

Pension Application for Thomas Anderson

W.1352 (Widow: Eunice) Married October 26, 1834, he died April 6, 1837.

B.L.Wt. 3981-160-55

State of New York

Madison; County SS

On this eighth day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court, before James B. Eldridge—William K. Fuller, Sylvanus Sebor, Elisha Rondork & Barent Baknell, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison in the State of New York, now sitting, Thomas Anderson a resident of the town of Eaton in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy years on the thirt~~6~~y first day of January last past, 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein; stated. He was drafted into the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War in the town of Shelburne in the State of Massachusetts, in the month of July in the year 1779 & joined the troops at Springfield Massachusetts on the twelfth day of July in the year 1779 as near as he can recollect—was marched directly to West Point in the State of New York under the command of Captain Cooper. At West Point I joined the company commanded by one Captain Burnham in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Michael Jackson, & in the Brigade commanded by General Larned—one John Brooks was Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment & one Hull was Major. Remained at West Point on duty until the month of January in the year 1780 when about three hundred of us, were detached from the main body of the Troops & sent to the lines at or near White Plains under the command of Col. Thompson.

The company in which I was in the expedition, was commanded by one Captain Farley—near White Plains we were attacked by about eight hundred of the British—out of one hundred & fifty officers & soldiers who were attacked all were taken or killed except twenty nine—I together with my Cousin David Anderson, who was with me & who is now living at Shelburne aforesaid, & some others escaped by fleeing to a swamp closeby. We lost all of our baggage. Immediately after this attack, we returned to West Point & remained there on duty until the 12th day of April 1780 when I was discharged by Col Michael Jackson. My discharge is lost.

While at West Point I worked on Fort Arnold & Fort Putnam. I was in the service nine months, besides the time spent in returning to Shelburne after my discharge.

I was born in the town of Colvain in the State of Massachusetts on the thirty first day of January in the year 1762. I have no record of my age. I lived in the town of Sheburne in the State of Massachusetts when I was called into the service. Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in the town of Eaton—County of Madison & State of New York except I lived about ten years in Bridport [Bridgeport?] on Lake Champlain—The said town of Eaton in my present place of residence.

I was drafted into the service as I had before stated. I was discharged by Col. Michael Jackson & the discharge is lost. I have no documentary evidence of my service,

but my cousin, David Anderson, now living at Shelburne & who was with me in the service, can testify to the same.

In the neighborhood in which I now live I am known to Constant Avery, Barent Baknell, Ezra Cloyer, Ward W. White, who can testify to my character for veracity & to their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Thomas Anderson

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first aforesaid. A. S. Sloan Clk