

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Anderson: R203

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

The State of Ohio,

Personally appeared before the subscriber judge of the Supreme court of Ohio William Anderson, who being duly sworn states that about twenty days after the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] he enlisted as a private soldier under Captain Doberry who was attached to the sixth regiment of the Maryland troops on Continental establishment. that he was afterwards transfered to the artillery in which he continued eighteen months. that he continued as a soldier in the continental army, being transfered to different parts of the army, until after the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], at which engagement he was present, and in which he was severely wounded. He received his discharge, but long since lost it. The said William Anderson further states, that he is now upwards of sixty two years old, and is infirm from the wounds he received in the revolutionary war as to be unable to procure a living, and he is so poor, as for some years past, to depend on charity, and the poor laws of the state, for his food and clothing.

Sworn and subscribed this 15th May 1818

William hisXmark Anderson

John McLean

The State of Ohio

Personally appeared before the subscriber Judge of the Supreme Court the within named Wm Anderson, who states that in his deposition on the other side there was by some means a mistake as to the number of the regiment - it was the 4th Regt in which this affiant served under Capt Doberry - commanded by Col. Thaxter[?] - in which, he served eleven months. After which, he was transferred as stated in his former deposition.

John Mclean

Wm hisXmark Anderson

It is very probable that I make this mistake in the former deposition of Wm Anderson. By examining the rolls of the 4 Regt it can be ascertained. The deponent states that at the taking of Cornwallis he was badly wounded, and as he understood afterwards, was returned as one of the slain.

John Mclean

The State of Ohio}

Warren County}

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace within and for the County of Warren afs'd Jeremiah Collins who being duely sworn deposeth and saith that he the said Jeremiah Collins was a Captain of Horse belonging to the french troops who served in the American revolutionary war that during his service in the war aforesaid he knew William Anderson a black man that when he first knew the said William Anderson he was he believes a servant to Captain West who was killed at the battle of Brandywine that after the taking of the british garrison near little York in Virginia this deponent found the said William Anderson at a small distance from th garrison afs'd apparently dead but after some examination he was found to be still living and had received a severe wound in the left thigh this deponent procured the said William Anderson to be carried in to the American camp where his wound was dressed this deponent knew the said William Anderson for five years, that during the five years which this deponent knew the said William he was in the service part of the time with the American troops and part with the french troops this deponent has seen the said William in Battle and knows him to have been a soldier of undoubted courage this deponent knows the said William at this time to be living in Lebanon in the County of Warren and State of Ohio that he is old, and decreped in consequence of the wound in his thigh afs'd that this deponent has been informed and verily believes that the said William procures his subsistance almost exclusively from the Charity of the people, and further saith not

Jeremiah hisXmark Collins

Sworn and subscribed to this twenty sixth day of February A.D. 1818

The State of Ohio

William Anderson personally appeared before and testified that he is not positive as to the name of Doberry and on hearing the name of Carberry mentioned as a captain in the regiment in which he served, he thinks that he has more than likely been mistaken, as his memory at best is very treacherous. He is confident of having served, as before stated.

1st Sept 1819 John Mclean Judge Sup Court.

It is perhaps proper that I should state that on my asking the above applicant, whether the Captains name under whom he served was not Carberry, he immediately replied that he believed it was, and that he had mistaken the name of Carberry for Doberry. I have not a doubt that he performed the service as stated in his deposition. His wounds have rendered him a cripple ever since he received them. Both legs or thighs appear to be broken, and his arm in one or two places. He is now, and has been for some years a public pauper, supported by the Township. He is rendered stupid by age and infirmities - he can scarcely recollect any thing accurately. It seems to me that he is worthy of support from the government on account of the faithful services he has rendered.

John Mclean

The name of Wm. Anderson does not appear on the Rolls

Thos Karney, Audt'r. State Md.

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