

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Henderson R4866

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Georgia, Gwinnett County

The purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act "Entitled an act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved the 15th of May 1828, I Archibald Henderson of the County and State above named, "Do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution during the Revolutionary War as follows viz. first I enlisted in Captain Eli Kershaw's Company of the South Carolina line in Colonel Daniel Sumpter's Regiment [sic, this is likely a mistaken attempt to reference to Thomas Sumter] for the term of three years and that I afterwards enlisted in Captain Daniel Duff's Company of the same Regiment (but before the 18 months time of my enlistment expired) the said Sumter was promoted to Brigadier General and Colonel William Henderson Commanded said Regiment: and that at the expiration of the last named enlistment I again enlisted in Captain William Guyton's Company of the Continental line in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ Williamson (but the command of said Regiment was afterwards transferred to Colonel Elijah Clarke). And that I continued in said service until the termination of the Revolutionary War and was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis at York Town at which time and place I was first Sergeant in said William Guyton's company: and that at the conclusion of the war I received a discharge which has since together with all my papers pertaining to said service and burnt in my house by accident.

And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1823 on the Pension list of the United States.

Witness my hand this 19th day of February 1829

S/ Archibald Henderson

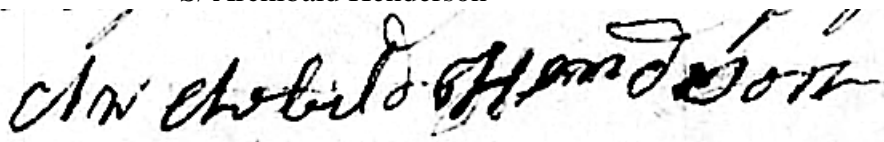
Georgia, \_\_ County

In person came Archibald Henderson before me D W Miller -- a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath that the foregoing statement of facts as they stand stated are true to the best of his knowledge and recollection.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 25th day of February 1829.

S/ D W Miller, JP

S/ Archibald Henderson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Archibald Henderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Georgia, Gwinnett County

Before me D W Miller a Justice of the Peace for said County duly empowered to

administer oaths Personally came and appeared Thomas Taylor<sup>1</sup> and John Davis<sup>2</sup> who being severally sworn did make oath that Archibald Henderson by whom the foregoing declaration was made and subscribed is a Soldier of the Revolution and was in the Army thereof at the conclusion of the war in the manner by him stated and that these Deponents were with him and intimately acquainted with him at the time thereof and know him to be the same person.

Sworn to and subscribed before made the 23rd day of February 1829.

S/ DW Miller, JP

S/ Thomas Taylor

S/ John Davis, X his mark

State of Georgia, County of Henry

On the 13th day of April 1835 Personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court Law and Equity for said County now sitting in and for said County, Archibald Henderson, a resident of said County 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. Entitled an Act supplementary of the Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz.:

First that he Enlisted in the State Troops of the State of Massachusetts for the term of 18 months in Captain Joseph Hazes Company of Colonel \_\_ Washington's Regiment (he misrecollects the Colonel's Christian name thinks it was John) and served accordingly and that during said Enlistment he was at Boston and assisted in throwing sundry boxes of tea belonging to Merchants of Great Britain overboard, was next in the Battle at Queenstown and shortly thereafter in the Battle at Bunker Hill and some time thereafter at the Battle of Brandywine and sometime thereafter in a Battle called the Buck wheat patch and then was ordered under the command of General Isaac Lee to Sullivans Island in the State of South Carolina and was there some more than 3 months where he was with others there Commanded &c until his said Enlistment expired and thence he returned to the State of Virginia and in the town of Richmond did again Enlist in the Virginia State Troops for and during the war of the Revolution. The time of said last Enlistment he thinks was the 7th of January or thereabout in the year 1778 and he thinks his service lasted about 4 years and some few months he enlisted in the Company of Captain Andrew Leach [probably Andrew Leitch]<sup>3</sup> in Colonel Philip Lee's Regiment and served under said last Enlistment until the End of the war as a first Sergeant of said Company; and during the said term he was in the Battle at Trenton where General George Washington commanded in person and was thence marched to Philadelphia with the prisoners taken at Trenton and was thence sent on to the State of South Carolina under General Isaac Lee and was there in the Battle at Stono thence under the same command he marched back towards the State of Virginia and in the State of North Carolina was in the Battle at Guilford Court House thence on to the State of Virginia where the command joined General George Washington and Army at Little York (or Yorktown) and was in the Siege of said town until the Army of Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the American Army (then under command of General George Washington) and was afterwards ordered as one of the Guard under General Isaac Lee to guard the prisoners to what was called the Red House in Virginia and was there after some time discharged, he further

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<sup>1</sup> [Thomas Tayler \(Taylor\) R21894](#)

<sup>2</sup> FPA S31642 posted in this database 7/23/13. See the note posted there by C. Leon Harris raising the very real probability that this claim along with that of Thomas Tayler and John Davis were fraudulent.

<sup>3</sup> [Andrew Leach \(Leitch\) W24521](#)

states that at the time of his last Enlistment his name is signed on the Enlistment A. Henderson the A. intended for Archibald and that he had a discharge which was destroyed by the acts of the burning of a House of which he was in possession in the State of South Carolina. He further states that he believes that ~~John Smith~~ and John Barnhill<sup>4</sup> of this County who knew him in the service at the Battle of Stono and that John Davis of the County of Gwinnett and this State knew him during the time of his last Enlistment but the applicant is now too old and infirm to travel to procure his testimony he further states that at the time of his last Enlistment he was informed the same was filed in Brunston's office in the town of Richmond in Virginia he states that at the time of his first Enlistment he lived in Baltimore County State of Pennsylvania a single man with his uncle, William Henderson and at the time of his last Enlistment he lived or was temporarily a waggoner living in Hanover County in Virginia; sold wagon and team and Enlisted. He states he is now in his 83rd year of age. He further states that he made application believing he was entitled to the benefits of the act of the 15th of May 1828 through the agency of Wilson Lumpkin and at that time proved his service by his Captain Andrew Leach and by Thomas Taylor who are now both dead and by John Davis of Gwinnett County aforesaid and both lately been informed through the agency of his friends Augustine S. Clayton and James Sellers and by letter through them from the Pension office that his papers after his said Claim was rejected (on account of his belonging to State Troops) were on the 23rd of December 1830 returned to the Honorable Wilson Lumpkin and hath written to said Lumpkin cannot as yet receive them and unless copies of the same are reserved in the office he knows of no other persons in life further to prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Archibald Henderson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jno. G. Polhill, Judge SC of Ga.

[Jesse H. Campbell, a clergyman, and James Sellers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>4</sup> [John Barnhill S16318](#)