

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Armstead Anderson S30825

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State of Kentucky Union County

On the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Joseph King, John S. Chapman, & John Blue, Justices of the County Court of Union County now sitting, Armistead Anderson, a resident of the County of Union and State of Kentucky aged seventy-five years on the 2nd day of September 1831, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress dated June 7, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated General William Christian Col William Russell Captain James Lyon Lieut Edward Choate Ensign George Pou. That he entered the service of the United States in August 1776 and was discharged therefrom in May 1777 that he entered the service under Captain James Lyon in August 1776 that he resided at the time he entered in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia that he marched under his command to Fort Chissell [sic, Fort Chiswell] where several companies met two of which companies were commanded by Capt Joseph Martin and Captain Gilmore from this place he was marched to Major Anthony Bledsoe's near the head of Holston [River], where we were joined by other troops, he was then marched to Eaton's Station about six miles from Long Island and from there to Long Island on Holston: at this place General William Christian came on and took the command, and Col Lewis at this place took command of the Regiment to which he belonged, he was from this place marched to the Cherokee towns upon the Tennessee River, then crossed the Tennessee River at what was called the Trading Trace and was marched down the river to Big Island Town (so called by the whites) which town we discharged by fire and after a few days stay at this place a party of Indians came in with some of the white prisoners and sued for peace. He states he recollects well that one of the prisoners brought in by them was a woman by the name of Beane, the mother of him after whom Beane's Station is called (as he believes) He was then marched up the river upon the same tract he was marched down, destroying several Indians towns until we came to the Trading ford, that he continued up the river to an Indian town he thinks was called Suttico which was also destroyed by the army a detachment was then sent still further up the Tennessee River to an Indian town on an Island on the Tennessee river the name of which he does not now recollect, but states that a half breed Indian named Charles Murphy resided at this town. This town was destroyed but this property of Charles Murphy was saved in consequence of his friendship to the whites, he was with this detachment, the detachment then returned to the main body of the Army, that after a short stay the army returned to Long Island where General Christian returned home, and also Col Lewis and the army was disbanded.

He states that he then entered the service under Captain Joseph Martin who resided in the same county of this applicant who was left for the purpose of guarding the frontier. Captain Martin continued at Long Island until after Christmas he then marched his company to Rye Cove Station at which place he continued until some time in March when this applicant was detached under the command of Captain John Duncan to Powell's Valley as an escort to the settlers of that valley who wished to regain some articles of husbandry concealed upon their departure from their places of residence upon

the commencement of hostilities. This applicant states that while there a party of the detachment to which he belonged was fired upon by the Indians and Robert Boardman & John Jamison were killed, that James Birch was wounded with seven balls and yet made his escape & came in he was then marched back to Rye Cove Station and there discharged in May 1777. He states that the company of Joseph Martin which he was attached as aforesaid was commanded by three brothers to wit Joseph Martin Captain, Brice Martin Lieutenant and John Martin ensign which this applicant considered an unusual circumstance.

This applicant states that in the summer of the year 1780 he entered the service under Captain John Fountain son in law of Governor Henry of Virginia this expedition was designed to keep the Tories down he received a credit of a three months tour of duty but no pay. This applicant further states that sometime in the year 1781 he volunteered to guard the ammunition wagons from Henry County to the county stores on Broad River he performed this service under the command of John Redd wagon master he received a credit of a three months tour of duty but received no pay he states that if he ever had any regular or written discharges (which he has no doubt of) he has long since lost or thrown them away as no account or importance he states that from his best recollection he was in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war at least fifteen months he states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can certainly prove the service he has rendered. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Armstead Anderson

We Morris Moore a clergyman and Hiram McElroy both residing in the county of Union and State of Kentucky hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Armstead Anderson who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy five years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Morris Moore

S/ Hiram McElroy

Questions put by the Court to Armstead Anderson and his Answers to wit:

Question 1st: Where and what year was you born[?]. Answer in Amelia County & State of Virginia, on the 2nd day of September 1756

Question 2nd: Have you any record of your age and if so where is it[?]. Answer by Anderson: I have a record at home from my fathers register.

Question 3: Where were you living when called into the service; Where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live[?]. Answer by Anderson: I lived in Pittsylvania County & State of Virginia when I entered the service. I have lives since the revolutionary war in the State of Kentucky principally and I now live in Union County & State of Kentucky.

Question by Court: How were you called into the service: were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom[?]. Ans. I was a volunteer.

Question by the Court: State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troop when you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstance of your service. Answer the officers that I have before stated in my declaration are the officers that I knew and served with to wit General William Christian Col Lewis Col William Russell James Lyon Capt John Fountain Lieut Edward Choate ensign George Pou. The regiments I served in was Lyon's & Russell's, & the particulars of the service I have stated in my declaration.

Question by the Court: did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it[?]. Ans. If I ever got a discharge I have lost it.

Question by the Court state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & and who can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution. Ans. by Anderson: The Rev. Mr. Morris Moore and Mr. McElroy and every gentleman of my neighborhood.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogations prescribed by the war department that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the court further certifies that it appears to them that Morris Moore who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman and resides in Union County & State of Kentucky and that Hiram McElroy who has also signed the same is a resident of same & is a credible person and that their statements is entitled to credit.

S/ Joseph King J.P.

S/ John S. Chapman J.P.

S/ John Blue J.P.

I James R. Hughes clerk of the Court of Union County and State of Kentucky do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said court in the matter of the application of Armstead Anderson for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 17th day of December 1832.

S/ James R. Hughes