

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Anderson W512

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State of Georgia, Baldwin County

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court, before Lucius Q C Lamar, presiding judge of the Superior Court of said County, now sitting, William Anderson, of the 318<sup>th</sup> district, in said County, aged 70 years on the eighth day of January last (born in 1763). He has a record of his age. He enlisted, as well as he can now remember, in the year 1777, under Captain Burwell Smith & he thinks, Lieutenant Park in the County of Wilkes, & State of Georgia. He went under Captain the Smith, to the Gourd Vine station, at the Cherokee Corner, in said State; where he remained in the service about 2 ½. He was then discharged, the term of his enlistment having expired. He afterwards entered the service as a volunteer rifleman, at Wrightsboro', in said State, under General Elijah Clarke, went with that officer to the Siege of Augusta, & continued in service with him, until the taking of that town. He was afterwards stationed as a militiaman at Philip's Fort, in said County of Wilkes & at a subsequent period, at Broad River station, under Captain Autry. He afterwards went under General Elijah Clarke, on an expedition, against the lower towns of the Cherokee Indians, at the same time that General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], as he understood, attacked the upper towns of that tribe. The party to which he was attached, destroyed about seven of those towns. The company in which he enlisted was raised to go to the siege of Savannah; but on account of Indian depredations, that company did not join the Regiment; but was stationed on the frontier. He has not preserved his discharge, & he cannot prove his services by any witness in the neighborhood. Since the war he has resided in Georgia, principally in Wilkes County.

He, the said William Anderson, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Anderson

[Edmond Brantley, a clergyman, and Tomlinson Fort gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia, Baldwin County

Before me personally appeared William Anderson, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age, & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service: but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than two & a half years, beginning in the spring of the year 1777, at the Gourd Vine Station. He afterwards, but in what year he does not remember, served at Augusta to the best of his recollection, not less than six weeks – being a private all the time. Afterwards, in what year he does not now remember, in the fall season, to the best of his recollection he was not less than a month in service, in the expedition against the Cherokees, & during this tour he was a private. During all of the periods of service herein specified & also six weeks at Philip's Fort & at Broad River, he was not employed in any civil pursuit, & for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1833.

S/ William Anderson

S/ John A. Cuthbart, J. J. C.

Answers to the questions propounded by the War Department:

Answer 1<sup>st</sup>. I was born in Buckingham County, in Virginia, in the year 1763.

Answer 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have a record of my age, which I exhibited in court at the time of making my declaration in court.

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup>. I was living in the County of Wilkes, in the State of Georgia, when I was called into service. Since the revolution I have lived in that County, & in the County of Baldwin, where I now reside.

Answer 4<sup>th</sup>. He first enlisted under Captain Burwell Smith. He for the second period of his service, volunteered. He does not remember how he went into the service against the Cherokees, but believes that he volunteered them also; nor does he remember how, he was called into, the service at Philip's Fort, or at Broad River Station, at which place his he was in service not less than six weeks.

Answer 5<sup>th</sup>. He served with Captain Burwell Smith, Lieutenant Park, & he believes with Lieutenant Gunnals, of the regulars. He also knew Colonel Dooly Regiment, & General Elijah Clarke, & others, among the militia: also General John Clarke, who well knew the applicant to be a revolutionary soldier, & publicly stated to General Lafayette.

Answer 6<sup>th</sup>. He received a discharge from Captain Burwell Smith, which has been lost.

Answer 7<sup>th</sup>. Edmund Brantley, Tomlinson Fort, William Scurlock, William Scoggins, & others. Georgia, Baldwin County

Before me personally appeared William Anderson, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the foregoing answers are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

S/ William Anderson

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1833

S/ John A. Cuthbert, J. J. C.

[Mary Anderson, 67, filed in Baldwin County on May 2, 1853, stating that she is the widow of William Anderson, a pensioner under the pension act at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married said William on March 5, 1805; that William died on May 6, 1844.]

[In another affidavit, the heirs said to have survived William Anderson are listed as his widow and children as follows, Mary Anderson, widow, Louisa Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Allen G. Anderson, Thomas J. Anderson, Lazarus V. Anderson, Henry F. Anderson, David M. Anderson, Gilbert M. Anderson, Mary Ann Anderson, Martha S. Anderson, Ann Mariah Anderson, George W. Anderson and Lucy Ann Anderson.]

[subsequent documents indicated that William Anderson was born on January 8, 1763