

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Anderson W884

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State of Tennessee } Ss.

Davidson County }

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of said Court now sitting, John Anderson, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated to Wit. That he was born in Frederick County, Virginia, on the 30th day of July 1758, and that he entered the service of the United States he thinks sometime in the year 1777 [sic] the day & month he does not recollect, as a drafted militia man, under Capt. George Farrar, who with himself was drafted to guard Gen'l. Burgoyne's prisoners [sic: Hessians captured at Saratoga, 17 Oct 1777 but not brought southward untill late 1778] to Fort Frederick in Maryland – he was engaged in this service about two months. After being discharged by his Captain he went home, and staid there about two years, when he was drafted a second time under the same Capt. Farrar, to go into South Carolina to Gen'l. Greene's Continental Army [Nathanael Greene, who took command of the Southern Department in early Dec 1780], with rum, sugar & salt &c. After landing our charge, I joined Col. Wynne's Regiment as a volunteer at Orangeburg – the business that devolved upon his party was scouting principally – he had frequent skirmishes with the tories upon & down the little river Edisto. He well remembers one circumstance which took place, while he was in Col. Wynne's Regiment, which he will here relate. At the station of Orangeburg, the place he entered, a certain Capt. Stalyard's (an American by birth) had been for a while a british Officer, Capt. he thinks – but was at the time of which he is now speaking about the American Army – he had some acquaintance with a Dr. Wm Goodwin of our Army, & in conversing to him one day, he observed to the Doc'r. that he thought he had not treat him right – the Doct'r. from that asked the other to walk a little piece with him, which he done, & arriving at some muskets, the Doctor very deliberately seized one of them & shot Stalyard's – it made a strong impression upon his mind, & he is now induced to relate it on that account. He continued in Col. Wynne's regiment in the American Cause, until sometime in the year 1781 when he was discharged. After being discharged, and upon his return home he was attacked with much violence by the mumps. when he got clear of them, which continued upon him for about one month, he at length arrived at home in Frederick County Virginia. Upon his discharge, which was by Capt Thos. Shannon, who was subordinate to Col. Wynne, and which was on the South fork of Edisto So. Carolina, sometime in the month of October 1781, Shannon gave him a certificate of his service of thirteen months in Col. Wynne's regiment – his certificate was afterwards stolen from him by a colered man belonging to Capt. Thos. Conn of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Va. – at the time it was stolen from him he set but little value upon it, as he had no idea that it ever would be of any service to him. He never received any certificate for the two months he served in guarding the prisoners of General Burgoyne to fort Frederick in Virginia – the whole term of his service was fifteen months.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. [signed] John Anderson

Question. Where & when were you born?

Answer. I was born in Fredrick County, Virginia, on the 30th day of July 1758.

Question. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have none at present. My elder brother had it within my recollection

Question. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Frederick County Virginia, when I entered the service: I removed from there afterwards to the State of South Carolina where I resided a short time. I resided three years in the State of Kentucky, & from there moved to the State of Tennessee, Davidson County, & here I am now living, & have been for the last 24 years.

Question. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was drafted.

Question. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. Old Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan was a Continental Officer from the county where I was raised. Shannon was our Capt. in our So. Carolina expedition, Wynne our Col. and [William] Henderson our General, and Col. Enoch Weathers Aide camp from Farquahar [sic: Fauquier] County Virg'a.

The general circumstances so far as I recollect, are stated in the narrative of my service, which I here refer you to. Farrar was our Capt. in our tour with Gen'l. Burgoyne's prisoners to fort Frederick. I have no recollection of any other officer's name that was with us in Burgoyne's expedition.

Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge for my services of thirteen months in South Carolina, & had it stolen from me in the manner before stated – for the balance the first two months I served I never received any discharge.

Question. State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I am known to Wm Herrin minister & all the people of my neighborhood, and Col. E. H. Foster, Wm. Lytle, & Robert C. Foster will testify as to my veracity of character & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution

[signed] John Anderson

NOTE: On 24 Nov 1838 Ann Anderson, 72, applied for a pension stating that she married John Anderson on 3 Aug 1784, and he died 12 Mar 1836. As proof of marriage she submitted her family record transcribed below. On 20 Apr 1843 she applied under a later act at age 77.

Benjamin Anderson was Born in October 1785 13 Day

John Anderson was Born March 10 d 1787

Robert B Anderson was born January 26 d 1789

George Anderson was born February 14 d 1791

William P Anderson was born March the 16 d 1794

Isaac Anderson was born November the 7 d 1796

Oliver C Anderson was born March 27 day 1792

Summerfield Anderson was Born in December the 1 day 1798

Sumerfield was marid 10 day of July 1816

Berimien D Anderson was born November the 29 Day 1801

Baylis E Anderson was Born in the year of our Lord November the 7 day 1802

Merium Anderson was born January the 21 d 1805

John Anderson & Ann Clerk was Married in the year of our Lord August the 3 day 1784