

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Anderson <sup>1</sup> W512 Mary Anderson  
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State of Georgia, Baldwin County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court, before Lucius Q C Lamar, presiding judge of the Superior Court of said County, now sitting, William Anderson, of the 318<sup>th</sup> district, in said County, aged seventy years on the eighth day of January last (born in 1763). He has a record of his age. He enlisted, as well as he can now remember, in the year 1777, under Captain Burwell Smith & he thinks, Lieutenant Park in the County of Wilkes, & State of Georgia. He went under Captain Smith, to the Gourd Vine station, at the Cherokee Corner, in said State; where he remained in the service about two & a half years. He was then discharged, the term of his enlistment having expired. He afterwards entered the service as a volunteer rifleman, at Wrightsboro', in said State, under General Elijah Clarke [also spelled Elijah Clark], went with that officer to the Siege of Augusta [May 22-June 6, 1781], & continued in service with him, until the taking of that town. He was afterwards stationed as a militiaman at Philip's Fort, in said County of Wilkes & at a subsequent period, at Broad River station, under Captain Autry [John Autrey or Autry]. He afterwards went under General Elijah Clarke, on an expedition, against the lower towns of the Cherokee Indians, at the same time that General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], as he understood, attacked the upper towns of that tribe. The party to which he was attached, destroyed about seven of those towns. The company in which he enlisted was raised to go to the siege of Savannah; but on account of Indian depredations, that company did not join the Regiment; but was stationed on the frontier. He has not preserved his discharge, & he cannot prove his services by any witness in the neighborhood. Since the war he has resided in Georgia, principally in Wilkes County.

He, the said William Anderson, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Anderson



[Edmond Brantley, a clergyman, and Tomlinson Fort gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia, Baldwin County

Before me personally appeared William Anderson, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service: but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than two

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& a half years, beginning in the spring of the year 1777, at the Gourd Vine Station. He afterwards, but in what year he does not remember, served at Augusta to the best of his recollection, not less than six weeks – being a private all the time. Afterwards, in what year he does not now remember, in the fall season, to the best of his recollection he was not less than a month in service, in the expedition against the Cherokees, & during this tour he was a private. During all of the periods of service herein specified & also six weeks at Philip's Fort & at Broad River, he was not employed in any civil pursuit, & for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.

S/ William Anderson

S/ John A. Cuthbart, J. J. C.

Answers to the questions propounded by the War Department:

Answer 1<sup>st</sup>. I was born in Buckingham County, in Virginia, in the year 1763.

Answer 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have a record of my age, which I exhibited in court at the time of making my declaration in court.

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was living in the County of Wilkes, in the State of Georgia, when I was called into service. Since the revolution I have lived in that County, & in the County of Baldwin, where I now reside.

Answer 4<sup>th</sup>. He first enlisted under Captain Burwell Smith. He for the second period of his service, volunteered. He does not remember how he went into the service against the Cherokees, but believes that he volunteered them also; nor does he remember how, he was called into, the service at Philip's Fort, or at Broad River Station, at which place his he was in service not less than six weeks.

Answer 5<sup>th</sup>. He served with Captain Burwell Smith, Lieutenant Park, & he believes with Lieutenant Gunnals, of the regulars. He also knew Colonel Dooly Regiment, & General Elijah Clarke, & others, among the militia: also General John Clarke, who well knew the applicant to be a revolutionary soldier, & publicly stated to General Lafayette.

Answer 6<sup>th</sup>. He received a discharge from Captain Burwell Smith, which has been lost.

Answer 7<sup>th</sup>. Edmund Brantley, Tomlinson Fort, William Scurlock, William Scoggins, & others.  
Georgia, Baldwin County

Before me personally appeared William Anderson, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the foregoing answers are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

S/ William Anderson

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1833

S/ John A. Cuthbert, J. J. C.

[p 33: copies]

State of Georgia

This is to certify that William Anderson hath steadfastly done his duty from the time of passing an Act at Augusta, to wit, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1781, until the total expulsion of the British from this State; and the said William Anderson cannot, to my knowledge or belief, be convicted of plundering or distressing the country; and is therefore, under the said Act, entitled to a Bounty of two hundred & fifty acres of good land, free from taxes for ten years.

Given under my hand at Savannah the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1784

By his order

H. Freeman

Elijah Clarke Colonel

Georgia

These are to Certify that William Anderson a Citizen is entitled to two hundred and fifty acres of land, as a Bounty, agreeable to an Act & resolve of the General Assembly, passed at Augusta the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1781, as per certificate E. Clarke Colonel

Given under my hand at Savannah, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1784

Attest

S/ D. Rees Secty.

S/ J. Houston

State of Georgia

To the Honorable the President & Members of Counsel, now sitting in Augusta for the purpose of granting lands in the two new Counties of Franklin & Washington.

The Petition of William Anderson a Citizen of the State aforesaid, sheweth, That your Petitioner is entitled to two hundred & fifty acres of land as a bounty for his services, pursuant to the certificate hereunto annexed: that your Petitioner is desirous of taking up the said land in the County of Washington.

May it therefore please your Honorable Board to grant your Petitioner two hundred & fifty acres of land in the County of Washington on the Right aforesaid, and on his complying with the terms mentioned in the late land Act, and your Petitioner will pray.

S/ William Anderson

[p 13: On May 2, 1853 Mary Anderson, 67, filed in Baldwin County, stating that she is the widow of William Anderson, a pensioner under the pension act at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married said William on March 5, 1805; that William died on May 6, 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: In another affidavit, the heirs said to have survived William Anderson are listed as his widow and children as follows, Mary Anderson, widow, Louisa Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Allen G. Anderson, Thomas J. Anderson, Lazarus V. Anderson, Henry F. Anderson, David M. Anderson, Gilbert M. Anderson, Mary Ann Anderson, Martha S. Anderson, Ann Mariah Anderson, George W. Anderson and Lucy Ann Anderson.]

[subsequent documents indicated that William Anderson was born on January 8, 1763]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]