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Pension Application of Henry Person S30641

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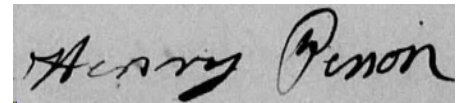
State of Mississippi [sic] } On this 14th[?] day of November AD 1834 personally appeared before
Carroll County } the Honourable James Scott Judge of the second Judicial District of the
State aforesaid, holding Circuit Court in and for County aforesaid.

Henry Person a resident of the said County of Carroll and State of Mississippi aged seventy nine years the 8th day of March last who being in open Court first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the year 1775 as a State volunteer under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit) He first entered the service as a volunteer in 1775 under Capt Thomas Alston and rendezvoused at Halifax in the State of North Carolina. The Regiment to which the company in which he served belonged was commanded by Col Nicholas Long and [Jethro] Sumner (afterwards General Sumner in the regular service) was then serving as Major. the march was from Halifax to Norfolk Va to suppress the plundering of the Citizens then being made by Governor Dumore [sic: Dunmore], who they failed to take prisoner by his escape to a British Armed vessel two of which were then lying off Norfolk. the troops returned home in February or March 1776 and were then disbanded and this Declarant rec'd his discharge from Thomas Alston his Captain dated at Halifax N.C., which is now lost. In this Expedition this Declarant served three months Some few days after his discharge as above, this Declarant again volunteered under his former Captain and Colonel, Robert Hill Major. They rendezvoused at Warren C. House N. Carolina and marched towards Cross Creek – now Fayetteville N. C. to disperse a party of Tories who were routed and dispersed by Gen'l [Richard] Caswell before Col Long's regt could join him A part of the retreating Tories were met by us – and thirty prisoners and ten waggons and teams were taken. The prisoners were marched to Halifax N. C. by order of Col Long and there confined to jail. In this expedition this Declarant served one month and fourteen days and was then discharged by Capt Alston at Halifax. On the 1st day of May 1776 this Declarant was drafted and rendezvoused at Warren Court House N.C. under Capt Benjamin Seawell. The regt commanded by Col Dozier [Zachariah Dozier or possibly Peter Dauge], Lt. Col [Drury] Gee – Hogan Major. The march was from Warren to Wilmington N.C. During this tour this Declarant filled the Office of Sergeant and received Sergeants pay – two months of which were paid by Pay Master William Green of Franklin County N.C. He was in Wilmington when Independence was declared. The troops were marched home when their time of service had expired (three mont[hs]) and this Declarant afterwards rec'd a discharge from Capt Seawell at Seawells own house in Franklin County; from whom he likewise then and there recd his last months pay In Wake County N.C. (to which place this Declarant had then removed) he was again drafted. This was the first drafted after Gates' defeat [defeat of Horatio Gates near Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780] and in the summer, but this Declarant does not recollect the date. He rendezvoused at Hillsborough under Capt John Turner of Wake County Col Phil Taylor [Philip Taylor] Lt Col John Dickinson [sic: John Dickerson] and Maj Rutherford. This Reg't was composed of Mountain [mounted] troops and marched to Charlotte N.C. where Cornwallis then lay They there joined the Light Horse troops under Col [William Richardson] Davie who had that day lost two men in a skirmish with Tarlton's light horse [sic: Banastre Tarleton's Legion, on or about 26 Sep 1780]

Cornwallis marched south from Charlotte – the Americans close pursuing, but the two armies did not come to an engagement. This was a three months draft – but those who furnished their own horse (of which number this Declarant was one) were discharged in two months. This Declarant in the last mentioned service, served two months lacking four days for which time he hired a substitute and was then discharged by Capt John Turner at a Camp near the Catawba River some 35 or 40 miles from Charlotte. He was again drafted for three months, and hired James Trowel as a substitute, by giving him two hundred and fifty acres of land. This Declarant further states that he was born on great fishing Creek

Warren County N.C. [formed in 1799 from Bute, which was formed from Granville in 1764] on the 8th day of March 1755, but that he has no record of his age – that during the Revolutionary war as stated above he removed from Warren to Wake County – from thence in [blank] to Granville – from thence in [blank] to Moore in [blank] to Sevier County in East Tennessee in which place he resided about twenty three years – from thence he removed to Shelby County Alabama where he resided 12 or 13 years and then removed to Fayette County Tennessee, where he resided when he made his first Declaration for a pension. And from thence in 1833 he removed to Carroll County Mississippi where he now resides. That he has long since lost his several discharges and has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services – Nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his service – unless it should be his brother William Person who lived in Franklin County N. C. and who served with this declarant. But whose evidence this declarant cannot obtain

This Declarant does not recollect of being at any time in service with regular Officers or Soldiers – except those who were at Wilmington – but left there when Gen'l [John] Ashe arrived with the Militia. This Declarant is known to Col Edmund King and the Hon Samuel Mardis M. D. of Shelby County Alabama – to Sollaman Williams Sen'r and Benj'n Branch Esq'r with others in Fayette County Tennessee and to the Rev'd Moses Crowson and [blank] together with others where he now lives. He has however been in Carroll County for so short a time that he is not as well known as in other places where he has lived. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Person". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Questions propounded by the Court

1 Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in the County of Warren in the State of North Carolina on the 8th day of march A.D. 1755

Ques 2. Have you any record of your Age, and if so, where is it?

Ans My record is lost.

3 Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans – In Warren County N.C. when called into service, since that time I have lived in the Counties of Wake, Granville & Moore N.C. & in the States of Tennessee and Alabama, and now live in Carroll County Mississippi

4 How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute And if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I first volunteered, served two tours, was afterwards drafted but never served as a substitute

5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served: such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

Ans. Major Jacob Turner, General Sumner, Militia Officers Col Long, Capt Benj'n Seawell. And for the general circumstances of the service refference is made to the Declaration above made. The Regiment commanded by Gen'l Ashe called the Halifax Regiment and Col. Longs Regiment

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ans I rec'd a discharge from Jno Turner two from Benj'n Seawell and two from Thos Alston. All of which are now lost.

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans Rev Moses Crowson, Titus Howard James Blanks Esq'r with others

[Certified by Moses Crowson and Joseph Person.]