

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Benson R779

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Declaration of John L. Hargroves administrator of the estate of Nancy Benson deceased who was the widow of Henry Benson deceased this declaration is made by said administrator on behalf of the Children of the said Henry Benson and Nancy Benson deceased towit, Cynthia Benson. Hiram Benson. Jana Martin. Minna Barnes. Parthena McMurtry and Sina Newsom & Pharaoh Benson
The State of Mississippi } In the Probate Court of said County August term A.D. 1856. Personally
Lawrence County } appeared in open court of the court the County and State aforesaid J L Hargroves Administrator of the estate of Nancy Benson deceased who is now known by the Court to be such admr who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 7th day of June A.D. 1832 and the subsequent acts amending the same granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war, that the said Nancy Benson deceased was the widow of Henry Benson deceased who was a soldier for the Regiment [sic] Commanded by General George Washington for a term of about seven years during the American Revolution. Said administrator declares that he has been informed that the said Henry Benson had a written certificate of discharge showing The service as above stated from under the hand of Gen'l. Washington which is now decayed and worn out by old age but the same remained in the house of the said Henry Benson long after his death. The said Nancy Benson deceased was married to the said Henry Benson deceased in the State of Virginia in the year 1792 or thereabouts. that her name before said marriage was Nancy [blank] and that her said husband, the aforesaid Henry Benson died at his residence in Lawrence County in the State of Mississippi on the [blank] day of [blank] 183 and that the said Nancy Benson remained a widow from then until her death on the [blank] day of July 1834

The declarant only swears to the above facts to the best of his knowledge, from information derived from Records & other sources all of which he believes to be correct and true. John. L. Hargroves

NOTE: On 19 May 1857 Federick Ward, 63, stated that Henry Benson died on 1 Nov 1828, leaving the following children: Cynthia, wife of Prue Benson; Hiram J.; Herod, deceased; Alfred, deceased; Jana, wife of John Martin; Sina, wife of John Newsom; Minna, wife of Benjamin B. Barnes; Pharaoh; Parthena, wife of William H. McMurtrey; and Job, deceased.