Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Antrican (Andriken, Enderkin, Anderson)[1] S4261 f41NC
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State of Tennessee, Hawkins County: Court of Pleas & quarter sessions August Session 1834

On this 25th day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas &c now sitting Francis Adrekin, sometimes called went into service, Francis Anderson, and sometimes Francis McCajakin, a resident of Hawkins County State of Tennessee aged 70 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1781, with Thomas Dunehoo [sic, Thomas Donoho] and served in the first North Carolina Regiment of the North Carolina line, under the following named Officers: This Applicant states that he was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1764 as well as he can ascertain he does not know the month for there was never to his knowledge any record of his age, that he was living in Orange County North Carolina when he first entered the Service of the United States as an enlisted Soldier under Captain Thomas Donoho & 1st Lieutenant Summers that [he] enlisted in the Service for twelve months and was attached to the first Regiment of the North Carolina line under the command of Colonel Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon "Hal" Dixon], that the first & second Regiments rendezvoused at Hillsboro and were placed under the command of General Sumner [Jethro Sumner], that there were other officers whose names he at this time cannot recollect. This Applicant further states that from Hillsboro they were marched to Harrisburg & from thence to Oxford Court house, at this place they were stationed some time, but how long he cannot now undertake to say, & from thence they were marched back to Hillsborough, & from thence they were ordered on to join General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at headquarters at the High hills of Santee in South Carolina, that they did join General Greene at his headquarters & here they remained a short time for General Greene to collect his forces, after which under the command of General Greene the whole Army were marched out with the intention of going on to Ninety Six & had not proceeded far when they received the information that the British had broken out of that place, they then changed the direction of their march & continued in pursuit of the British till they came up with them at the Eutaw Springs, where they had a bloody battle [September 8, 1781] with the enemy that in this engagement besides killing a great many they were enabled to take about 300 prisoners as well as he now remembers, that after this engagement gave a great advantage to the Americans, the Army under General Greene composed of the Different Regiments to one of which this Applicant belonged, was marched back with the prisoners to the High Hills of Santee, which was considered headquarters. This Applicant further states, that at the High Hills of Santee, a detachment was called out to proceed on with the prisoners that this Applicant composed one of that detachment, that they proceeded with the prisoners guarding them as far as Salisbury and here the Militia took charge of them & the Detachment returned to the Main Army at High Hills of Santee, where they remained in winter quarters till nearly the close of the winter and were

[1] Cover sheet also lists the following alternative spellings of the veteran's surname: Andrekin, McCajakin.

then marched from thence to a place called the Round O here they were stationed some time, but how long he cannot now say from thence to the Horse shoe at this place they were also stationed some time but how long he cannot say and from thence to a place called Bacon's Bridge at this place they were stationed till the time for which he had enlisted expired, from which place after his time expired, this Applicant in company with about 200 were marched under Colonel Dixon to Charlotte, where they were discharged. This applicant received his discharge from Colonel Dixon signed by him & returned home, which Discharge he afterwards lost by being washed up in his waistcoat pocket. This Applicant further states that he entered the service as an enlisted soldier on the 15th day of May 1781 and left the service about the 15th day of June 1782 having served one month over the time for which he had enlisted. This Applicant further states that he some time ago, under one of the former Laws, applied for a pension & at that time proved his services as an enlisted soldier by two witnesses, who have since died & that he is at this time unable to make the proof but that he did not succeed in getting his pension for some reason at this time unknown to this Applicant. This Applicant further states that in addition to the aforesaid service as an enlisted Soldier, he also served as a volunteer in the United States service, that he was [text torn from document] Orange County North Carolina and had not been home [text torn from document] from his service as an enlisted Soldier, when he [text torn from document] the latter part of the summer of 1782 the most [text born from document] August he now thinks he again entered the service of the United States in a company of Rangers under Captain Allen Captain of Cavalry that they rendezvoused at Hillsboro about 100 in number that from Hillsboro they ranged in towards Crossed Creek & in the Counties of Wilmington, Chatham, Randolph, Orange & Wake, that during this ranging expedition they were not stationed at any particular place but were continually in active service, going wherever they could hear of the Tories opposing the Whigs & affording relief, that they caught & executed many Tories & out lyers [outliers]. This Applicant further states that when he volunteered he did not volunteer for any stated time but volunteered for the purpose of doing the [illegible words] all the service he could disregarding time, that during this term of service he did not return home for ten months, but during all that time was ranging in the service of the United States, that this term of service lasted ten months & they were then discharged at Hillsboro & his discharge was signed by Captain Allen, which he has also lost he knows not how. This Applicant further states, that soon after he returned home from this trip he again entered the Rangers, under Captain Guinn [Gwinn or Gwen or Quinn?] as well as he remembers, that they ranged several Counties & places among which was a place called Lindley's Mill and Deep River, that they then returned home & was discharged, which discharge is lost with the second discharge. That he served not less than the above periods as a Ranger making in all twelve months. This Applicant further states that he at a great many other times volunteered as a Ranger & was out several days at a time & sometimes [text torn from document] us the times were short & he is unable now [text torn from document] them clearly, he does not claim them, this [text torn from document] further states that he has lived since the Revolution [text torn from document] North Carolina & Tennessee & that he now lives in H[text torn from document] County Tennessee where he has lived for the last [text torn from document] years past. He further states that he has named all the officers that he at this time can recollect. This Applicant further states that he never received a Commission. This Applicant further states that he is unable to prove his services by any person now living that he knows of but that he is well known in his neighborhood to John Mitchell Esq. & Caswell Crawley a Clergyman who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services during the Revolutionary War. 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, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ W. B. Mitchell, D. Clk S/ Francis Andrekin, X his mark

State of Tennessee, Claiborne County

On this fourth day of February 1839 personally [appeared] in open Court before the Justices holding said Court for the County and State aforesaid and now sitting Francis Antrican resident of the County of Grainger aged seventy five years of age and perhaps seventy six 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.

He states that he entered the service in State line of North Carolina under Captain Thomas Donohough [sic, Donoho] about the 25th of April 1781 in the first Regiment of State Troops commanded by Colonel Henry Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] and General Sumner's Brigade at Orange Courthouse in North Carolina and was marched to Oxford and from thence to the Siege of Ninety Six in South Carolina where we joined the Continental Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] which was the spring after the battle of Guilford Court house fought by Generals Green & Morgan against Cornwallis. We was ordered on to Ninety Six to reinforce General Greene; and at the Siege of Ninety Six we lost over hundred men and did not then take the place; this was in the month of May a little after the middle of the month after this General Greene marched his command, both continentals and State Troops to the high hills of Santee and the British retired to the Eutaw Springs and in the early part of the fall we fought the battle of the Eutaw Springs against Lord Rodden [sic, Rawdon] General Greene commanded in person a hard battle and we took upwards of a thousand prisoners there; this battle was a little past the middle of September the same year after I enlisted or volunteered. This place is about 40 miles above Charleston where the British returned and we returned to the high hills of Santee again. When we got there Captain Donoho who was made Major after the battle of the Eutaw Springs commanded the detachment that carried the prisoners up to Salisbury North Carolina where the prisoners was put in charge of a detachment of Militia who took them on as I understand to Virginia and we was ordered back to join the Main Army again we went on by Cheraw and then to the high hills of Santee we remained there until winter and then our detachment was ordered on to a place called the round O and horse shoe these two last places are close together from this last place we was marched to a noted place called Bacon's bridge in South Carolina where I remained in the service until the latter part of May 1782 when my time was out being a twelve months tour but stayed in service a month over my term of enlistment before I was discharged being thirteen months; about this time there was orders for a few companies of volunteer cavalry to be raised for North Carolina scouting service to keep under the Tories that was constantly doing mischief and plundering the Country; when we were marched away about on the first of June and marched into North Carolina to a place called Cross Creek where Fayetteville now stands or about the place; we was now under a Major Allen from North Carolina this enrollment was for twelve months unless sooner discharged. I served about ten months in this service against the Tories for at this time there was no bullying in these quarters; and was all discharged by our commander Major Allen in both of these tours. I got a written discharge the first was washed up in my jacket pocket and the other in the lapse of years was lost and I know not what became of it. The first tour my discharge was given by Colonel Henry Dixon and the last by Major Allen as before stated.

I then returned home to Orange County North Carolina about fifteen miles below the Court house and moved in the upper part of the County fifteen or eighteen miles above the Courthouse and lived there five years and then moved to a place called [no name stated] in Tennessee now Greene County Tennessee near a place called Babb's Mill; where in the month of September 1793 on or about the first of the Month I joined a company under Captain John Casey Ordered out by General Sevier [John Sevier] to go against the Cherokees down on the Holston [River] we met and was enrolled and marched from this place not far from where Greenville town now Stands to a place called Cashias Station on the South side of Holston River we remained there to keep a lookout some time and was marched over the River to Campbell's Station and occasionally on the Scout and after the end of three months which was the term of time we was called out for, we was marched back to Greene County and discharged by Captain Casey having received a discharge and certificate for three months and seven days Services; Again I was called out on a two months Tour and met the first of March 1794 and

marched to Paint Rock near the Carolina line and then the edge of the Nation on French Broad River and discharged at the end of two months Lieutenant Conoway [sic, Conway?] commanded the Company; again in November the same year I was called out again under Lieutenant Nathan Veach and served two months at Paint Rock as well as my recollection; Again I was ordered out by Colonel Hill this last tour I headed the company of about 40 men and marched them to Roof's Station on the French Broad and remained there until the two months was out at this time we was all frontier men and minute man as pioneers to save the scalps of our wives and little children making in all nine months and seven days in the different tours against the Cherokee Indians for all of which I had certificates for my services when added to my former services against the British makes 32 months and seven days this last tour was in the fall of 1795 he states that the certificates for his Indians services and the deposition of a Mr. Counts of Grainger County and a Mr. Goings of Hawkins County which proved his services against the British was put into the hands of a Mr. Alexander who he employed in 1833 to attend to the business who neglected to attend to it as it ought to have been done he then employed General John Cocke to attend to it and after a while he told me he could not and to get a Mr. William Winston of Hawkins County a lawyer who neglected it from time to time and at last moved to Alabama and then last of all I employed a Mr. Louis Mitchell Esq. of Hawkins County and who as I understand got the papers spoken of Mr. Winston and about 18 months ago moved to the West somewhere I think to Arkansas and the business has been canceled from one to another until my papers are lost so that I cannot get or find them which will account for the loss of my papers Mr. Counts and Goings are both now dead; and although I have been trying to get the business done from the time I had a knowledge of the law from my entire ignorance of the manner it had to be done and the neglect of those he employed and being put off from time to time as before recited answer the inquiry why I have not applied sooner for my rights under the law and why I cannot now produce any documentary evidence he states that he lived in Greene County 18 or 19 years and moved to Hawkins County Clinch Valley where he has lived 32 or three years and within a few miles of where he now resides across the County line in Grainger County in the same neighborhood, where he has lived a year or better; he would state that he knows of no living witness that he can prove all his Services by but believes that he will be able to throw some light on the subject by the Testimony of John F. Imes which will accompany this declaration so as to place his case beyond suspicion; he neglected to state before that General Sevier commanded & ordered all the expeditions as chief commander of all the Indian expeditions; and now hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the United States or of the agency of any State whatever; and revokes all agencies [and] powers of attorney to other persons heretofore employed to attend to this business for me except my present agent Dr. A. Noel of Tazewell who is fully authorized to manage the whole business for me in as ample a manner as if I was personally present myself Sworn to and subscribed this day and year first written.

S/ Francis Antrican, X his mark

The following questions was propounded by the said Court in accordance with the instructions from the Pension Commissioner and the answers duly recorded

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

I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1762 as I have been informed.

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

Answer. I have no record only as I was told.

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

Answer. I lived in Orange County North Carolina when called into service. I lived there five years after the War & 18 or 19 in Greene County Tennessee then to Hawkins 31 or 32 years and one year in Grainger County.

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. I volunteered and was attached to the state line of North Carolina.
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.] Brigadier General Sumner had the command until we joined General Greene & after Greene Commanded Colonel Dixon, Major Donoho, Major Allen and at one time Colonel or General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] was with us a part of the time in South Carolina. I have forgotten the names of many. My Indian services my officers or call named in my declaration.
6th 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 from Colonel Henry Dixon which was washed up the discharge from Major Allen I lost I know not how the Certificates for my Indian services was lost by Mr. Winston or Mr. Mitchell.
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.
Answer. I will say all my neighbors to wit Archie McCoy Claiborne McCoy James McCauley Major Adam Wolf Joseph Davis Esq. Thomas P. McNally William Hepshere Marshall Webb Esq. &c. indeed all. Sworn and subscribed to in open Court.

S/ Francis Antrian[sic], X his mark

S/ Peter Neil, Chair of the Court

State of Tennessee, Claiborne County

Francis Antrican the within named applicant for a pension maketh oath in open court that the reason of his making his application in the Court of Claiborne in the place of Grainger court is that his agent Dr. A. Noel was sick and could not attend Grainger Court and that he lives within one quarter of a mile of this County line and as well acquainted in the County of Claiborne and the people with him as Grainger & it is also near up to the Courthouse of Claiborne than to that of Grainger. These all my reasons for making my application here. Sworn and subscribed to this fourth of February 1839.

S/ Francis Antrican, X his mark

State of Tennessee, Claiborne County

This day Francis Antrican or Francis Enderkin who is a petitioner to be placed on the Pension Roll of the United States under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 and whose declaration is now filed with the Department personally appeared before me Peter Neil a Justice of the peace and made oath in due form of law that he is no scholar and never knew how his name or how it ought to be spelled that during the time of his service he was called Enderkin; Anterkin and Antrican that he does not know how his name should be spelled and that he was transferred to Captain Yarborough's Company after the battle of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina and he expects that the Regiment was the 10th but does not know certainly that it was the 10th but is now satisfied it must have been so; he states that he is old and feeble both in mind & body & cannot recollect all the particulars of a transaction 50 years ago that he knows he performed the service for which he claims & knows he was transferred to Captain Yarborough's Company he knows he served in that campaign about 13 months and is satisfied and does know that he is the Identical Francis Enderkin which is found on the records of the North Carolina line in the Secretary of State's office in Captain Yarborough's Company because he knows there was no such man or name in the Company but himself and here with submits a copy of that record from the said office of North Carolina accompanied with the letter William Hill Esq. who was Secretary of State at the date of the same & prays that his claim be admitted on the merits of the

same; Sworn & subscribed to before [me] this 19th of September 1839.

S/ Francis Enderkin

Sworn and subscribed to before a Justice of the peace for Claiborne County
S/ Peter Neil, Seal
State of North Carolina: Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina to hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Francis Enderkin a private in Captain Yarborough's Company of the 10th Regiment was enlisted in 1781 for the term of 12 months and that his time was out on the 22nd May 1782, no doubt serving out the time for which he enlisted.

Given under my hand this 13th day of August 1839

S/ Wm Hill,

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina Continental line.]