

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Herndon S1669

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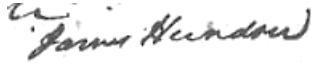
State of Tennessee Warren County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the said County now sitting James Herndon a resident of said County and State aged about seventy years 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and served as herein stated. Says that in the year 1779 in the month of May as he believes he entered the service for eighteen months under the following officers to wit Captain Taliaferro [probably Benjamin Taliaferro], Lieutenant Stubblefield [probably Beverly Stubblefield] in Colonel Parker's [Richard Parker's] Regiment. He enlisted in Charlotte County Virginia where he then lived and continued to live until the end of the war. Captain Taliaferro or Tolliver as he was called company was organized at Petersburg as also the Regiment of Colonel Parker and Colonel Bluford's [Abraham Buford's]. Colonel Parker marched his Regiment on from Petersburg to Charleston South Carolina where they joined General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] and surrendered with him when Charleston was taken. This declarant was left about one hundred miles from Charleston with others all of whom were sick as Colonel Parker's Regiment marched on. Before this declarant was recovered from the attack of sickness under which he labored Colonel Parker's Regiment was surrendered. About that time Colonel Bluford [Abraham Buford] marched his Regiment from Petersburg towards Charleston and on his way came by where declarant then was – who being anxious to serve his country joined his Regiment and attached himself to Captain Adam Wallace's company. Colonel Bluford marched on towards Charleston through Camden until he came to Santee within fifty or sixty miles of Charleston. Colonel Bluford finding the American Army under General Lincoln had surrendered that it would be folly in him to march against all the forces of the enemy with a single Regiment began to retreat from Camden – the same way he had gone down. The enemy pursued him to the upper parts of South Carolina where they overtook and defeated him near the hanging rock. This Affiant was not in the battle as he was that day placed to guard the ammunition wagons and narrowly made his escape. The affiant was again attacked with the fever and ague and was sick for several months he went on to Chesterfield courthouse and joined General William Davidson where he remained until his time expired and was discharged by him. This affiant in about two months was drafted for three months and entered the service in Captain Richard Gaines company Colonel Fleming's Regiment, they marched from Charlotte County Virginia: Petersburg to Suffolk thence on to Long Bridge on Nansemond River where the British then had a Garrison.

After some skirmishing Colonel Fleming marched back to Suffolk where this applicant remained until his time expired and he was discharged by General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] who had then the command and he returned home.

He was again drafted in two or three months for two months and attached to Joseph Guqueway's [?] company and marched from Charlotte to Williamsburg where he remained until his time expired. He was discharged a few days before Cornwallis surrendered in October 1781 [October 19, 1781]. This applicant received a written discharges each time to wit three. After the war terminated this applicant was informed by Judge Carrington of Charlotte County Virginia that precision had been made to pay off the troops. This Applicant gave him his discharge and he went to Richmond and drew his money. What he did with his discharge this applicant does not know. He has not seen nor heard of them since. He therefore has no documentary evidence and he knows of no one whose testimony he can procure to establish the above facts or testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James Herndon



[James Cope, a clergyman, and William Armstrong gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to interrogatories put by the Court as directed by the Secretary of War  
~~Says~~ he was born 1762 in \_\_ County North Carolina his father moved [to] Charlotte County Virginia where deponent lived eighteen or twenty years, lived two years in Rowan County North Carolina, five years in Iredell County, five years in Carter County in East Tennessee, eight years in Washington County in Virginia ever since in Warren County where he still resides. Has no record of his age. Lived in Charlotte County Virginia during the revolutionary war. Enlisted the first campaign and was drafted the other two. He has stated the officers with whom he served in his declaration. He received written discharges each time and gave them to Judge Carrington to draw his wages who never returned. Says he knows William Armstrong, Levi Rogers and William Hays in his present neighborhood.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$76.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one-year and 11 months in the Virginia Continental line.]