

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Anderson Brightwell W18643

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The Commonwealth of Virginia, SS.

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Octo 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Superior court of chancery for the said Commonwealth personally appeared Anderson Brightwell aged fifty one or two years, resident in Charlotte county in the said Commonwealth, 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 Anderson Brightwell enlisted for the term of the war on the second day of March in the year 1779 in King William county in the said Commonwealth in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Bowyer of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Colo. Abraham Bufort [sic: Abraham Buford] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the war, when he was discharged from service in the said state of Virginia, that he was in the battles of Buforts defeat [Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] & at James Town [Green Springs Plantation near Jamestown VA, 6 Jul 1781] 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 services.

I do certify that Anderson Brightwell inlisted a Soldier in the continental line Dureing the War and joined Capt. Thos. Bowyer's Company in Colo. Abraham Buforts Reg't. at Petersburg some time in the year 1779 and continued in the said service untill the end of the War

Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1818

Hezekiah Morton [BLWt69-300] formerly Capt. in the Continental line

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At a Court held for Charlotte County the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of march 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County, Anderson Brightwell aged about 58 years, resident in the County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. Inlisted the united states army under Capt Mallory a recruiting officer the 2<sup>d</sup> March 1799 [sic] for during the continuance of the War, under whom he marched to King William Court house where he was attached to the Company commanded by Capt Thomas Bowyer under whom he marched to the Green Ball within 19 miles of Philadelphia, from where he marched under General orders to Petersburg, Virginia, where Capt Adam Wallace took the command of the company, which company was attached to the 4<sup>th</sup> Va. Regiment, commanded by Col Bluford which belonged to the brigade commanded by Gen'l. [Charles] Scott; from Petersburg Va. he marched under Capt Wallace to Santee River S. Carolina within 65 miles of Charlestown & from there they moved on to the flat Rock [probably a reference to Hanging Rock 12mi S of Waxhaws] where they were defeated; after the said Defeat they moved on to Chesterfield Co. Ho [Chesterfield Courthouse], the place of Rendevous, commanded by Col Davis [sic: William Davies], from there they marched & joined Genl Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Hillsborough in North Carolina where they were attached to the 3<sup>d</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col [John] Green in the company commanded by Capt Woodson, from there they marched under Capt Woodson to the Cheraw hills on Pe De River [sic: Pee Dee River, Jan 1781] in South Carolina from there the said company retreated to Halifax old Town in Va. [14 Feb] from where he marched with the Bagage to Prince Edward Co Ho Va.

where he was attached to the company commanded by Capt Irish to make Cartridges where he continued untill July 1782 when he was discharged by Capt Irish, as stated in my former Declaration bearing date the [blank] day of [blank] 1819, and that I have received a pension in virtue of a certificate issued from the war department bearing date the 6 day of November 1819 and No 15726 & I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

The following is a schedule of my property, no Real Estate, 1 Cow, 2 Beds, 2 Ploughs, 3 hilling hoes & cupboard valued by the Court to \$67.

That I am by occupation a planter or farmer, that from a wound in my shoulder received in the army, I am able to do but little.

That my family living with me consists of Nancy Brightwell my wife, aged about 54 or 5 in tolerably good health, my daughter Betsey Brightwell aged 22 or 3 years of good health, Dicey Brightwell aged about 21 years of good health, Sally Brightwell about 18 years of age in bad health, Milley Brightwell about 15 years of age of good health & Samuel Brightwell about 12 years of age of good health,

[The following two certificates are among the [bounty-land applications of Virginia](#):]

I do certify that Anderson Brightwell the Bearer hereof serv'd under me as a soldier in the Revolutionary war dureing the war from his enlistment – Given under my hand & seal/ this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1822  
Hezekiah Morton/ formerly Captn Continental line  
John Crute Lt. [John Crute, pension application S24980]

[13 Aug 1822] I hereby certify that the s'd. Brightwell marched with me Jno. Crute & continued with me from time to time until Bufords defeat in South Carolina after which I was a prisoner of war until the close & knew no more of the s'd. Brightwell. Jno. Crute Lieut/ late of the army.

STATE OF VIRGINIA, }  
Pittsylvania COUNTY, TO WIT: }

ON this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1839 personally appeared before Thomas Williams a Justice of the Peace for said County and State aforesaid Nancy Brightwell a resident of Pittsylvania County in the State aforesaid, aged seventy six years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and Pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Anderson Brightwell who enlisted (as he often said in her presence) with Captain Bell in the Continental Army in the year 1778 for during the War he was attached to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment served under Colo. Richard Parker, he was placed on the Pension Roll and Rec'd a pension as long as he lived his Certificate of Pension was sent to Richmond in the year 1837 when she Received the arrearages of Pension due her after his death he lived in Hanover when he enlisted, in Prince Edward when he married, and in Pittsylvania County, Virginia when he died. She further declares that she was married to the said Anderson Brightwell on the seventeenth day December in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six that her husband the aforesaid Anderson Brightwell died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1837 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, to wit: at the time above stated

Witness/ Wilson Oliver/ Jane G Brightwel Nancy herXmark Brightwell

NOTE: The file includes a copy of the document transcribed as follows:

December 10, 1786.

This is to certify that Runnald Brightwell is willing that Anderson Brightwell and Nansey Brightwell should be married. Given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December.                      Runnald Brightwell  
Charles Brightwell/ Dennis Fielder.

Also in the file is a copy of a bond signed in Prince Edward County on 14 Dec 1786 by Anderson Brightwell and Barnard Brightwell [signed Barnet Brightwell] for the marriage of Anderson Brightwell to "Nancy Brightwell (spinster) daughter of Rennald Brightwell."