

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Edward Herndon VAS1505

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1784, in the name of Edward Herndon, as a Captain of Infantry for £132.3.2, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

To wit – pay as Lieutenant from 14 January 79 to 25 October following and as Captain from 25 October 79 to 27 February 1780.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
6 day of June 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1784, in the name of Edward Herndon, as a Sergeant of Infantry for £27.9.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of June 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This day Captain Edward Herndon personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Campbell in the State of Virginia and made oath in due form of law that he served as a Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain &c in the Continental Army of the Revolution in and from the State of Virginia at least four years. That he has never received from the State of Virginia the Bounty Lands Promised him for the Services aforesaid but that the same is still due him. Witness my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1834

S/ Saml Pannill

Petition for bounty land

Edward Herndon – Captain Continental line

This officer's name is on the Army Register. He settled his accounts as Captain & [too faint to discern] from January 14<sup>th</sup> 1779 to February 27<sup>th</sup> 1780.

In the Journals of the Council of November 15 1776, Lieutenant Hendon, (which I presume was intended to be Herndon) is named. There was no officer in the Army named Hendon, so far as I know. If really Lieutenant Herndon was the individual there meant, and he was the same who settled his accounts down to February 27<sup>th</sup> 1780 – He must have been more than three years in service.

In Volume III of Papers concerning the Army of the Revolution, there is an account of Provisions & Stores issued at Fredericksburg Station by Edward Herndon – and also an account of the Species & Quantity of provision received, at Fredericksburg, in February – March – April – May and June 1780 by Edward Herndon Asst. Commissioner of Issues. If Fredericksburg was a military post to the end of the war, and I am inclined to think it was; the services of such an officer as Edward Herndon were indispensable during the whole of that time.

I have reported upon this claim in the printed list of Officers No. 2 – since that Report was made I have seen the entry in the Council Journal above referred to.

The evidence which has been filed with the Petition is – the Declaration on oath of Captain Edward Herndon – that he served as Sergeant – Lieutenant – Captain &c in the Continental Army during the Revolution, at least four years – also the affidavits of three witnesses – who say, they knew Captain Herndon in the service at the Albemarle Barracks in 1779

Respectfully submitted  
John H Smith, Commissioner &c  
May 12, 1834

To his Excellency  
Governor Tazewell

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I Philip Payne [several words indecipherably faint] County of Campbell State of Virginia do hereby Certify that I am well acquainted with Captain Edward Herndon of this County and that I have known him upwards of fifty years. I well remember that soon after the Commencement of the Revolutionary War the said Edward Herndon Entered the Service of the United States as a Sergeant having enlisted with Captain Samuel Woodson and marched from the County of Goochland where he resided at the time of his enlistment in the year 1776 to the North. That he was attached to the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment, I understood from report that the said Edward Herndon was taken Prisoner by the British at the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], and by them confined in Philadelphia New Jail sometime. That he was exchanged and afterwards I was informed of his being a Captain of Guards Stationed at the Albemarle Barracks, but do not recollect at what time he left the service. I do not hesitate to say that the said Edward Herndon is a man of truth and honor, that his own statement in regard to his Service is [indecipherable word] may be relied on. Given under my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834

S/ Philip Payne

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another file:

I am authorized to state to the Executive from authority that I rely on that Edward Herndon enlisted 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1776 under Captain Samuel Woodson belonging to the 9<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line, on Continental establishment.

S/ Achilles Moorman  
17<sup>th</sup> December 1808

No Warrant appears to have issued from this office [to] Edward Herndon will military bounty.  
Land Office

16 December 1808

S/ Edward Davis, Register

It appears by the books in this Office that they Certificate issued on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 1784 in the name of Edward Herndon for £27.9.8 balance of his full pay as a Sergeant in the Virginia line on Continental establishment

S/ Samuel Shepard

Auditors Office

16 December 1808

I am well acquainted with Edward Herndon. He is a near neighbor of mine; – I was well acquainted with him when he entered the service for three years as I was informed & believe. He was taken prisoner, during the war, & confined in jail in Philadelphia for a long time. After which he was discharged.

S/ Achilles Moorman