Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Anderson S46684 f19NC

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State of North Carolina, Edgecombe County} Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this day 27 of August, personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting, George Anderson Senior, Aged 75 – 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 passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated.

That he was drafted for the military service of the U.S. about two months previous to the Guilford fight [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781].[1] The company to which he was attached was commanded by Capt. Ethelred Philips and __ Mires [? Muir, Mims, Mins?],[2] Lieut. This company belonged to the Regiment of Col. Linton [Lt. Col. William Thomas Linton][3]. Being organized at Halifax he accompanied the Regiment to the neighborhood of Guilford and was engaged in the battle at Guilford Court House. After the engagement he returned to Halifax and was soon returned to the Continental line for twelve months and was put under the direction of Captain Alex Purvard [probably Alexander Brevard] whose company belonged to the Regiment of Colonel Pink Eaton [Pinkerton or Pinketham Eaton]. This organization took place at Ramsay's Mills in Guilford County N. C. From Ramsay's Mills he passed on through the Southern part of North Carolina and crossing the Santee in South Carolina seized a Fort in that neighborhood taking prisoners about 5 or 600 of the enemy. From this place the Regiment moved on to Augusta in Georgia surprising two temporary fortresses that had been thrown up [Siege of Augusta, May 22-June 6, 1781].[4] In an engagement at the latter place Colonel Eaton was killed. He was then sent down with a detachment to Savannah to effect an exchange of prisoners. He then returned to Augusta. From this place he went to Ninety Six and was put under command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. General Greene was engaged in desultory movements to prevent the enemy from reinforcing – and not long after we engaged them at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781].[5] In this engagement your applicant was prevented from having shared from being placed in charge of the baggage wagons &c.

After having returned to Camden and remained there some weeks – and being kept together

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1 https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

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3 Linton was a Lt. Col. in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment. He resigned his commission in June 1781. He was later accused of the murder of former Captain Michael Quinn who had defected to the British. He was acquitted of this charge. See footnote 6 below. https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_lt_colonels.html

4 Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/

5 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

until he had approached Ramsay's Mills on his return he was discharged.

This service included a period of 14 months. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove these facts. He appends some certificates to substantiate the statements set forth in the declaration. He was born in this County & resided here at the time he entered the service.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to whatever pension or annuity other than the present, he may have had a claim to – and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ George Anderson, x his mark

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I Elijah Moore do hereby certify that I was with George Anderson in the service 12 months and as far as my knowledge of the facts set forth by him extends, I believe him to be correct. Sworn to,

S/ Elijah Moore, X his mark

I William Anderson do hereby certify that George Anderson did leave the County of Edgecombe and engage in the Revolutionary service and after being absent more than 12 months returned and it was generally believed that during his absence he was attached to the Army. Sworn to,

S/ William Anderson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that George Anderson a private in Captain Quinn's [Michael Quinn's] Company[6] of the 10th Regiment, he enlisted in the year 1779 for nine months and was discharged in December 1779.

Given under my hand (having no seal of Office) this 5th day of April 1833

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 9: On August 1, 1853 in Henderson County Tennessee, George Anderson filed a claim for the pension due his father from September 4, 1836 to September 4, 1837 and the amount due his mother, Jane Anderson, as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that his father died in Henderson County Tennessee the last of August 1837; that his mother Jane lived until the last of March 1838 and was survived by six living heirs, George Anderson, John Anderson, Nancy Anderson, now Nancy Halions [?], Rebecca Anderson, Sally Anderson, now Sally Taylor, Polly Anderson now Polly Lee. He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the North Carolina service.]

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[6] Quinn was a Captain in the 3rd NC Regiment on the Continental Establishment. He resigned his commission on December 14, 1779 and thereafter joined the British forces before he was captured at Edenton in 1781 and executed as a traitor. https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_captains.html