

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Anderson VAS45

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection of rejected pension claims filed in that state contains the following documents relating to this veteran:

I Certify that I was well acquainted with John Anderson of the County of Gloucester and State of Virginia who enlisted under Captain Travis [Edward Travis] on board the Brig *Raleigh*¹ a privateer of sixteen guns in the capacity of a private; and that the Brig was taken by the British and that the said John Anderson died while in the hands of the British – as witness my hand & seal this 6th day of August 1832.

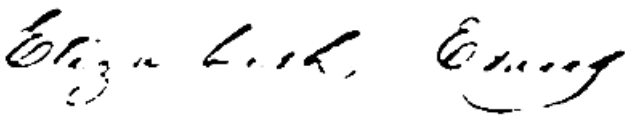
S/ William Jeams, X his mark

Gloucester County to wit

This day William James appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath to the truth of the above statement. Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of August 1832

S/ John T. Scott, JP

[p. 2: There is a petition made by Elizabeth Evans and addressed to John Floyd, Governor of Virginia in which she states that she is the only surviving heir of John Anderson deceased who was her grandfather; that he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war having enlisted on board the Brig *Raleigh* which she believes was commanded by Captain Travis; that the *Raleigh* was captured by the enemy and that John Anderson died while in the hands of the British; that she believes John Anderson never received a land warrant for his services and she prays to be awarded such warrant.



[Note: I did not attempt to transcribe the petition of Elizabeth Evans because the quality of the digital image is very poor and there were a number of words in it that were too faint to discern but I believe the summary above is a fair statement of what she says in her petition.]

¹ Ken Kellow has an excellent article posted on his site regarding the Raleigh and Capt. Edward Travis. <http://www.awiatsea.com/pl/Br/British%20Prizes%20April%201777/Raleigh%20Brig%20%5BEdward%20Travis%20%5D.html>