Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Anderson W9232 Dicey Plummer f89NC¹
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Georgia, County of Houston

On this Eighteenth day of July in the year of Christ 1834, personally appeared before the Justices of the Inferior Court of the County aforesaid in Chambers met, James Anderson, a resident of the Eighth [?]² district Company of Georgia Militia County of Houston, and State of Georgia, aged Eighty years since the 12th September last, according to the best information he, deponent, as, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (the date of which not remembered) but it was either the day before or the day after the total eclipse of the sun with Thomas Hill, William Bowyer[?], Dunfrey Harrod, Blake Rabey, Kader Rabey and Moses Byrd and Served in first Regiment of the Continental line or regular line, under the following named Officers, Captain Tillman Dixson [sic, Tilghman Dixon] -- and believes that James Hogans [sic, James Hogun] was then Major – and also think that Nicholas Long was the Colonel – that he, in the Town of Windsor, County of Bertie, State of North Carolina, on what was called a general muster day, was enlisted for five years by Lieutenants Peter Ashman and believes the other was Benjamin Bryer under Captain Tillman Dixon-- that he was then directed to headquarters, which was at Halifax, in the County of Halifax North Carolina – that he did go to headquarters in the course of 8 or 10 days after enlisting as aforesaid, and after arriving at headquarters, he liked his Captain so well that he enlisted during the war. That he was at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], but was sent off with the Baggage, having before and at that time and did afterwards, serve in the capacity of a waitman-- That he, at the time the troops was sent from the North to Charleston, he went under James Hogun, General, and was at Charleston when the town was given up [May 12, 1780]. That he, from Halifax, was marched to the North then to Charleston. That he, after being exchanged for near Charleston was sent under General John Pew Williams and marched to Tarborough [Tarboro] North Carolina. That – he, while at Tarborough, peace was made, and received his discharge from the said General John Pew Williams.

That he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the

[Eight?] [619th ?]

¹ This veteran's file is included in the file of James Anderson S12930 as posted on Fold3.com beginning at page 23 and ending on page 113. The page numbers referenced in this transcript are to the page numbers of the S12930 file as posted on Fold3.com.

present and he declares that his name is not – on the pension roll of any agency of any State, Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Anderson, C his mark

[p 28: miscellaneous note laid in the file—undated] "Cader Raby pt. in Capt. Lewis's Co. 4th Regt. Des. 26th Octor. '77 Blake Raby pt Capt. Blount's Co 9 mos 10th Regt. Moses Bird must'd in Capt. Lewis's Co. 4th Regt. in '76 for 3 yrs. Omited Janry '78]

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Georgia, Houston County

Personally came before me Simeon Taylor a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Thomas Duffell a Revolution Soldier and after being Duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that I knew James Anderson in the Revolution War under Captain Tilman Dixon in the First Regiment in the North Carolina Troops and Elijah Clarke was Colonel of said Regiment and I Thomas Duffell is about Ninety Two years of Age and James Anderson is about Eighty years of Age. Sworn to and Subscribed to this seventh Day of September 1835.

S/ Simeon Taylor, JP

S/ Thomas Duffell, ³ D his mark Revolution Soldier

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Georgia, Houston County

Personally came before me Simeon Taylor a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Lewis Barnwell a Revolution Soldier and after being Duly Sworn Deposeth and Saith that I knew James Anderson in the Revolution War at the Surrender of Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] at Little York under the Command of Admoads Cont Distine [sic] Commander of the French Squadron and I Lewis Barnwell is about Seventy Six years of Age. Sworn to and subscribed before me this seventh day of September 1835.

S/ Simeon Taylor, JP

S/ Lewis Barnwell, X his mark R. S.

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North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office 18 August 1835

Sir

I have carefully examined the muster rolls and other documents in this officeline of this state in the revolutionary war for the name of James Anderson, which I've found twice on the rolls, but opposite the name in each place is entered the word "Dead" and warrants for bounty land issued to the heirs, as the present applicant for a Pension cannot claim under either of those names found, and I do not find it in any other place. The names of the Soldiers mentioned by Mr. Anderson I find on the rolls as far as I look for them, but in different Regiments and under different Officers, except Moses Bird & Cader Raby who all both in the fourth Regiment under Captain Lewis – Raby is said to have deserted. Mr. Stedman is not in at present, when he returns I will show him your letter.

Very respectfully your obedient servant S/Wm Hill

³ Thomas Duffel (Duffell) W1738

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Georgia – Houston County

Personally appeared before me R. Leroy Duncan, a Justice of the Inf Court James Anderson who after being duly sworn saith that he did apply under the old pension law so far as to make application to an Attorney at Law Thomas Highbourn[Thomas L. Hybart] of Fayetteville in North Carolina, some eight or ten years ago and was informed by his said Attorney that this deponent was possessed of too much property as being the reason that he could not succeed in his application, all of which property this deponent has long since lost. Since the application this deponent has been in an unsettled, moving situation from North Carolina to Georgia, and has been unable to get a proper person to attend to this business for him, until now, because of his poverty. This deponent does not know and never did of any other James Anderson from North Carolina during the Revolution, this deponent was wounded by a ball in the left groin and a shot in the right leg from which wounds he lingered a long time at the point of death. This wound was inflicted by the Tories in the gap-way [?] in South Carolina which was near the close of the war. This deponent cannot account in any way for the entry "dead," if inserted against his name. Sworn and subscribed for me this 5th September 1835

S/Robt. L. Duncan, JIC

S/ James Anderson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1838

On this 10th day of March A.D. 1838 personally appeared in open Court James Anderson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty four years and six months who being duly sworn according to law makes the following Declaration to entitle him to a Pension under the Act of Congress passed in June 1832 for the Relief of Revolutionary Soldiers. That he entered the service of the United States of America in the town of Halifax State of North Carolina in the month of May in the year 1778 by enlistment for Twelve months in the Company commanded by Captain Tilghman Dickson [sic, Tilman Dixon] and was marched in his company with two other companies through the states of Virginia, Maryland, & Delaware to Philadelphia where we joined the American Troops under General George Washington and continued in the Service until after the Battle of Brandywine, when he went to the South as a Servant of General James Hogun, that he Served the full end and term of his enlistment under Captain Tilman Dixon. That he recollects the following officers, Hardy Murphy who commanded one of those companies who marched from Halifax and was as Affiant believes a Major in the Service. That he has no surviving Comrade that he knows of who can prove his Services except William Lomax who was present at the time of his enlistment. That the reason he has not applied for a Pension under this act before this time owing to the fact that many years ago he removed to the State of Georgia where he could not pursue the evidence of Lomax neither did he know of any other person by whom he could prove his Service. That he performed other tours of Service but from the defeat of memory he is unable to set them fourth with that precision what is required though he is certain that he performed Twelve months Service.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 10 March 1838. mark

S/ James Anderson, X his

Test: S/ Jno McLaurin, Jr., Clk

And he further Swore that previous to his removal to the State of Georgia he filed a Declaration to entitle him to a Pension under the act of 1818 and forwarded the evidence of Jacob Monk late

of the County of Sampson and that the only reason why he was not placed on the Pension Roll at that time was that his estate amounted to about \$200 more than the sum limited in the act that Jacob Monk has since died and his deposition is either in the War Office at Washington or has been lost or mislaid that the said deposition proved that the said James Anderson served as set forth in his then declaration. That Affiant is not & never has been on the Pension Roll neither has he ever received any pension for his Services.

That he placed the Deposition of Monk in the hands of Thomas L. Hybart Esq. Attorney at law of the Town of Fayetteville by whom he believes it was forwarded to the War Department. Sworn to in open Court & also Subscribed this 10^{th} March 1838.

Test: S/ Jno McLaurin, Jr., Clk.

S/ James Anderson, X his mark

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James Anderson an aged Revolutionary Soldier, and wishing to draw something for his Services, hath made his intention known to me, Introducing William Lomack to prove the same – said Lomack came before me one of the Justices of the Peace in Cumberland County and being Sworn on the Holy Evangelist Saith as follows: "I was at Halifax in this State a Soldier in the Continental war and enlisted during the war and while there saw James Anderson, now present, enlist as a Soldier or a waiter in Captain Tilman Dickson's company during 12 months to my knowledge and I also know and believe that he Anderson enlisted during the war at what time was this, some time soon before or after the dark day." Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20^{th} February 1838.

Witness: S/ Daniel Baker, JP

S/ William Lomack, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

This day John Perry [sic] a resident of said County and State aged eighty years personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and made oath that he is acquainted with James Anderson of said County who has filed his Declaration to obtain a Pension before the County Court of said County that he became acquainted with said Anderson in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, at Yorktown, State of Virginia that he then understood that said Anderson had been in said Service for some time before that. Said Anderson was then serving as a Private Soldier he thinks that he was attached to the fifth Regiment.

Sworn to & subscribed or me the 16th day of January 1841.

S/ Joseph Avery, JP

S/ John Parry

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State of North Carolina, Cumberland County

This day William Lomack or Lomax⁴ a Citizen of said County aged eighty-two years personally appeared before me one of the Justices in and for said County and made oath that he is acquainted with James Anderson of said County who has filed his Declaration before the

⁴ William Lomack (Lomax) S41783

County Court of said County to obtain a Pension for his Revolutionary Services that he became acquainted with said Anderson at the Town of Halifax North Carolina that he knows that said Anderson enlisted into the Service of the United States at said Town of Halifax for and during the War of the Revolution that said enlistment took place during the Revolutionary War, that he knows that said Anderson Served in said Service at least four months when this affiant and said Anderson were detailed on different duties, that said Anderson was in the Service at that time, that affiant has understood from others in the Service that said Anderson Continued to Serve in said Service during the War and Affiant has understood and believes that said Anderson was wounded in said Service at the Battle of Stono in South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 January 1841. S/ Joseph Avery, JP S/ William Lomax, X his mark

[p 64] State of North Carolina, Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1841

This third day of March A.D. 1841 James Anderson aged 88 years 5 months and 19 days came into open Court it being a Court of Record and made the following Declaration on Oath to entitle himself to a Pension under the act of Congress passed in June 1832 for Revolutionary Services. That he entered the Army of the United States in the month of July 1777 or 1778 under Captain Tilghman Dixson [also spelled Tilman or Tillman Dixon] by enlistment in the Town of Halifax in this State. That the Term of his enlistment was for five years or during the War, was marched from thence through Virginia & Maryland to Pennsylvania where the company to which he belonged joined the Army under General Washington. That he entered said Service as a Private Soldier. That in consequence of his advanced age & loss of memory he cannot recollect the Regiment or the Colonel's name. That his company Officers were Lieutenant Blount Whitmel & Benjamin Briar. That after Serving some time at the North when he was in the Battle of Brandywine and Hurlgate⁵ in which latter battle he was wounded, he was marched South under General James Hogan [sic, James Hogun] to whose Staff he was attached for some time as a cook, was Stationed in Charleston for some three or four months, was there at the Siege of Charleston and escaped from that place when it was Surrendered, from that place he returned into North Carolina. On his way to North Carolina he joined General Caswell [Richard Caswell] who was marching South to aid in the defense of Charleston. That he Served in actual service more than five years. That he filed a Declaration Some years ago to obtain a Pension under the Act of 1818 and made full proof of his Services by Zachariah Reeves, ⁶ Jacob Monk and Elijah Wilkins and would have been placed on the Pension Roll at that time but that he had more property than was specified in the Act of Congress. That said Declaration and proof were drawn and forwarded for him by Thomas L. Hybart Esq. Attorney at Law of Fayetteville to whom he believes said papers were returned by the Secretary of War and he is informed by Mr. Hybart that if they were returned to him they were consumed in his Office in the fire of 1831. That he knows of no living Witness by whom he can prove his Service except William Lomax or Lomack & John Perry of this County. That his discharge was burnt in the house of Thomas Moore in Bertie

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S/ James Anderson, X his mark

County in this State. Sworn to and Open Court this third day of March 1841 S/Jno McLaurin, Jr., Clk

[p 31: On March 7, 1854 in Cumberland County North Carolina, Dicey Plummer formerly Dicey Anderson aged 55, applied for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of James Anderson deceased late a revolutionary war pensioner under the 1832 act; that she married him about 22 years since: that they were married by Amos Cain, JP in Cumberland County North Carolina; that her husband died November 22, 1843; that she subsequently married William Plummer August 26, 1845; that Plummer died October of 1852. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 44: On July 14, 1855 in Cumberland County North Carolina, Dicey Plummer formerly Anderson file for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of James Anderson, a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 40: Affidavit that dicey Plummer, formally Dicey Anderson, a revolutionary war pensioner died July 9, 1866; that she died leaving 3 children, a daughter and 2 sons.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending December 22, 1843. He was pensioned as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina service.]