

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Heffington (Hiffington) R4970

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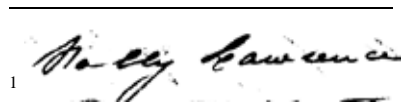
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State of Tennessee, Lawrence County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Term 1833

On this 1st day of April 1833 Archibald Heffington a Resident citizen of the County of Lawrence aforesaid personally appeared in open court aged Seventy-nine on the 15th day of March last as well as he recollects but has no record of his age 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 7th 1832 or such other acts as suits his case. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he entered the Navy of the United States at South Key Maherrin [Meherrin] River in Nansemond County State of Virginia in March 1777 for and during the War under Captain Thomas Ogburn, James Hare Lieutenant, Francis Sallinger 2nd mate, William Porter Boatswain in the Brig *Polly Lawrence*,¹ that he cruised from thence to Edenton North Carolina, thence to Charleston, thence to the Bermudas where we took a British Brig & took her to Charleston she was commanded by Bartlett Gutridge. Thence we sailed to Québec & had an engagement with the British fleet but made our escape to Rhode Island [?]² where we had another engagement with a part of the British fleet. Thence we sailed to Chesapeake Bay & from thence we met the French fleet under the command of County De Grass [Francois Joseph Paul de Grasse] & aided in the blockade of Cornwallis at York Town in Virginia holding our station at Hampton Roads at the mouth of James River, where we remained until Cornwallis' surrendered [October 19, 1781], we had an engagement with the British fleet off the Cape of Virginia during the time of the Blockade, that he went ashore on the day that Cornwallis surrendered & saw him deliver his sword, that in a short time after the battle at about the time peace was made his Captain died & he left the service without a discharge together with the whole crew whose service was not further needed or desired. That since the revolution he has lived in North Carolina, Orange County, in Kentucky, Logan County, in Tennessee first in Sumner County & now in Lawrence. Have hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

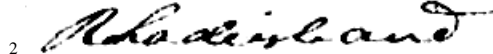
Sworn to and subscribed the day above written.

S/ Archibald Heffington, X his mark



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I could not information concerning a vessel of this name being in the VA navy



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State of Kentucky Simpson County Sct.

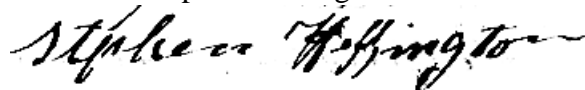
This day Stephen Heffington a Minister of the Gospel regularly ordained aged fifty-four years personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County & State aforesaid and made oath that he has known and been acquainted with Archibald Heffington ever since his first recollection and that from the earliest period of his acquaintance with said Archibald in the State of Virginia until said Archibald moved from said state he said Archibald moved from said State he said Archibald was always reputed and believed among all his neighbors to have been a soldier of the revolutionary war and to have served his country faithfully for nearly four years and That it was understood reputed and believed that his said Archibald's services as a soldier was on board of a vessel of the United States of America and he further states that said Archibald is a man of truth and that this affiant believes that said Archibald is a man in whose statement for faith and credit is and ought to be given, and that he further believes from evidence aforesaid that said Archibald was a soldier of the revolutionary war as stated above.

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence this 17th day of October 1835. In testimony whereof I have the date above affixed my hand & name.

Sworn to before me this 17th day of October 1835

S/ Thomas S. Mahin, JP

S/ Stephen Heffington



[p 10: Power of attorney dated January 27, 1854 and executed by Mariah Carter of Lawrence County Tennessee and William R Davidson and his wife Matilda of Lauderdale County Alabama, on behalf of themselves and all lawful heirs of Archibald Heffington deceased, a revolutionary war soldier who died in Lauderdale County Alabama in 1837

