

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Anderson R199

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Commonwealth of Virginia }
Wood County to wit }

On this 17th day of December in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before Robert Triplett, Jonas Beeson, John Taylor and Matthias Chapman Justices of the Court of Wood County now setting, Peter Anderson a resident of Wood County aforesaid in the Commonwealth of Virginia aforesaid now in his Seventy third year 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 at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War your affiant was forted in the North West corner of Virginia on Buffaloe Creek [probably Buffalo Creek in present Brooke County WV] a branch of the Ohio River about ten miles from said River where he and his Fathers family had resided since the year 1772 - That at the breaking out of the war your affiant was about sixteen years of age - That in April 1776 or 1777 this affiant was drafted to serve in a Company of Militia Commanded by Capt. Gerick Hoagland and that he actually served as a private in said Company one month That from and after that period and during the whole of the residue of the war, this affiant resided in the frontier of the Country bordering on the Ohio which was the a wilderness and was constantly engaged as a volunteer in the militia service in defending the frontier Country from frequent intrusions of the Indians and during this period was called at differant times into Actual service under the Command of Captain William Scott, Timothy Downing and Samuel Tilton. That said Affiant was forted under different Commanders at different periods and places during the summer of each and every year during the continuance of the war. That during this period your Affiant was often called out on scouting parties to defend the frontier from Indian depredations - And he verily believes that his different times of service during the continuance of the Revolutionary War would amount to a full period of at Least two years for which services you Affiant never received any compensation That during this period your Affiant was well acquainted with divers officers of the regular army to wit Captains Samuel Brady, Benjamin Biggs and John Mills who at differant times during the period refered to were stationed at Wheeling on the Ohio River - That your affiant has no documentary evidence in his possession shewing the term or nature of his services, during the period refered to. - That if he ever had this species of evidence it is now out of his power or control, being either lost or mislaid. That your affiant believes all the Officers under whom he served during the revolutionary War are now dead; and no private with whom your affiant was associated in his various tours of Military duty is (if living a fact not within the present knowledge of this affiant) now living within this region of the Country - That your affiant is now in his seventy third year. Has been a constant resident on the Ohio River and its waters since the second day of May 1772 - And that he has resided constantly in that part of Virginia now embraced within the limits of Wood County for the last Forty four years, and where he now resides - Your affiant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State in the United States —

[signed] Peter Anderson

Hon Lewis Cass

Dr. Sir. I am requested to enclose the within affidavit of Peter Anderson as an amendment to his declaration made the 17th day of Dec'r. 1832 and returned for the purpose of stating more definitely the times and officers under whom he serve, from the nature of his service I find impossible for him to come strictly within the instruction, but think he has declared satisfactory as to the length of time including all of service. It is but Justice that I should add that I have known Peter Anderson thirty seven years was raised in his neighborhood and from my boyhood up I know he has been considered a Vetran of the revolution and Indian wars And I have no hesitation in believing all he states to be true. Respectfully

H L Prentiss

Please be so good as to direct to me for expedition sake

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for Wood County Peter Anderson who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he can not state precisely the length of time he was in actual service during the revolutionary war. that he was drafted under Capt D Hogland for six months. although not out in actual service but one month, yet he kept himself in readiness and subject to the Capt's orders through out the season and was frequently ordered out for a short time and that after the six months expired I got a discharge certificate for my pay, but I never Received it

After this tour I Volunteered in the militia and was under the command of Col David Shepherd and afterwards under Col Williamson and went out under the last named Col to logtown on one occasion. in this service we were not mustered into an Army, but kept our selves ready subject to the orders of our officers. I was frequently call'd on and being rather stouter man than many I was good woods man. I was generally sent on quick marches, sometimes 10 Day, sometimes longer I was marching through the woods after enemy. In this service I was as strictly bound to perform my duty as a militia man as although I was [not?] regularly mustered. In fact, I was recognized as being under the following different captains William Scoot Capt Hogland Capt Timothy Downing, Capt Samuel Tetus with whom I was garrisoned two summers. and last under Jonathan Zanes [sic: Jonathan Zane]. My distinct recollection of the time is more particularly under Hogland near six months, and Capt Tetus one year that including the others I feel warranted in stating unequivocally that I was in the militia service under the officers above named upwards of two full years during the Revolution

Subscribed and sworn to before me This 16th July 183 [sic]

[signed] Peter Anderson

H L Prentiss JP

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners and applicants from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth. On his report on Anderson Singleton wrote "not Entitled," probably because his service was not in an embodied corps under competent authority.]

Peter Anderson. Applicant.

this man stated on the 22^d December 1834 that in the year 1772 he settled on the Ohio River near Wheeling & has lived on the Ohio River ever since - that during the whole of the Revolutionary War, he was scouting ranging, and forted against the Indians. that he lived in different settlements each of which had their fort. that their families lived at the forts in the summer season & in the winter would return to their Cabbins. - that whilst at the forts some would be engaged in clearing lands & cultivateing corn, whilst others were watching & guarding against the expected invasion of the Indians - that the duty of watching & guarding & cultivating corn &c. was done by the men at the Fort alternately. - that he Anderson was engaged in the above service during the whole war. - that he was never in any regular service or under any regular officer or officers. - that the people of the forts generally selected some one of their own body as a commander or leader - officers or leaders thus chosen were frequently changed.

A copy W. G Singleton Dec. 22, 1834