

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Henderson ¹R14952

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Declaration

On this 8th day of September 1846 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful County Court now sitting for Knox County in the State of Tennessee Arthur R Crozier a resident of said County of Knox and about thirty-six years of age, who being first duly sworn according to law made the following declaration on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed July 5th 1832, viz.:

That he is one of the heirs at law of William Henderson who was a Captain in Colonel Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Regiment in the Virginia line. Captain Henderson served from the commencement until the close or near the close of the War. He was born about seven miles from Charlottesville Virginia in the year 1767 and died about the year 1807, leaving the following heirs, Bennett Henderson, Littleton Henderson, Granville Henderson, Arthur Henderson, Pauline Henderson and Maria Henderson. Affiant married the daughter of the above named Granville Henderson. Affiant after making diligent inquiry makes the above declaration in regard to Captain Henderson's services in the Revolutionary War, upon information from reliable sources.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Arthur R. Crozier



[By letter dated September 12, 1846 and sent from Rocky Springs Tennessee by John H Crozier, he requests that the Commissioner of Pensions send his report on the enclosed declaration to him.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Kentucky Jessamine County to wit

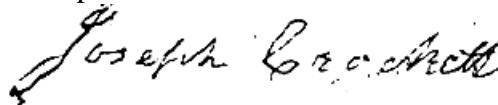
This day Colonel Joseph Crockett² personally appeared before me John Downing a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was appointed Captain in the month of January 1776 in the 7th Virginia Regiment on the Continental line commanded by

¹ Va. Half-Pay

² [Joseph Crockett S46377](#)

Colonel Alexander McClanachan and that sometime in the forepart of the year 1777 there was an arrangement made for a particular Regiment to be raised (rifle men) termed light Infantry to which Daniel Morgan was appointed Colonel Commandant and the said Morgan had the Privilege of making choice and selecting any of the Officers belonging to other regiments to fill up said Regiment as aforesaid and that sometime in the forepart of the summer 1777 Colonel Daniel Morgan selected Captain William Henderson out of some one of the Virginia regiments on the Continental line (the number not recollected) he having had the appointment of Captain before such selection and put him at the head of a Company under him the said Colonel Daniel Morgan and that he the said Joseph Crockett was also selected to serve under Colonel Daniel Morgan at the same time that Captain William Henderson was in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment was ordered to march up the North River to join General Horatio Gates's Army at Still water [Stillwater] and said Regiment remained under General Gates until the Surrender of the British Army and the next day after the surrender General Gates ordered Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment to be paraded and he rode in front and tendered them his thanks and said he was indebted to their little Corps for all of his honor and Captain William Henderson continued to serve as Captain in the Regiment as aforesaid until late in the fall 1778 at which time the Regiments were very much reduced and he the said Joseph Crockett became a Supernumerary Major and that he left the said Captain William Henderson in the service of the United States commanding as Captain.

S/ Joseph Crockett

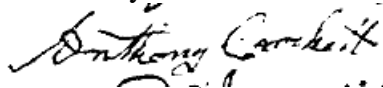


[Attested October 21, 1824 in Jessamine County Kentucky]

State of Kentucky Franklin County to wit

This day Anthony Crockett³ personally appeared before me James McBrayer a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was acquainted with Captain William Henderson represented by Colonel Joseph Crockett in said Regiment of Colonel Daniel Morgan from early in the spring 1777 until late in the fall of the same year at which time he the said Anthony Crockett was discharged from the service and that as well as he recollects William Henderson was selected a Captain from some one of the Virginia Regiments on the Continental line input at the head of a company in Colonel Morgan's Regiment.

S/ Anthony Crockett



[Attested in Franklin County Kentucky December 3rd, 1824]

State of Kentucky Franklin County to wit

This day John Porter⁴ personally appeared before me James McBrayer a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and made oath that he was one of the men who belonged to Captain William Henderson's Company in Colonel Daniel Morgan's Rifle Regiment and served under him from June 1777 until February 1778 at which time he was discharged from the service and left him in the service commanding as Captain and as well as he can recollect he thinks that

³ [Anthony Crockett S10492](#)

⁴ Probably the same man as [John Porter W26329](#)

Joseph Crockett's statement is correct – and he is of opinion that Captain William Henderson was selected from the 9th Virginia Regiment on the Continental line commanded by Colonel Sampson Matthews at the time of such selection.

S/ John Porter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Porter".

[Attested in December 3rd, 1824 in Franklin County Kentucky]

State of Tennessee Shelby County: This day Littleton Henderson personally appeared before me Isaac Rawlings an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County and made oath that he is one of the heirs of Captain William Henderson who was in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War and that the foregoing affidavits here attached given by Colonel Joseph Crockett respecting his father's services is in his opinion a true statement of facts; and he believes that his father did not receive a Warrant from the United States, nor from the State of Virginia during his lifetime.

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or from the State of Virginia, a Warrant or Warrants due to the heirs of Captain William Henderson deceased and to Receipt for the same in my name, given under my hand this 3rd day of May 1830

S/ Littleton Henderson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Littleton Henderson".