

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Henson (Hynson) R4909

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The State of Missouri County of Newton: SS: On this eighteenth day of March A.D. 1845 Personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace in and for the said County of Newton Richard Henson of said County and an old infirm man, aged ninety-five years as he verily believes He having no learning, cannot read nor write, who being duly sworn, according to law, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the Consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served, not less than, six months, and after being sworn, as aforesaid, makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. This declarant entered the said service in Wilks [Wilkes] County in the State of North Carolina on Naked Creek near the head of New River, in the fall of the year (as he believes) 1776, or '77 – volunteered as a private in the company commanded by Captain William Naul [probably William Nall], Lieutenant Greer, Ensign George Baker, and marched from where declarant lived to Saulsbury [Salisbury] there stationed threw up entrenchments and picketed the forts, served three months, were discharged and went home. On my first tour that ought to have been firstly related This declarant believing when he first entered the Service of the United States, near the head of New River, in the said County of Wilkes, in the said State of North Carolina, This said declarant saith he thinks and believes that a year or two years before he entered and served his first three months in the Army of the Revolution that he was called by Colonel Cleavatand [sic, Benjamin Cleveland?] to volunteer to run the line between the State of North Carolina and the State of Virginia – this declarant volunteered and his name enrolled in the Company of Captain Absalom Cleveland a private we met and marched near the head of Holston River (Carter's Valley) There this declarant was put under Captain Henderson, there guarded the Survey years, until they ran the line Colonel Williams commanded us; Served 3 months were discharged and returned home –

This said declarant served with no Continental Regiments unless there was a Continentals

officers and soldiers that brought British Prisoners to Salisbury when said declarant was there whilst serving his 2nd tour firstly related. That he has no documentary evidence of his Services and he knows of no person living that he can prove all of his Revolutionary services by – That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present: and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency or any State.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Richard Hynson, X his mark

[Thomas Shockley, a clergyman, and James Beeman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. Caroline County Virginia in the year 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age?

Ans. None

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. first I lived in Wilkes County North Carolina.

Ans. 2nd moved to Clinch River from thence to Clay County Kentucky, from thence to Illinois from thence to Indiana from thence back to Kentucky Callaway County from thence to Hardeman County Tennessee from thence to the State of Mississippi Besoto [DeSoto] County from thence to Iszand [Izard] County State of Arkansas from thence to the County of Newton in the State of Missouri where he now resides –

4th How were you called into service? Wns. I volunteered a private soldier

5th I served under Colonel Cleveland and Colonel Williams

6. Ans. I do not recollect of getting a written discharge

7. Ans. Thomas Shockly and James Beeman

[fn p. 8: Martha May of Newton County Missouri gave a supporting affidavit in which she says she has known Richard Henson since she was 6 years old; that she is the sister of said Henson; that she can remember of going with her father to see the said Richard and 2 of her other brothers start to go against the British in the war of the revolution in Wilkes County North Carolina when she was about 14 years of age; that they were gone for 3 months; and that prior to that her brother had gone into service for a first tour.]