

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Herndon S13373

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State of Kentucky Logan County: SS

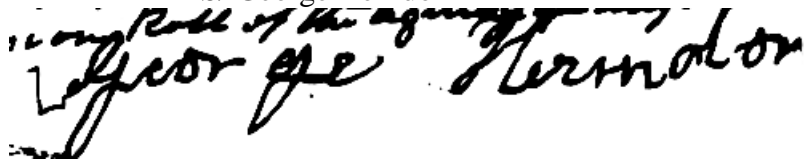
On this 13th day of August 1833 personally appeared before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now in Session George Herndon a resident of Logan County in the State of Kentucky aged seventy years the 14th day of June last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the [year] 1778 in the County of Chatham in the State of North Carolina as a volunteer in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Kindrick said Company was attached to a Corps or Regiment commanded by Colonel Saunders – from Chatham he marched to Hillsboro from thence to Sallsbrough [Salisbury] and from thence to Campden [Camden] in South Carolina – from thence he was marched in the direction of Charlestown with the intention as he was told of going to the latter place, but before he reached that place information was received that the British Army under the Command of Colonel or General Campbell [Archibald Campbell] had taken Savannah in Georgia and the Corps to which he belonged was marched to Purisburg [Purrysburg] the head quarters of the American troop in that part of the United States under the command of General Lincoln. The North Carolina troops were under the command of General Rutherford he states that his Captain was discharged by furlough soon after he entered the service and never returned and the Company was afterwards commanded by the subaltern officers of said company to which Lieutenant Crutchfield and Ensign Mackmasters [McMasters] – in this neighborhood he continued until the end of the time of his enlistment which was five months a part of the time he was stationed at a ferry on the Savannah River called the Two Sisters between Purrysburg & Black Swamp – at the latter place General Lincoln had his head quarters at this time he was discharged which was to the best of his recollection on the 10th day of April 1779 – he states that he got a written discharge for this tour of duty of five months, but not knowing that it would ever be worth anything to him he has long since lost or mislaid it.

In the latter part of the fall on the first of the Winter of the year 1779 he again volunteered in a Company of Militia commanded by his father James Herndon for a tour of 3 months, from the said County of Chatham, he marched to Camden, from thence he was marched to Charleston Colonel Lytle Commanded the Regiment to which he was attached, General Lincoln was here also Commander in chief of the American troop – he got a printed discharge of for [sic] his services, for this tour of 3 months – this discharge is also lost or destroyed – discharge was dated on the 23rd March 1780.

In the winter of 1780 or 1781 he again volunteered for a 3 months tour of duty in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Knight this Company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Luttrell [John Luttrell], but before the time of his service expired he was transferred with his Company to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Malbra [Malmedy] a Frenchman – from the said County of Chatham he started to join the Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] which was then stationed near Salisbury but information was given by General Green was on his March toward Guilford and the Corps to which he belonged turned their direction and joined the Army under the Command of General Green between Guilford Courthouse and dann [Dan] River – After the Army crossed Dan River his Colonel having left his command his Major marched the Regiment back to North Carolina and there the said Colonel Malbry [Malmedy] took the command of the Regiment & set out on his March to join General Green and was within 14 miles of Guilford Court House when the battle was fought – he continued in General Greens Army until he was discharged which was some weeks after the battle perhaps in the month of March 1781 this discharge is also lost or destroyed. In the same year perhaps only a few months thereafter he again volunteered his services in a company commanded by Captain Rossers in said County of Chatham, he was ordered to rendezvous at the Court House of said County on a certain day he accordingly repaired to the place appointed, and was surprised and taken prisoner by a parcel of Tories under the command of Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] who took them to the British Army then stationed at Wilmington the name of the British commander there was Craig [James Craig]. He was kept a prisoner here between 4 and 5 months before he was released or rather made his escape from confinement. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state whatever.

S/ George Herndon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Herndon". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a faint, partially legible printed name "George Herndon".

[Thomas M Smith, a clergyman, and John Breathitt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Had a Court held for Logan County in the State of Kentucky in the 6th Judicial district, George Herndon who has heretofore subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration personally appeared in Open Court and made oath that he was a prisoner in the hands of the British during the revolutionary war for 5 months lacking 4 or 5 days, it being at the time referred to in the foregoing declaration he not deeming it necessary at the time he made the said declaration to be so specific as to time: This 9th Day of November 1832

S/ Ahser W. Graham, Judge

State of Kentucky Logan County: Sct.

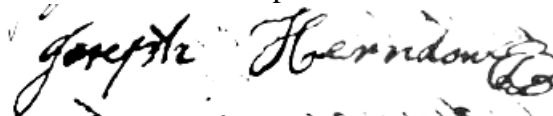
The Affidavit of Joseph Herndon¹ taken at the Court House in the town of Russellville County of Logan & State of Kentucky.

This affiant saith that sometime during the revolutionary war the precise date he cannot now recollect – but to the best of his recollection during the year after the battle at Guilford Court House in North Carolina, he together with his relation George Herndon who is endeavoring to obtain a pension under the provisions of the late act of Congress volunteered their Services as a militia man in Captain Rosser's Company of Chatham County North Carolina – that they were ordered to rendezvous at the Court House in said County of Chatham on a certain day that they accordingly armed themselves and set out & repaired to the Court House, but to their surprise own their arrival there they found the place infested by a Company of Tories Commanded by Colonel Fanning and that they both fell into the hands of said Tories and were taken to the British Army then stationed at Wilmington Commanded by Major Craig where they were kept prisoners for 3 or 4 months suffering all the privations that men were well capable of bearing during that time.

This Affiant sayeth further that said George Herndon was in the service of the United States about the time of the said battle of Guilford as a militia man and continued in the said Service until within a very short time previous to his 2nd enlistment and capture as above stated.

Given under my hand this 13th day of August 1832.

S/ Joseph Herndon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Herndon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Joseph Herndon".

[facts in file: Robert Herndon, the soldiers son, survived his father in 1855. The name of the veterans wife, the date of their marriage and the names and ages of their other children is not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Joseph Herndon S31740](#)