

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition relating to unnamed Slave¹ VAS1958

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Kentucky Counties Legislative Petitions

To the Hon. the General Assembly of Virginia

The humble petition of Nathaniel Henderson Sheweth, that on or about the 11th day of September in defending fort Boon [**siege of Fort Boonesborough in present Boonesborough KY, 7-16 Sep 1778**]" in the County of Kentucky against an attempt of the Indians, your petitioner had a valuable Negro fellow killed. – That the said Negro was ordered by the Commanding Officer to take a gun and place himself in a dangerous post and to keep watch & fire on the Indians which he accordingly did and was killed – That if the said Negro had been suffered to remain within his cabin, he could not have been hurt, – That the Loss of so valuable a Slave together with the many other losses sustained by Your petitioner in that country, distress him very much – Therefore hopes, that the Assembly will order a recompense – And that the value of the said Slave may be paid to your petitioner, who as in duty bound shall ever pray &c
Wmsburg [Williamsburg] November 21st, 1778 S/Nathaniel Henderson



[Reverse]

Nathaniel Henderson
Referred to Claims
November 24, 1778
rejected
to be reported specially
recommitted
rejected
reported December 10th
Kentucky

¹ This slave's MIGHT have been "London." See, http://nkaa.uky.edu/subject.php?sub_id=32 and search for "London." The source cited is James Rood Robertson, *Petitions of the Early Inhabitants of Kentucky to the General Assembly of Virginia: 1769 to 1792*, Filson Club Publications Number Twenty-Seven, Louisville, Kentucky, 1914, printed by John P. Morton & Company.

The Deposition of Capt. William Buchanan of lawful Age being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposes and says, that in the month of September last Fort Boone was attacked by a party of Indians, to the number of about three hundred and forty, at which time there was not more than Sixty men in the Fort, including the Garrison Soldiers & all the Settlers: that Arms & Ammunition were given to the Negro men in the said Fort, and stationed by the Commanding officer in such a manner, so as to make the best defense possible; that a certain Negro man the property of Nathaniel Henderson (who was then absent) had taken post on the outside of the Fort, as directed by the commander, and in consequence thereof the said Negro Fellow was killed by the Indians: the deponent further says that the said Negro was very likely, about twenty-four years of Age, and in his opinion worth upwards of Six hundred pounds. And further saith not

Wmsburg [Williamsburg] November 28th 1778

Sworn to before

S/ Edwd. Charlson

S/ W. Buchanan

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Buchanan", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.