

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Anthony W3914

Elizabeth Anthony

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State of North Carolina, Surry County: November Sessions 1832

On this 13th day of November A. D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Roberts, William Bowles and Mabry Smith justices assigned to hold the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for the County of Surry in the State of North Carolina now sitting James Anthony a resident of Surry County and State of North Carolina aged 75 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.

That he enlisted as a volunteer in the service of the United States under Lieutenant William T. Lewis and served in Colonel John Williams' Regiment in Caswell County in North Carolina the year not recollected – rendezvoused at Hillsboro marched to Halifax – thence to Alexandria thence to Georgetown – thence to York Town – thence to Lancaster – thence through Princeton to head quarters at Valley Forge – Thence to Trenton thence to West Point -- thence to Stony Point under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], was at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] – thence back to West Point-- thence to Charleston S. C. under Colonel Clark – was there under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] – guarded the city for some time, but was ultimately taken [May 12, 1780] prisoner by the British under Cornwallis – was a Prisoner eleven months in Charleston – was thence carried to Jamaica in a British man of war – remained there two years or thereabouts escaped from Jamaica and returned to New York. That he served the three years and again enlisted again during the war under Colonel Mebane [Robert Mebane] and Colonel Clark that he served in all about six years and ten months and that he never received any discharge – that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person now living who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Anthony, 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 James Anthony a private in Captain Rice's [Hezekiah Rice's] Company of the 9th Regiment enlisted on the 4th of May 1777 for three years or the War, and that in 1784 a Warrant was issued for his services on the certificate [of] a Field Officer, for the quantity of land or allowed by law to a Soldier who served during the war.

Given under my hand this first day of May 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

[p 12: On August 7, 1843 in Surry County North Carolina, Elizabeth Anthony, 82, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Anthony, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in the month of March 1792 in Wilkes County North Carolina; that he died in December 1836; and that she remains his widow. She states that she has no family record to support her marriage neither does she know whether any such record exists. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17: On November 26, 1844 in Surry County North Carolina, James Hicks, 72, gave testimony that he was present at the wedding of James Anthony and Elizabeth Sale in Wilkes County North Carolina in the month of March he believes 1790 or 1791 in the house of her father, William Sale; that the ceremony was performed by one Tap Mathews, JP; that in addition to himself Meredith Thurman (now dead), Mary Jennings (now dead), Amelia Anthony and Robert Sale were present at the wedding.]

[p 19: On November 27, in Wilkes County North Carolina, Robert Sale, 76, gave testimony that he was present at the wedding of his sister Elizabeth Sale when she married James Anthony in Wilkes County at her mother's house by publication, the common custom of the County at that time; that they were married in the spring of the year in March he thinks 1791 or 2 by Tap Mathews, a magistrate; that he recollects that James Hicks, David Anthony (now dead), Leonard Sale & James Sale (both they had) were also at the wedding. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Facts in file: the widow died July 22, 1852, place not mentioned; the file contains no reference to any children the veteran and his wife might have had.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]