

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Herod R4917 MD
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[The following is hard to read because of poor penmanship.]

State of Indiana }
Spencer County Sct } In the Spencer Circuit Court Oct Term 1837

Be it remembered that on this ninth day of October AD 1837 personally appeared before the Judge of the Spencer Circuit Court, John Herod, a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged some where about eighty years (Declarant not being able to say precisely) who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress, passed the 7 June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a captain of a Company of horse[?], raised in the city of Baltimore, and attached to the fourth regiment under the command of Col Howard or Haword [John Eager Howard], and Major Ned Norrid or Narrad [sic: Edward Norwood]. That he entered the service in the fall of the year 1778 or 79 about four years after the breaking out of the war, and served until the end of the war. That he was at the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781]. That Gen Washington commanded at Brandywine, and besides him he recollects Gen'l [Nathanael] Greene [Daniel] Morgan & [John] Sullivan. That Gen'l Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] commanded at the battle of Guilford Ct House and besides him, recollects Genl Morgan

This Declarant in consequence of his infirmities & the lapse of time is wholly unable to give any detailed account of his marches whilst in the army, or any accurate statement of the names of officers or of the dates of events, or time of the events themselves.

This Declarant further declares that after the close of the Revolutionary War he settled in Kentucky near Lexington. That during what was termed the "Indian War" he joined Captain Colier's company of volunteers at Georgetown Kentucky on Elkhorn & marched thence to Cincinnati to join the regular army under Gen'l [Anthony] Wayne That Captain Rollin's company marched with his from Georgetown to Cincinnati, Does not recollect the year. On his arrival at Cincinnati Gen'l Wayne gave him the command of a company of one hundred regular riflemen, with the commission of Captain, signed by Gen'l Wayne. From Cincinnati the Army marched to the O'glazer [sic: Auglaizer, now Auglaize River] & Maumee, where the army built a fort called fort Defiance [Aug 1794] thence the Army, marched down the Miami or Wicomie the [illegible] which the Maumee & O'Glaze take after their junction) to the British Garrison, six miles from Lake Erie, where a battle was fought between the Americans under Wayne & the Indians & Canadian French under Girty & McKee [Battle of Fallen Timbers at present Maumee OH, 20 Aug 1794] – their fort being on the Wiomie, opposite the British Garrison in which action the enemy were defeated with a heavy loss. In this action he recollects besides Wayne, Gen'ls Barber[?] & Scott, Major Conn, and Capts Gilby[?], Nelson, Rollins, & Collier. After this action the army marched up the wright hand side of the Maumee until they arrived at the old Maumee village [Kekionga] at which place they built a fort Block house & called the fort "Fort Wayne Oct 1794." From thence the Army marched back to Cincinnati, where the army was disbanded This Declarant thinks he was in Waynes Army about one year, during which time he served in the capacity of captain. That at Cincinnati he received his discharge from Gen'l Wayne which has long been lost or destroyed and that he has no documentary evidence of his services whatever

This declarant further states that previous to his returning to the state of Kentucky he was captain of a spy company under the command of Gen'l Ben Biggs and stationed at Tams Fort at Wheeling Virginia which was under the command of John Tams – at this place he was stationed two years and served during that time as captain. from Wheeling he went to Marietta on the Muskingum in Ohio, where he was stationed was captain of a spy company for the space of one year and served as such – and after

which he went to Kentucky, and there also served as captain of a spy company at Stafford's Station on Little Elkhorn Creek for one year – for all of which service as Captain of the Spies he received as compensation [three or four undeciphered words]. That during his residence at Wheeling, he was captured by the Shawnee & Delaware Indians & narrowly escaped being burned at the stake – was detained by them at the Shawanee towns one year & one day when he made his escape bringing with him a white woman who had been taken prisoner by them

That he has no documentary evidence of his services whatever, nor does he know of any person or persons by whom he can prove his his services as afsd. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

John hisXmark Herod

Interrogatories propounded by said Court to the above John Herod applicant for a pension

Q What is your age? Ans. as near as I can come to it I am going on seventy nine

Q Where did you reside when you entered the army of the revolution?

Ans. at Baltimore

Q. In what capacity did you serve in said Army & how long?

Ans As a Captain of a company of regular horse[?], and served three years

Q. Name the officers under whom you served & the regiment.

I served under genls Green & Morgan, his regimental officers were Col Howard & Maj Sam Norid & in the fourth regiment

Q. Where did you reside when you entered he Indian war? in what capacity did you serve in that War & how long?

Ans I lived in Kentucky on Little Elkhorn and was Captain and served one year exactly.

Q. When did you enter the spy service & where and under whom did you serve, In what capacity did you serve & how long?

Ans At Wheeling. Does not recollect the year, under Gen'l Biggs Served as captain three years

We you regularly discharged from the services afsd. by whom, & what has become of your discharge if any you had?

Ans was discharged in Revolutionary war by Gen'l Morgan, from the Indian war by Wayne & from the spy service by Gen'l Biggs. The discharges are lost and destroyed

Have you ever received any pension or annuity in consideration of the above services from any source whatever

Ans He has received no pension.

NOTE: A letter from the Pension Office states that Herod's application was suspended for further proof because his name was not found on the rolls.