – for which she is informed he rec'd. a Warrant – that her husband the said Rich'd. Anderson went into service from Caroline County Va as a regular Soldier, and served most of his time in the South – but she cannot speak as to his particular service – and she will have to depend on record evidence to be obtained in the War Department, and Auditors offices in Washington, and City of Rich[mon]d

She further declares, that she was married to the said Rich'd. Anderson in the year 1784 and from the family Register it appears her oldest son James Anderson, was born Oct 11, 1785 – and that her husband the aforesaid Rich'd. Anderson died in the year 1812 or 1813 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan'y. 1794 – as will more fully appear by the proof annexed – that she was married in said County and remained in it ever since.

Martha herXmark Anderson

NOTE: James Anderson of Buckingham County deposed that he had often heard his father, Richard Anderson, speak of his Revolutionary services and understood that he served three years, and that his father died in April 1813. One Jackey Talley, 66, deposed that Richard Anderson was reputed to have enlisted "to serve during the war, or for 3 years." The file includes a copy of the following marriage record: "Richard Anderson to Patty Meador 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1784 by Chr. McRae."