

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathan Anderson W5626

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State of Virginia and     }

County of Chesterfield }

On 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the county court of Chesterfield, now sitting, Nathan Anderson a resident of the said county and state aforesaid, aged sixty eight years and six months, 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 1832.

States, that he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. Viz. In the latter part of the winter of 1780 I was put on the muster roll, and early in the spring of the said year I was drafted, into the service of the Southern Campaign comanded by Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates. Blanks Moody was hired by my father as a substitute to take my place in the Army; he was present at Gates' Defeat August 16th 1780 and he did not return till the next fall. I feel confident the said Moody was absent on duty six months.

On the 1st January 1781 I entered the service under the command of Capt. Geo. Markham [George Markham] and joined the regiment commanded by Colo. Robert Goode in Manchester while [Gen. Benedict] Arnold was in Richmond, which was on Jan'y. 6th. During this tour of Duty which lasted three months I was present at a skirmish between a scouting party of the Armies at a place called Hoods: At which time and place I believe Colo. Maryweather or Merryweather [sic: Meriwether] a regular officer was in command; I also recollect that Gen'l. Mulinburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] was in the Army and also think, he held a command under Gen'l. Stuben [sic: Baron von Steuben] who was at that time commander in chief of the Va forces. We were discharged from this tour of duty at McKey's Mills [Mackie's Mills] which I think were in the county of Nansemond. It was but a short time after we were thus discharged, that I was again called into the service and was on duty at the time Philips [sic: William Phillips] & Arnold took Petersburg [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. Capt Creed Haskins a malita officer commanded the company at that time. After the action at Petersburg we retreated with the wounded to Chesterfield Court House. Thence to falling Creek Church. Thence to the coal Pitts [Midlothian Coal Pits in Chesterfield County], where we remained a few days, and then cross'd James River at a place called Tuckaho [sic: Tuckahoe], and joined Lafayette the day after his arrival at Richmond [on 29 Apr]. Gen'l. Philips was then in Manchester. I served three months this time and was with Lafayette during his encampments near the meadow bridges. I served also during this tour in a detachment of the Army under Lafayette which crossed James River at a place called Wilton, and marched to a place called Baker's Hill near to, and from which place Petersburg was Cannonaded, Philips having retreated thither from Manchester. This detachment was afterwards marched back through Manchester & Richmond and resumed the former encampment. I was subsequently called on to discharge military duty at the time Cornwallis had retreated to york Town [1 Aug 1781], but in consequence of indisposition was unable to serve in the Army.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Nathan hisXmark Anderson

[Certified by Francis Cole, pension application W8615.]

State of Virginia Chesterfield County to wit

This day [3 Aug 1832] John Bass [pension application S6592] and Jordan Anderson [S6504] both of the County of Chesterfield personally appeared before me being soldiers of the revolution, and made oath

that Nathan Anderson substituted Blanks Moody to take his place in the Southern Campaign  
Commanded by General Gates but how long the said substitute was in the service they cannot say – and  
further they sayeth not [signed] John Bass sen'r [signed] Jordan Anderson

State of Virginia

Chesterfield County Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Nathan Anderson, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, in amendment of the Declaration made by him before the County Court of Chesterfield on the 14th day of August last, as follows, to wit; "That he has in his possession a record of his age representing him to have been born on the 23<sup>d</sup>. day of January 1764, which was copied from a record made by his father, the original whereof has been carried by his brother to the State of South Carolina; That he was regularly drafted as a militia man, and entered into the service in conformity therewith, and served as he has already stated in his declaration six months in person; and not less than six months more by his substitute, as he has already declared: That he never received any written discharge and has no documentary evidence of his service, as it was not usual to give written discharges to the militia: That he could mention the names of a great many persons who could testify as to his credibility and their belief of his services; but supposes it will be sufficient to name Edward Bass Senr., Edward Anderson, Maj. Wm. Goode, James Elam and Richard Elam."

Nathan hisXmark Anderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833

NOTE: On 29 Oct 1841 Mariana Anderson, 77, of Henrico County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married Nathan Anderson in Chesterfield County about 1785. She later declared that he died on 31 Oct 1834. In the file is a copy of a bond signed on 10 Apr 1785 by Nathan Anderson and Thomas Bass for the marriage of Anderson to Maryann Mayo. On 29 June 1848 at age 84 she applied under a later pension act.