Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard Anderson S10059

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IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, That Richard Anderson formerly a Captain in the first reg't. of the Maryland line of the United States Army is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in the service aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, viz.

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that on the 15th day of March in the year 1781 being engaged with the Enemy at or near a place called Guilford Court House in the district, or territory, of S. Carolina [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC] he received a wound in his left elbow and he is thereby, not only incapacitated for military duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is totally disabled from obtaining his subsistence from manual labor. [illegible signature] Surgeon

WE, the Subscribers, practising physicians of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland Do hereby Certify, That after a careful examination in the case of Richard Anderson who is now on the Pension Roll of the State of Maryland, we are of the opinion that his disability does still continue and can never be removed either in whole or in part, it having been occasioned by a musket ball passing through the elbow joint of his left arm which injured the bones considerably and has rendered the arm stiff and useless-And further that the degree of disability under which he labours at present is Total being not less than the original degree of disability for which he was placed on the Pension Roll.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this day of on sixth day of October Eighteen hundred & twenty three signed Otho Wils signed James Anderson

signed Rich'd K Watts

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, Richard Anderson of Sumpter [sic Sumter] District, in the county of [blank], in the State of South Carolina do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the War at which period I was a Captain in the first regiment of the Maryland line.

And I also declare, that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a sum equal to the amount of five years' full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress, of the 22d of March, 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October, 1780.

And I do further declare, that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3d day of March, 1826, the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars paid to me by the Agent for paying pensioners in the State of Maryland. Richard Anderson

Witness my hand, this thirty first day of May, in the year 1828.

State of Maryland Baltimore County Sct

I William Medcalfe Clerk of Baltimore City Court hereby certify that it has been proved in open Court by testimony satisfactory to the said Court that Richard Anderson formerly a Captain of the Maryland Line in the Army of the Revolution lately deceased – left the following children, and heirs at law, to wit William W Anderson, Franklin Anderson residing in the City of Baltimore, Richard, Alfred, Juliet, and Anne Anderson – and that the said Richard Anderson left no widow.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this

twenty eighth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & thirty six W M Medcalfe Balt. City Clk

WAR DEPARTMENT INVALID PENSION [not dated]

I certify, That in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 15th June 1836, William W. Anderson, Franklin Anderson, Richard Anderson, Alfred Anderson, Juliet Anderson and Anne Anderson, children of Richard Anderson, dec. who was a Captain in the Army of the revolution, are entitled to the amount of pension due said Richard Anderson, decd. as an Invalid, at the Maryland Agency, at the rate of Twenty Dollars per month, from the third of March eighteen hundred and twenty six to the thirty first of May eighteen hundred and thirty [the date of his death]

NOTES:

The file contains the following undated, unsigned note: "Commission in favor of Richard Anderson as Captain in the 7th Md. Reg't. to rank from 15th Novem'r 1777 & dated 15th June 1779. Brevet Major 10th October 1783, per act of 30th Sept'r 1783."

On 30 June 1818 Anderson deposed for Lawrence Hurdell (or Hurdle; pension application W2157) that he, Anderson, had served as his Captain at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780.