Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Anderson S2912 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee } SS

Hawkins County on this second day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court for Hawkins County now sitting Peter Anderson a resident of said County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee aged seventy seven years, 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the united States under the following named officers and served as therein stated viz. That he entered the United Stated service in the month of August the day not recollected, in the year 1777 in the county of Bedford state of Virginia under captain James Blueford [sic: James Buford] in the regiment commanded by Col. Charles Lynch and that his Lieutenants name was William Renfrow [William Renfro], & Skelton Taylor Ensign, that he declarant entered as a volunteer in said company, and from Bedford Court House (called New London [in present Campbell County]) he was marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] and remained there some time. he was also marched to the lead mines on new river [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County], and continued serving in his said regiment for three months, when he returned home to Bedford sometime in November 1777. He did not receive any written discharge that he recollects of — Again in the month of June in the latter part of said month (he thinks) in the year 1778 he again volunteered in said service under the said Col. Lynch in Captain Bluefords company, and was marched from Bedford county aforesaid over the blue ridge as far as the lead mines against the tories and after serving fully three months he returned home about the latter part of September 1778 —

Again in the winter of 1779 he performed another tour of three months under the same officers and in the western part of virginia against the tories but he cannot tell the month he entered the service nor the time he left it, but he well recollects it was in the winter of 1779 and 1780. He did not serve with any continental troops and therefore cannot state the names of any regular officers, for he was not acquainted with any during the time he was out having served altogether with the militia as before stated nine months — and that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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 Sworn to & subscribed and that he was born in Bedford county Virginia Peter hisXmark Anderson

And at the same time personally appeared George Levisy [pension application R6304] a resident of said county of Hawkins in State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith he resides in the same neighbohood of the said applicant Peter Anderson, that he has been intimately acquainted with him for nearly sixty years and that at the time the said Peter Anderson performed said services mentioned in his declaration this affiant resided within two miles & a half of the said Anderson the said Anderson living in Bedford and this affiant in Henry County Virginia near the edge of Bedford [now in Franklin County], that this affiant was in the service of the united states himself and well remembers said Anderson performed the services mentioned in his declaration, though they did not serve together, yet he well recollects of seeing him in the service and believes that he served the different periods stated and set forth in his said declaration

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Hawkins County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the county aforesaid Peter Anderson, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith, that

the reason he did not procure the certificate of a clergyman (as to his age and the general belief in his neighborhood relative to his revolutionary services, was because no clergyman was residing in his neighborhood nor is there any at this time residing in his neighborhood. He states further that he was born in the year 1756 in the County of Bedford State of Virginia, that He has no record of his age, that he is acquainted with George Levisy – Jonathan Pridmore, Peter Levisy, and many other respectable persons who would, also, testify to his character &c if necessary –

And that besides the nine months service stated in his declaration, He served other four months under Col. Thomas Arthur as a volunteer in Captain Doggets [Chatton Doggett's] company and was marched to Blackwater River below the blue ridge in Bedford county virginia, sometime in the spring of 1780, and continued under Col. Arthur four months and was then marched home sometime in the summer of that year the time not now precisely recollected. As stated in his declaration he was marched against the Tories who infested that part of the country, where affiant lived towit in Bedford county and he was principally stationd on the frontier settlements. affiant states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he had forgotten this last period when he made out his declaration, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For three months served as a private, also for three months I served as a private, and for four months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed the 24th April 1833

Peter hisXmark Anderson