Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Anderson S2914 f24NC
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State of Tennessee, Henderson County: Circuit Court October Term 1832[1]

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John C. Hamilton one of the Circuit Judges in and for the State of Tennessee and now presiding as Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting in and for the County of Henderson in the State aforesaid George Anderson a resident of the State of Tennessee in the County of Henderson aged about seventy eight 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 the 7th 1832.

This Declarant states that he entered the service of the United States from the County of Person in the State of North Carolina as a Drafted Militia private but was immediately promoted to the rank of Orderly Sergeant in the Company commanded by Captain __ Morehead. This Company marched from Person County and joined the American Army on the South of Catawba River then under the Command of Major General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] which was lying at the Indian Town – this Declarant's company became attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Tennett. This Regiment as well as the company to which this Declarant belonged was composed altogether of Drafted nine months men. The name of his Major is not now recollected. The name of his Lieutenant was Cato Parker. After joining the Army as before stated and after being for a short time attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tennett This Declarant's company with several others of the same Regiment were withdrawn therefrom and attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Malbere [Francois Lellorquis Marquis de Malmedy] a Frenchman. This Regiment belonged to that Division of the Army which was under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln].

This Declarant now states that General Greene ordered General Lincoln with his Division to march on the 10th day of June 1781 on Stono a distance of about 6 miles from the Main Body of the Army and attack the British Army which was then lying there. This order was promptly obeyed and the Battle [June 20, 1779] commenced on the same day but the enemy being too strong for us after sustaining considerable loss in killed and wounded we were compelled to retreat back to head Quarters. The next evening the British abandoned Stono and the American Army marched on to Charleston at which place after having served out his nine months tour this Declarant was discharged and which discharge he has long since lost. This Declarant should here state that when he first joined the Army of the Catawba under General Greene that the Army moved from that place on to South Carolina and at the plantation of one Galpins fell in with the Division under the command of General Lincoln from this place the whole Army marched to within six miles of Stono where they Battle was fought by the

1 The claimant's statement is very disoriented. He appears to be relating service during the time of the battle of Stono which occurred in 1779 when the Southern Department of the Continental Army was under the sole command of Benjamin Lincoln. Yet he states his service was rendered in 1781 under Nathanael Greene who then commanded Lincoln. Benjamin Lincoln did not serve under Greene at any time during ever 1779, 1780 or 1781.

Division under General Lincoln and which was the head Orders of General Greene.

This Declarant states that his Regular officers attached to this Army were General Nathanael Greene, General Lincoln, Count Pulaski who fell at the Battle [of] Savannah in Georgia and Colonels William Washington and Harry Lee.

This declarant further states in their return home his Lieutenant Cato Parker was killed in a skirmish with the Tories just after they had crossed Yadkin River by a [illegible word, looks like "Yawzer"] Ball[2].

After the expiration of this tour of service this Applicant again entered the service of the United States in the same year (1781) in the months of July or August as a Substitute for his half Brother John Cosh [Cash?] in the North Carolina Militia Regiment from the County of Orange commanded by Colonel William Moore but the names of his Captain, his Lieutenant or Major are altogether forgotten by him. This Regiment was stationed at Hillsborough in order to protect the Legislature of North Carolina against the incursions of the Tories who were numerous parties were hanging around the City during the sitting of the Legislature. This tour of service was only for three months which this Declarant faithfully served out and was regularly discharged and which Discharge he has also since lost. In this term of Duty this Declarant was attached to no regular Army no regular Officers consequently he cannot state the names of any.

This Declarant states that in the latter part of the same year shortly after the capture of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in Virginia [October 19, 1781] he again entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer Militia Private of Cavalry from the County of Person as before stated in the Company commanded by Captain __ White in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Moore his Major was by the name of Elijah Moore and Brother to the Colonel. This Regiment was ordered to the Town of Wilmington in order to dislodge the British from that City and who retreated from thence upon the approach of this Regiment – this tour of service lasted for about two months and a half when this Declarant was finally Discharged and which discharge he has likewise lost. General Butler was the commander in chief at Wilmington. This Declarant states that his Parents moved from off of Potomac River in the State of Virginia when he was about five years of age into North Carolina and that at the time he served as stated in this Declaration he was a resident of Person County in the State of North Carolina.

This Declarant states that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He 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.

S/ George Anderson, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ E. H. Tarrant, Clerk

Questions By the Court

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born on the Potomac River in the year 1754 in the State of Virginia I was so young when I left that state that I do not know the County of my nativity.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have none my father died when I was a Small Boy after his removal to North Carolina.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

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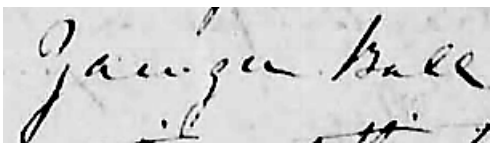
2 

and where do you now live?
Answer. I was living in the County of Person in the State of North Carolina during my Service from that County I moved into Smith County afterward into Sumner and lastly into Henderson County where I now reside in Tennessee.
4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?
Answer. In the first tour I was drafted for nine months in the second Tour I was a substitute for three months for my half Brother John Cash in the third Tour I was a volunteer.
5th 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. The Regular Officers of the Field were first General Nathaniel green General Lincoln Colonel Malmedy of my Regiment Colonel Washington and Colonel Lee of the Cavalry and the Count Pulaski fell at the battle of Savannah the General circumstances of my service are set forth in full detail and this Declaration – the Continental or Militia Or regiments I do not recollect.

S/ Edward H. Tarrant, Clerk of the Circuit Court

[Roland Cook, a clergyman, and Christopher H Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Lexington Henderson County
Tennessee April 20, 1834

Dear Sir

I hold it to be my indisputable duty to inform you that I have recently learned and believe the fact is true that George Anderson for whom I obtained a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 was a Tory in the war of the Revolution. I am authorized in this by the assertions of several respectable Citizens who knew him in North Carolina and when Anderson first applied to me for a Declaration Stark and Steerman said his family was of house burning memory and horse stealing memory they were in the revolution and are since dead. I then refused to draw his Declaration but Colonel Samuel Dickens wrote to me on the subject stating that from his acquaintance with Anderson he would believe him upon his oath in consequence of this I drew his Declaration and obtained for him his pension – Yet Sir even under the high respectability of Colonel Dickens whose philanthropy and goodness might have been imposed upon yet I was not satisfied as to his fidelity and patriotism in the service of his Country – but a subsequent remark made in the presence of my wife and Daughter now the wife of Mr. Gladen given [?] of this place merchant in conversing with an old Soldier of the revolution (William Lacy[3]) for whom I had just obtained a Pension, he Anderson observed that it would have been better for the people of America if they had never separated from King George because he could obtain salt, iron and every other article cheaper than even at this Day.

You can submit this letter to the War Department for further advisement of the payment of the Pension of George Anderson. Everything in this letter detailed can be substantially established..

Respectfully yr Obt. Svt.
S/ Hugh W. Wormeley

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Pension Agency, West Tennessee
Office Bank United States
Nashville 4th May 1835

Sir—

I have today received the enclosed letter from Mr. Hugh W Wormeley which I hasten to forward

[3] **William Lacy S21342**

to you – George Anderson the pensioner therein named has been paid up to the 4th of September last. His Stipend will be suspended here until I have received your instruction – which you will be pleased to give as early as possible. I am not acquainted with Mr. Wormeley but believe that he resides in the Congressional District lately represented by Colonel Crockett. Lexington is not far from Jackson in West Tennessee.

I am most respectfully Your obedient Servant
S/ Tho. H. Fletcher, Resident & Pension Agent

J. L. Edwards Esquire
Commissioner of Pensions Washington City

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $46.67 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 14 months in the North Carolina service.]