Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Anderson S37677 VA
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State & District of Virginia, Frederick County

On this 9th day of February 1818 [later corrected to 1819], before me the subscriber, sole and presiding Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County and the said State and district, personally appeared Daniel Anderson aged about sixty six years, resident in Shenandoah County in the said State and district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Daniel Anderson enlisted in the s'd County in the state of Virginia early in July in the year 1775 in the company of riflemen commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan raised to serve for one year in the Army of the United States, by virtue of a resolution of Congress passed shortly before that time, and shortly afterwards marched to Boston and from thence to Quebec where he was wounded and taken prisoner; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the expiration of the said year and afterward till exchanged, when he was discharged from service in Elizabeth town in New Jersey, that he was in the battle of Storming of Quebec [1 Jan 1776] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service, except the affidavits of John Schultz [pension application S6066] and Peter Lauck [R6183] hereto annexed.

Shenandoah County State of Virginia

On this 9 day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court in the County of Shenandoah being a Court of record for said County, Daniel Anderson aged 68 next April resident in said Shenandoah County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows I went volunteer in the year 1775 under Captain Daniel Morgan to Quebeck was wounded in the breast and arm and taken prisoner so that I am not capable of making my living by my labour In the year 1777 joined Colo. Daniel Morgans Regiment under Captain Charles Porterfield of the 11th Virginia Regiment transferred to the 8th Regiment commanded by Colo. Abraham Bowman under Captain Thomas Berry and then transferred to the 4th Regiment commanded by Colo. John Nevel [sic: John Nevill] under Captain Delany Cooper was after appointed Lieutenant under Colonel [Joseph] Crockett and in Captain Chapmans [John Chapman's] company which I served during the war, was at the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777], at the battle of Chesnut Hill [Battle of Whitemarsh at Chestnut Hill PA, 5 Dec 1777] and at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], my original declaration was made on 9th Febr'v 1819 received a certificate from the War Office of the United States numbered 15.897. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (except necessary bedding and clothing), one mare and colt, cow and calf, 2 bulls 2 heifers 10 hogs little and big, 2 shovel plows, 2 grubbing hoes 1 weeding hoe, 2 pair gears 1 lock chain 2 tables, 2 chests 2 [two illegible words] 8 white plates, 7 bowls, coffee pot, tea pot, set cups & saucers 3 knives and forks, I have but few debts due me and I owe as much or more than is due to me A deed of trust from James Kendal to me to receive the payment of two hundred and forty six dollars for the benefit of my daughter who is cripple she being so much afflicted with Cancers that she has not been out of the house for 16 months

Dan'l. Anderson

I am by occupation by a farmer but owing to wounds and age I am unable to follow it. I have my wife living with me aged 57 years 1 daughter aged 23 years a cripple and two dumb children both simple one a girl aged 14 the other a boy aged 27.

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Frederick County]

To the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Daniel Anderson an old revolutionary soldier respectfully represents

That your petitioner enlisted as a soldier in the year 1775 with the then Captain since Brigadier Gen. Dan'l Morgan and marched with him first to Boston and then to Quebec and aided in the memorable attack on that fortress when the brave [Gen. Richard] Montgomery fell.

That your petitioner whilst advancing in the assault received two wounds, one in the breast and the other in his left arm which has rendered him unfit for hard laborer, and which he has been long since assured would have entitled him to the bounty of his country in the shape of a pension – but whilst with his limitted means of subsistence he was able to ward off the pressure of real want, he was unwilling to be troublesome. Now he is far advanced in years, is poor, and unable to support himself – to work he is unable, to beg of individuals he is unwilling, to suffer is grievous indeed, and to go into the poor House would to him be the greatest of human evils – The prayer of your petitioner therefore is that your honorable body will pass an Act allowing such pension as in your wisdom you may deem sufficient to enable him to end his few remaining days in praying, as he will ever pray for the success and prosperity of his native state and country to secure the liberties of which in his younger days he voluntarily encountered the perils of war and shed his blood in her service

Daniel Anderson

Frederick county state of Virg'a 1796

The bearer of this Dan'l. Anderson Inlisted a soldier with me in the year 1775 march'd with me to Boston & from thence to Quebec – was with me in the storm of the garison, on the last Day of Dec'r. when Gen;l Montgomery fell. He Rec'd two wounds in the action, one in the Breast & one in his Arm which Doctor senseny[?] & Doctor Balwin[?] certyfies that said wounds has so disabled him as to Rendered unfit for Hard Labour & thinks Him a proper object for a Pension

[Daniel Morgan] Late Brigad'r Gen'l In the army of the united States

[The original certified as being in Gen. Morgan's handwriting.]

Dan Morgan

Winchester 19th Dec'r 1809 I do certify that I have this day examined Daniel Anderson, & find that he is disabled in his breast, & left arm, by wounds rec'd on the last day of Decr 1775 at Quebeck when serving as a Soldier in the Army of s'd. United States, & is unable to get a living by Labour.

Robt, Marky

Sworn to before me C Beldwin a Justice of the peace of s'd. County this 26th day of Dec'r 1809

ref'd to Claims Dec'r. 23^d 1813/ Reasonable Jan'y 4th/ Bill drawn

[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

Know all men by these presents that I Daniel Anderson of Shenandoah County do make constitute and appoint Col. William Carson my true and Lawfull attorney for me and in my name and in my behalf to receive my pension of Eighty Dollars due me as one of the pensioners of the State of Virginia and to grant a receipt for the same hereby ratifying and confirming all that he my said attorney shall do in the premises by virtue hereof

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of June 1815.

Signed sealed & Delivered in presence of Isaac Overall

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Shenandoah County Ss. July Court 1818.

Daniel Anderson, a pensioner, proved to the Court by satisfactory evidence that he is still living which is ordered to be certified.

A Copy/ Teste/ P Williams [illegible abbreviation]

1818 Augt 24 Recd a warrant of one hundred and twenty Dolls \$120.

Know all men by these presents, that I Daniel Anderson of the County of Page [formed in 1831 from Shenandoah and Rockingham counties], an invalid pensioner of the State of Virginia, do hereby constitute and appoint James Brown Jr. of the City of Richmond my true and lawful attorney, for me, and in my name, to receive from the treasury of Virginia my Pension from the 3^d day of February to the 3^d day of August 1831. Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of August 1831 –

NOTES:

A Treasury-Department document in the federal pension file states that "The Child" of Anderson received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 6 Nov 1840. On 3 June 1853 Moses Wood and Catharine Wood, his wife and the daughter of Daniel Anderson deceased, residents of Luray County VA, applied for the increase in pension thought to be due to their father, probably because of his service as Lieutenant. The document states that the only surviving children of Daniel Anderson were "Catharine and Jeruth."

The Virginia pension file contains many powers of attorney similar to the one transcribed above, the last being dated 5 Aug 1841. Between 1820 and 1826 Daniel Anderson gave power of attorney to either Samuel Anderson or William Anderson, relationship not stated. William Anderson was said to be a member of the General Assembly. Two of the images in the online pension file of Daniel Anderson (00074 and 00075) actually pertain to Peter Apperson VAS1062.