

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Anderson S12930

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State of Kentucky, Christian County

On this 3rd day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Christian County Court now sitting James Anderson a resident of said County & State aged Eighty four or Eighty five years the 5th September 1832 who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath take the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated -- he resided in Roan [sic, Rowan] County North Carolina when the Revolutionary war commenced, he went to Charleston with his wagon & Team and was pressed into service he entered the 3rd of May with his wagon & Team and continued until the 23rd of July following[;] in the year 1776 the 15th of August following he was drafted to go against the Cherokee Indians and continued three months in service General Reatherford [sic, Griffith Rutherford] was commander of the Army and Captain Falls [probably Gilbreath Falls] commanded the company he belonged to[;] we had no engagement on that expedition[;] he then returned home and was frequently engaged in what was called the minute service for something like three years on short terms against the Tories when we were called for[;] the next was a volunteer Expedition to Broad River against Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson][;] I went under the command of Major Davidson [William Lee Davidson?] the year not recollected this was a short tour of perhaps three weeks[;] next was a three months Tour as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] and Captain Dixon commanded the Company to which I was attached [;] this was in the year 1780 or '81 & I am not certain which[;] we marched to Charlotte against Cornwallis [;] we had no general engagement in this expedition but had a small skirmish with the British at the sassafras fields where we lost some few killed[;] I also was in a reconnoitering party that fell in with and captured an express sent by Colonel Ferguson to Cornwallis to Charlotte for aid[;] the next Tour I was drafted as a guard for the British prisoners that was taken at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] [;] they were brought to us in Rowan County N. C. and to march them to the Virginia line which we done and delivered them to Colonel Penn where we first heard of the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] [;] this term was as near as I now recollect about two months & Colonel Cowan commanded[;] this was at the close of the war[;] I removed to Kentucky about the year 1797 or 98 where of I have resided ever Since.

S/ James Anderson²

¹ The pages relating to this veteran appear as pages 1-22 of the file as posted on Fold3.com. The other pages of the file contain papers relating to the claim of James Anderson W9232 and James Anderson R190 [beginning at page 113].

² I do not think that the actual signature of the veteran appears on this document because the handwriting is identical to that of the body of the document itself.

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The Commonwealth of Kentucky, Christian County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid James Anderson who being duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age and 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 the periods mentioned below and in the following Grades – first when pressed into the Service with his wagon, he is well satisfied that he served two months & 20 days as stated in his Declaration of the 3rd September 1832 to which this is an amendment – the 2nd was a three months tour as a private under the Command of General Rutherford, he Cannot State the number of times or the length of his tours against the Tories but the Catawba River divided the Settlement in which he lived from that of the Tories and he is well satisfied that for the Space of nearly three years, he was at all times in readiness to march against them and that the whole neighborhood in which he lived soon after mustered into Service to fight the Tories – that in many instances he would turn out and go a few days in pursuit of them without being able to overtake & engage with them – that he will not say that he was he was engaged in pursuit of the Tories eighteen months – or that he was that time after he engaged in the minute Service – but he will say that he was actually engaged in that Service for more than three months – unless holding in readiness & other loss of time would be included which would lengthen his Service very much-- he will therefore positively he served the whole of his Claim against the Government for Services in the War of the Revolution in the following manner:

1 st tour a Waggoner with team	two months & 20 days
2 nd do with General Rutherford –	3 months
3 rd do many Service – Say –	3 months
4 th do against Col. Ferguson –	21 days
5 th do under Colonel Davie –	3 months
6 th do to guard the prisoners taken at the battle of the Eutaw Springs	<u>2 months</u>
making in all 14 months	14 months 01
	<u>2 “ 20</u>
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for which he Claims a pension.

He was born in the State of Pennsylvania Little York County in the year 1748 or '49 – he does not know which – He has no record of his age except one made by his Son in his Bible Some four or five years Since – He would name Robert Lewis, James Gilmer Sr., James Gilmer Jr., Thomas Fruit, Aron Boyd, Robt. Hall and Could name many others of his neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the revolution.

S/ James Anderson, X his mark

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 13 March 1833

S/ D. L. Hays, JP

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[miscellaneous page—introduction is missing]

He further states that he is well satisfied Served in the Whole on the Service of the United States during the War of the Revolution at least two years & no more according to the above Declaration – and that this Declaration contains full answers to the interrogatories put by the Department so far as he Recollects them.

He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Anderson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Anderson", is positioned at the top right of the page. The signature is written in a cursive style and is partially enclosed by a vertical line on its right side.

[John Bobbitt, a clergyman, Josiah Anderson and James Gilman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[NOTE: THIS FILE CONTAINS PAPERS RELATING TO TWO DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS, BOTH NAMED JAMES ANDERSON. One is James Anderson W9232 of North Carolina and the other is James Anderson R190 of Pennsylvania.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months and 11 days in the North Carolina militia.]