

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Henderson S31736

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[Note: The text in blue type below was transcribed from the HeritageQuest.com version because it is missing from the version posted on Fold3.com.]

State of Georgia Jackson County: SS

On the twenty seventh day of December 1832 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of said County Robert Henderson an aged & old Soldier & invalid & [indecipherable word or words] of the aforesaid State & County aged Eighty one years being unable to appear before the Court who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, I was drafted under Captain William Rolinson [probably William Robinson] of Botetourt County Virginia as a Spy against the Indians Six months or more – the year not recollected afterwards was drafted under Captain Henry Waterson of said County, to march to Guilford Courthouse, we marched 80 or 90 miles when we were Deceived by a Tory [indecipherable word or words] who said Lord Cornwallis was defeated & retreating to Charleston. I then returned home which march occupied ten days or more. I then was drafted & served by a substitute named Cristian Close [Christian Close?] whom I delivered up to Colonel Andrew Lewis for a six months Tour having furnished him with a good Rifle gun for which I had a Receipt but is lost, for which services I have never received any pay, these services were all performed previous to the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. I was not engaged in any General Battle except with the Indians & do not recollect whether I ever got a discharge or not, nor have I any living witness or written testimony to prove my services.

N. B. The Services which I have rendered for the United States amounts to one year or more

The following Interrogatories propounded to him, he answered as follows viz.

1st What year were you born and where Ans, – I was born in the State of Virginia Augusta County in the year 1751 May 11th [?]

2^{ly} [2ndly] – have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Ans-- I have the record of my age from my father's family Bible

3rd – Where were you living when called into service – where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live

Ans-- I lived in the State of Virginia Augusta County – from whence I removed to Botetourt County in said State from thence I removed to Wilkes County in the State of Georgia where I

now live in Jackson County –

4th, 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 have answered all these interrogatories questions in the Body of my Declaration

5th, State the names of regular officers who were with the troops where you served, the Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service –

Ans – I have mentioned all the circumstances in my [indecipherable word] attached – in my General declaration –

6thly Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom it given & what has become of it –

Ans – I have never received a discharge for my service which I now recollect of save A receipt from Major Andrew Lewis of Virginia for a Substitute which I believe is lost –

7thly – state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution –

Ans – Jams Sisson, Frederick McGore William Chase [?], Benjamin Watkins

I have no claim whatever except the present to any pension [Roll or annuity and my name is not upon the pension](#) Roll of any State Agency

S/ Robert Henderson, X his Mark

[Joseph Hampton & James Sisson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: document dated January 27th, 1860 indicating that the widow (not named) of Robert Henderson was paid the balance of the pension due him from September 4, 1838 2 February 22nd, 1839, the day on which he died.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41.11 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 10 days in the Virginia service.]