

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Henderson R4867

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State of Indiana Owen County: Owing Circuit Court May Term A.D. 1829 – Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818

State of Indiana Owen County: SS

On this 26 day of May 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record and the Circuit Court in and for said County being expressly made a court of record by the laws of said state, having the power of fine and imprisonment, and proceeding according to the Course of Common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, David Henderson, a resident of said County aged Seventy-six years sometime next autumn, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first of May 1820: that he the said David Henderson enlisted for the term of Eighteen months, sometime in the summer months the precise day and month not recollected in the year of our Lord 1779 or 1780 to the best of his recollection, in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain James McGill, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Crockett in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until at the expiration of about fifteen or sixteen months when he was honorably discharged from the service in Frederick Town, in the State of Maryland; that he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State unless his present application should be considered as placing him on the roll of said State of Indiana; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz., that he has depended on the gratuitous support and charity of his married Children ever since a considerable time anterior to the year 1818; that within about one year last past for the first time his said Children have refused to contribute anything whatever towards his support, and that until within the last mentioned time his Children would not consent to his making his application for a pension alleging their ability and willingness to support him, that since such their refusal he has been obliged to depend on the promiscuous charity of his neighbors for his necessary support, that he has embraced the earliest opportunity sense of making application consistent with his ability of procuring the subjoined testimony and the necessary assistance. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled

“an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatsoever. That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, no changes have been made in any property of his, necessary bedding, wearing apparel and daily subsistence excepted he having had no other property since that time. He further declares that he is by occupation a blacksmith, but that from age, decrepitude and indisposition he has been unable to pursue it for more than thirteen years last past that he has eleven children now living, to wit Betsey about 42 or 43 years of age, Ruth about 40 or 41, Mary about 38 or 39, Patsey about 36 or 37, Annice about 34 or 35, Abraham about 32 or 33, Rhoda who died about three years since then aged about 27 or 28, Mary now about 28 or 29, Frances about 26 or 27, John about 24 or 25, Delilah about 22 or 23 and Paulina about 16 years of age; that all of his said Children are married and are living in different states except that Paulina is yet unmarried, but is living with one of her married sisters about forty miles from the residence of this applicant; that this applicant has no wife living; this applicant states that about fourteen years since he became insolvent and lost all his property including a good farm by the determination of an expensive lawsuit in the State of Kentucky; and that from a period anterior to the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 hitherto he had been obliged to depend on the Charity of his married Children, who also maintain his minor unmarried Children; that from age, sickness and debility, and his lost in a great degree of his sight and hearing he has been unable at any time since the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 to maintain himself, is now an object of Charity among his neighbors; and fears that his maintenance will shortly devolve on the said County of Owen as a pauper, unless governmental relief is speedily extended to him.

S/ David Henderson, X his mark