Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Anderson R197 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

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Knox County County Court November Sessions 1836

Nancy Anderson a citizen of Knox County State aforesaid, appeared in open court, at a county Court held for the county of Knox at the Court house in Knoxville on the 7th day of November 1836 and made the following declaration & statement of facts in order to obtain a pension under the provisions of the acts of Congress towit: "That she was married to William Anderson in the county of Rockbridge in the year 1779 in the month of April and that they lived together as man and wife untill the death of the said William Anderson which was on the 17th day of December in the year 1830 or 31 and that she is still a widow never having married after the death of her husband the said William. Her husband William Anderson served a tour of duty under Captain Alexander Tedford against the Indians in the year that they (the Indians) made an attack on Donleys Fort in Greenbriar County Virginia [sic: Donnally's Fort at present Frankford in Greenbrier County WV, 29 May 1778]. He was drafted in the close of the year 1780 or in the begining of the year 1781 for a three months Tour of duty into the State of North Carolina. He employed a man by the name of John Cochrane as a substitute who served the campaign under Captain Alexander Tedford (Major Alexander Stuart) and was in the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. In the latter end of the summer before Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] his waggon & Teem were pressed for the use of the army he went to drive the teem and was in hearing of the Cannon when Cornwallis was taken. He also went on a tour to Charlottesvill [sic: Charlottesville] Virginia to meet the British who, it was supposed were marching by that route to Staunton [June 1781]. Col Bayer & Charles Campbell Captain were the officers. The above statement she knows to be true in part of her own knowledge but as this declarant did not accompany him from home the other parts of the statement she believes to be true from the information of her husband & others who were along Test Robt M Anderson Nancy herXmark Anderson

Martha McCampbell states that she was present and saw William Anderson married to Nancy McCampbell in April 1779, both of Rockbridge County Virginia. They lived together untill his death and his Widow Nancy Anderson never married again and is yet living. William Anderson who was a brother of this deponant served a tour of duty under Captain Alexander Tedford, the year that the Indians attacked Donleys Fort in Greenbrier Virginia. These troops were taken on a three months tour. In 1781 he was drafted to serve a tour of three months in North Carolina. Samuel McDowell was Col. Alexander Suart Major & Alexander Tedford Captain. He did not serve in person in this campaign but hired John Cochran who did serve and was in the battle of Guilford as she is informed & believes. He also went on a tour to Charlottville to meet the British when it was supposed they were marching for Staunton. No Officer recollected but Col Boyer William Anderson died in Knox County Tennessee on the 17th day of December 1830 or 31. His Widow Nancy Anderson is yet living and a widow Test Robt M Anderson Martha herXmark McCampbell

[A similar deposition by Mary McCampbell gives the date of marriage as 8 Apr 1779.]