

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Anderson W2579

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State of Kentucky, Pulaski County

On this fifteenth day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honbl. John L. Bridges presiding Judge of the Pulaski Circuit Court now sitting as a Court, Robert Anderson, aged Seventy years a resident citizen of Pulaski County State of Kentucky 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that while a resident citizen of the County of Rockbridge State of Virginia the month or year he cannot now Recollect he volunteered for a Six Months Tour in the Service of the United States in the company of Captain Milliken, the names of the Superior Officers in command from old age & consequent loss of memory and his being unacquainted with all of them, he has entirely forgotten, after he was rendezvoused and Joined the army, he was marched to Norfolk & Portsmouth, Virginia, and during most of the Six months was stationed at these last mentioned places was ordered during the time on different scouting parties and was in several skirmishes with the British and Tories he served out fully the said Six Months and at the expiration of the Term, there was an action of an Invasion according to his present recollection headed by Lord Cornwallis, and his officers detained him with others in the service and he is now from the lapse of time, old age & consequent loss of memory unable to say how much longer he was engaged in the Service exactly in addition to the Six Months, but states that he was in addition to the Six Months not less than four weeks in close & active Service and not less than two months before he was discharged from the Service he states that he was discharged by Capt. Milliken in the neighborhood of his home. He has no recollection of receiving a written discharge. He further states that while a resident of said County of Rockbridge, something less than a year after his return from Norfolk & Portsmouth the time not now Recollected there was a call for soldiers and he again volunteered in the company of Captain Gilmore & was under the command of General Morgan. The names of the other officers not now recollected. He volunteered in the service for no specified Term, but was to serve during the pleasure of his officers or during the existence of the necessity that called him into Service. After he joined the army, he was marched towards the Cowpens and was afterwards during the Service in the Battle of the Cowpens. Some short time after the Battle he was discharged but received no written discharge. He was engaged from the time he entered the Service until he was discharged upon the last mentioned Service, he is from lapse of time, unable to state exactly, but not less than three months. Afterwards not long after his return home from the Battle of the Cowpens the time not now Recollected, still a resident of Rockbridge aforesaid. There was a call for men to oppose and counteract a threatened or dreaded invasion, and he volunteered in the company of Captain Paxton in the Regiment of Cols. McDowell, Alexander Stewart Major and was in the Brigade or under the command of Genl. Stephens. He entered the Service for no specified Term, but to be engaged for and during the continuance of the

necessity that called him into the Service or until his superior officers should discharge him. After Joining the main army, he was marched on towards Guilford Courthouse North Carolina, and was in the Battle of Guilford and after the Battle and retreat of the American forces, he was marched by his officers to the Iron Works on Troublesome Creek. General Greene was the commanding officer upon that occasion. According to his present recollection after the Battle he was actively and constantly employed on scouting parties for several weeks but how long he is unable now [to] state. He was by the command of his officers dismissed from the service, but received no discharge in writing. He was engaged during this last mentioned service not less than Three Months and longer, but the time he cannot now state with precision. Afterwards he removed to what was then Washington County North Carolina now Tennessee and while a resident of said County a call was made by the Government for Soldiers. The time not now recollected. He again volunteered in the Company of Captain Sevier in the Regiment of Col. Robertson. Valentine Sevier was the Major. The same who was afterwards a General and was under the command of General Campbell. He volunteered for no specific Term and after joining the army was marched on towards the King's Mountain to oppose the invasion of Tories and British under Ferguson and he was in the Battle of King's Mountain and after said Battle when his Services were no longer needed, he was discharged from the Service by his officers, but received no discharge in writing. He was engaged during this Service from the time he entered the Service until he was discharged he cannot say exactly how long but not less than Two months. He has no Documentary Evidence of his Service. He can prove by Joseph McAlister of Pulaski County Kentucky who is now an applicant to be placed on the Pension Roll. His Service on the Tour in which he was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse and also his Service in the Tour in which he was engaged in the Battle of the Cowpens. He will procure the affidavit of said McAlister properly authenticated who is unable from age and infirmity to attend personally in Court to give his Testimony. He knows of no person by whom he can prove the rest or residue of his Services whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to the rest of his Services. He is known to Joseph M. James, a clergyman resident in his present neighborhood and Henry Ashurst a resident of his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. The said Robert Anderson further states he was born in York County State of Pennsylvania on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1763 according to the Record of his age made in a Bible now in his possession the property of his Father while he lived. He removed from York to Rockbridge County Virginia and a few days after the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, he removed to Washington County aforesaid now Tennessee. He resided in Washington four or five years—and removed to Greene County, Tennessee and continued there about fifteen years—then removed to Pulaski County Kentucky in which county he has generally since resided and for the last Seventeen years has resided pretty much in the same neighborhood.

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 or Territory.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Anderson