Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Anderson W5627
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State of Virginia }
County of Augusta } Ss.
On this 26th day of December 1846 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County, Mary Anderson, a resident of Augusta Count, aged seventy nine 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, 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of George Anderson who was a private in the militia of virginia in the revolution, that she cannot state the day, month, or year of his entering or leaving the service. that he was drafted into the service for six months [see endnote], and was a resident of the County of Augusta, and State of Virginia at the time of the draft – that he marched from home, as she believes under the command of Col. George Moffett of Augusta County – that he was engaged in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], in which he received a severe wound in the neck – that after the expiration of the term for which he was drafted, he returned home – that the wound he received affected him at time, most seriously during the rest of his live – that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim.

She further declares that she was married to the said George Anderson on the twelfth day of February seventeen hundred and eighty nine, by the Rev'd. William Wilson – that her husband the aforesaid George Anderson died on the twenty ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and fourteen, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred, and ninety four viz. at the time above stated

[signed] Mary Anderson

State of Virginia }
Augusta County } Ss:
This day George Breaden personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath, that he was well acquainted with George Anderson, the husband of Mary Anderson, that he knows that during the Revolutionary War he was drafted into service for six months under Col. George Moffett of Augusta County – that he marched from home under the command of said Moffett, and was engaged in the battle of Guilford – that he received a wound in the neck in that engagement, which affected him at times during the rest of his life. that at the expiration of the term for which he was drafted he returned home, and was scarcely able to reach home in consequence of his wound, and bad health, and was unable to perform military duty for two years thereafter that Col. Moffett, and said George Anderson, at the time of the Revolution, lived on adjoining farms – that he, the affiant, is eighty two years of age, and has lived all his life in the same neighbourhood in which said George Anderson lived, and died – that he, the affiant knows that the said Mary Anderson has remained a widow since the death of her husband the said George Anderson – that George Anderson died, as he believes in the month of June eighteen hundred, and fourteen. George hisXmark Breaden

NOTES:

Virginia militiamen were drafted for terms of three months each, although they were sometimes kept for longer periods.

A copy of the marriage record gives the maiden name of Mary Anderson as Mary Bredon.