

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Anderson S2915

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State of Tennessee County of Jefferson: SS July 1833

On this 6th day of July personally appeared before me John Hodges a Justice of the Peace of Jefferson County, James Anderson, a resident in the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee, aged Seventy Three years, 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 7, 1832. That the Declarant James Anderson was born in North Carolina on Tar River. The day and year of his birth he does not know, never having had a record of his age, but judging from his age, when he was drafted, and the year as he believes in which he served in the Revolutionary War, he reckons his birth to have taken place in the year 1760. At four years of age, he moved with his father to Cape Fear River, North Carolina, just below the big falls, in the upper part of Cumberland County. This Declarant was living on Cape Fear River when he was drafted at eighteen years of age. At the house of one Slade, Christian name not recollected, the Declarant was drafted by Captain Robin Cobb for a tour of Six months. He was drafted in the fall of the year 1778 the day & month not recollected; the men that were drafted at this time were or directed to rendezvous at Fayetteville and report themselves to Major Mathews. In conformity with this order be Declarant went to Fayetteville and reported to Major Mathews who assigned him to Captain Obadiah Roundtree's Company of infantry of which M. White was the Lieutenant. The names of the other Officers and Sergeants are not recollected. Captain Roundtree's Company were immediately marched by him from Fayetteville to the Savannah River, to join General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], who had a considerable force under him on that River. The declarant has forgotten the names of some of the water courses which he crossed on this march; The following are such as he now recollects – first Drowning Creek, 2nd Pedee River – passed through Camden, crossed the Santee – then the Congaree, passed through Orangeburg, then crossed the Edisto, then marched to the White houses one mile from Savannah now. At the White houses General Lincoln was encamped with about fifteen thousand men. Captain Roundtree's Company and another Company were stationed on the road leading from Augusta to Charleston one half mile from the main body of the Army. Major Lewis commanded these two companies. Our company, being thus removed from the main body of the Army, the declarant did not know any of the Colonels and Majors of the regular troops, of which there were some, and the names of those whom he heard spoken of occasionally he has forgotten. Every twenty-four hours five hundred men were marched out on the main road leading from Charleston to Augusta. At the expiration of the time for which our company was drafted in the first of June

¹ The documents relating to this veteran are erroneously filed in the same folder with James Anderson S1786 as posted on Fold3.com. this veteran's papers begin at page 21 of that file.

Captain Roundtree marched back his company and this Declarant was discharged by his Captain just above Fayetteville making a service of Six months from the time he was drafted until he was discharged. This Declarant has no documentary evidence in regard to his services nor does he know of any person from whom he could procure the testimony as to his service. The declarant, James Anderson, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. He never received any compensation for his services whatever: He has lost his discharge. When he was discharged by his Captain, he authorized the Captain to draw whatever was coming to him. The Declarant never received anything from the Captain – and if his Father did, he is not aware of it.

Question 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I do not know in what year I was born I was born in North Carolina, on Tar River, Randall County.

Question 2. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have none.

Question 3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer. When drafted, I was living on Cape Fear River – Since the Revolution I lived on Cape Fear River North Carolina until 21 years ago, when I moved to Jefferson County – where I now live on the waters of Bent Creek.

Question 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

Answer. I was drafted.

Question 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and the General Circumstances of your Service.

Answer. I do not recollect the names of any of the regular officers except that of General Lincoln. The General Circumstances of my Service are detailed in my declaration to the best of my recollection. The tour for which I was drafted expired before any movement of the troops under General Lincoln from the White Houses for the purpose of laying siege to Savannah – which afterwards – took place and which was the object of the collection of troops on the Savannah.

Question 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge and if so, where is it?

Answer. I received a discharge which I have lost, where or when I do not know.

Question 7. State the names of 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 would refer to the Reverend Andrew Coffman, Jr., Captain John Riddle, Mr. John Shipley who can be examined touching my veracity and their belief of my Services as a Soldier of the Revolution

S/ James Anderson, X his mark

Witness

S/ John Shipley

S/ John Riddle

[Andrew Coffman, John Riddle, John Shipley gave the standard supporting affidavit.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]