

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Anderson S6515

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District

On this Seventeenth day of October personally appeared in open court before the court of common pleas, now sitting, David Anderson a resident in the District of Laurens & State of South Carolina aged 67 years, 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 7th 1832 viz That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated--He entered the service as a volunteer in the year 1778 under Capt. William Mulwee [sic, William Milwee] company officer and Major John Williams [probably James Williams], Col. Brannon [probably Thomas Brandon] field officers; marched to Ripley's Fort; from thence went in pursuit of one Boyd [John Boyd] a Tory; pursued as far as Fort Independence on Savannah River where we learned Boyd had been captured by Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] at Kettle Creek [February 14, 1779]. Hence went in pursuit of other Tory parties, returned home after a tour of about six weeks. He again afterwards substituted for his father, George Anderson; was marched under Major Gillam [perhaps Robert Gillam, Sr.] to Savannah River & was mustered in under the command of Col. Purvis [perhaps John Purvis]; crossed the river to Augusta; thence to Cupboard Creek, from thence returned to Augusta under the command of Lieut. Wharton & then joined Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson] & other regular troops. He recollects two regular officers, Capt. Robert Anderson & Capt. Tut [Benjamin Tutt]--& was no more with the regulars. He then continued 3 months & 10 days the term of service & then returned home. He afterwards again substituted for one Joseph Young, stayed part of three months & 10 days Young's time of Service. Then substituted for one ___ and served in the whole about ___ & was disbanded or returned home.

He again afterwards volunteered to go to the [text obliterated] Charleston, but before taken the line of march news arrived of the surrender of Charleston [May 12, 1780] —He remained there with others outlying keeping out of the way, until news came that Genl. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was marching to South. He then with others volunteered & went & joined Greene's Army and was with Greene at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781] —Retreated with him from Ninety Six to the cross roads between Broad & Catawba Rivers from there he with 15 other horsemen went as a life guard to Genl. Greene to Taylor's Hill near Columbia: remained there until Greene's Army came down: crossed the river (Congaree) & marched near Orangeburg; remained a short time, a few hours & returned to the ferry near Columbia. Hence was employed in reconnoitering the British, intercepting foraging parties—sometimes under Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] —then under Washington [William

Washington] & sometimes under Col. Hammond [most likely Samuel Hammond but possibly Leroy Hammond] —and other officers; was engaged in this kind [of] service until the British moved down towards Eutaw and a few days before the Battle of the Eutaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], he under the command of Col. Hays [sic, Joseph Hayes] who had been ordered to the upper part of the State to scour the country & keep in check the Tories, returned & with others went up into North Carolina to recruit his impaired health—Having recovered his health, he returned to So. Carolina. In the meantime Hayes had been defeated [Hayes Station, November 1781]. He then volunteered, joined and served in a company of rangers, as ensign, which company was raised by orders from Col. [Levi] Casey, & was commissioned by Lewis Saxon, Capt. James Middleton, Lieut., & himself ensign. Whether Saxon had a commission or not he cannot say. Middleton & himself had none —the custom being then to raise officers by camp election. At the siege of Cambridge he was employed as a sharp shooter. He was in no regular engagement but was in frequent skirmishes. He served in the whole about 4 years & six months.

I was born in Halifax County State of Virginia in the year 1765.

I have no record of my age.

I was living in Craven County now Laurens District So. Carolina when I entered the Service.

I served [text obliterated] volunteer part of the time & as a substitute for my [text obliterated—word could be "father"] substituted for divers persons until the fall of Charleston.

I recollect Genl. Williamson, Capt. Tutt & Robert Anderson Regular officers.

I never received a written discharge.

I never had a commission.

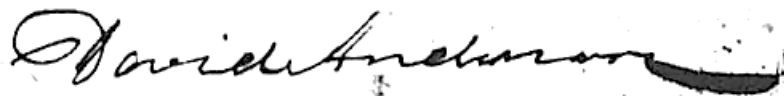
William Dunlap & Joseph Babb are acquainted with me & can testify to my character for veracity & good behavior and Majr. Dunlap will testify as to services.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ J. M. Garlington, Clerk L. Dist.

S/ David Anderson



[Joseph Babb, a clergyman, and William Dunlap gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina, Laurens District

Personally appeared in open court William Dunlap¹ who being duly sworn according to law saith that he is well acquainted with the applicant David Anderson, that he knew him in the time of the Revolution, served occasionally with him in scouting parties and is satisfied of the truth of the facts set forth in his declaration of services rendered in the revolution, particularly after the arrival of Greene in the South – knows him to have been a brave & enterprising soldier & officer.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ John Garlington, Clk

S/ Wm Dunlap

1 [William Dunlap W2723](#)

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[Facts in file: veteran died in April 1836 in Laurens District leaving several children, but none named in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]
