

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Henderson S17476

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State of Missouri Calloway County Sct.

On this 19th day of August in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Calloway now sitting David Henderson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged about eighty years, he has no record of his age, and cannot precisely recollect the year in which his parents told him he was born – but he is impressed with a confidence from the statement of his parents that he was born about the time of Braddock's defeat [July 9, 1755], 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 = That he states that he was born in the County of Augusta, State of Virginia, and as above stated he does not recollect the precise year in which he was born. That he remained on the farm on which he was born until he was about twenty-seven or eight years of age when he removed to the County of Jefferson State of Tennessee where he resided about twenty-seven years, and then removed to the State of Indiana and lived near Brookville in that state = two years and six months then to the State of Kentucky, Fleming County where he remained six months, and lastly he removed to the State of Missouri where he still resides, having however changed his residence from the County of Howard to the County of Calloway his present residence. = He states that he was living at the place of his nativity when he was drafted and served a tour of thirty days or upwards in pursuit of the Indians under Captain Francis Long, that he left Staunton and marched into the Green Briar [Greenbrier] country to Donley's Fort, from thence under Colonel Lewis to the Kennaswa [Kanawha] River, and returned home by the way of the Suite Springs, had no battle or skirmishing, I served as a private and was discharged time not recollected in consequence of loss of memory in Staunton by Colonel Lewis. = He states that whilst residing at the said place of his nativity that he served a tour under Captain Buckhannan [probably Patrick Buchanan], that he started from Staunton marched through Charlottesville, and from thence on to Richmond and arrived there at the time of the burning of the tobacco warehouses [April 30 1781 in Manchester Virginia across the James River from Richmond] in the vicinity of Richmond some time, he does not recollect precisely how long, and was appointed during their sojourn a Sergeant; = he states that from the loss of memory he cannot remember any other officer in the Regiment that he served under that during the last mentioned tour, nor can he recollect with precision the length of time that he served but he thinks it was not less than three months. = He states that whilst residing at the same place of his nativity (of Augusta County Virginia) that he was drafted and served under one Captain Zachariah Johnson as a private in a mounted rifle company, that the Lieutenant of said company was by the name of Charles Baskins, he is this

particular in his recollection of Baskins from the fact of his being wounded in the head, and one of the several battles that occurred during this tour. The Commandant of the Regiment to which Captain Johnson's company belonged was Colonel Bowyer [William Bowyer]; = He states that he left Augusta County Virginia under the above named officers, and in their march passed through Albemarle County, and from thence on to the neighborhood of Williamsburg, which was called headquarters, and it being understood that Cornwallis, who was the prize we were in pursuit of had moved up to Jamestown with the intention of crossing the River, General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] with five regiments of which boyars was one – and five pieces of cannon, marched against him, to defeat if possible his intention of crossing whereupon a battle ensued, which resulted in Wayne's being repulsed with the loss of his artillery = it was just before this engagement in a skirmish that Lieutenant Baskins was wounded in the head, and in the battle Colonel Bowyer was made prisoner, and detained by the British 2 or 3 days. In this detachment of the American Army, there was present in command General Campbell, General Wayne and the Marquis Lafayette, the Chief Command resting in the latter, the above tour he recollects lasted three months. – He states that at the end of each tour, he was regularly discharged by the proper officer, but they are now all lost or misplaced, having taken but little care of them, not thinking that they could ever stand him in stead [sic]; = He states that he never held a commission during the time he served in any [of] the before recited tours = He states further that he does not know of any person now living that knew him as a soldier of the revolution. = He also states that he never received any pension whatever for said services and does hereby relinquish all right and title to the same except that which may of right claim and be entitled to under an act supplementary to the act in the relief of certain officers and soldiers of the revolution passed on the 7th of June 1832.

S/ David Henderson, X his mark

On this 19th day of August 1838 appeared in open Court David Henderson the above petitioner who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For thirty days under Captain Francis Long, served as a private – For three months under Captain Buchanan I served first as a private and then as a Sergeant having been appointed Sergeant whilst on duty, I have no recollection of the precise length of time I served in that capacity – For three months more under Captain Johnson I served as a private and for such services I claim a pension. He further states that in consequence of the loss of memory, he does not recollect the periods of the war he served or the names of but few of the officers under whom he served but he is positive that he has substantially stated the facts as they occurred.

Subscribed & sworn to in Open Court before the Clerk of the County Court of Calloway County this 19th day of August A.D. 1833

S/ David Henderson, X his mark

Questions put by the court to the said Henderson and his answers thereto = Question by the court = How old are you and what evidence have you a your age. Answer by the applicant. As to my age I can only answer as I have remarked about it in my declaration never having seen a record of my age, but from reminiscences of my youth I am confident that I am in the neighborhood of 80 is my age = Question by same = Have you a written discharge or any evidence of your having

left the service regularly = Answer by same = I was at the expiration of each tour regularly discharged and believes that mostly they were written discharges but not thinking that they would be of service to me, they have been misplaced or lost, and I do not now know what has become of them. Question by same = Under what officers did you serve. Answer. I have already mentioned the names of those that I recollect with certainty: a repetition of their names I presume would be unnecessary = I therefore refer to the list contained in my declaration = Question by the same – to whom are you known as a revolutionary soldier = Answer by same = I do not know of any person now living that knows me as a soldier of the revolution unless it be a brother that resides if he is still living in the State of Illinois, he is many years younger than I am, but I feel confident he must recollect my leaving home on the aforesaid military tours. I have written to him touching the matter – but have received no answer; = There are many in this country and elsewhere who have often heard me speak of having performed said tours, and I am well known in this County having resided in it upwards of 14 years, and I am well known to Thomas Brooks & Hiram Holt – Question by same = Have you ever receive compensation for your services either by way of pension or otherwise = Answer by same = As before stated I never have received any pension nor compensation of any kind = Question by same = Where were you born, and where have you resided since – Answer by same – I have been as explicit as I can be upon that [indecipherable word] in my declaration = Question by same – What direction did your expeditions have you = Answer by same = I have also in my declaration been as full in regard to that matter as my memory at present will enable me; = I therefore again refer you to that for answer to your question. Question by same = were you drafted or did you volunteer. Answer by same = To the best of my recollection I was drafted each tour.

S/ David Henderson, X his mark

[Attested August 19, 1833 in Calloway County Missouri]

[Thomas Brooks and Hiram Holt gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]