

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Henderson S31738 Mary Henderson f64NC[SC]<sup>1</sup>  
Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves rev'd 6/11/08 & 3/14/14 & 6/12/22

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Georgia, Hall County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July eighteen hundred and thirty eight personally appeared and open court before Joseph Dawson, Nehemiah Garrison and John Burnett now sitting Robert Henderson a resident of Hall County State of Georgia aged Seventy six years the fifth 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 act of congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served in his herein stated;

In the month of February 1779 I was called into service as a private militiaman in the company of Captain John Gowen for a term of three months and was attached to Colonel John Thomas' Regiment and marched to Jamison's Fort where I remained until the expiration of three months. I was then verbally discharged and returned home.

In the month of May or June 1780 Colonel Thomas was ordered to join Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon] on what is now called Union County. I joined Captain John Gowen's company again and started to join Colonel Brandon. After three or four days march we were informed that Colonel Brandon had been defeated [June 8, 1780]<sup>2</sup> by the British and Tories under the command of a man by the name of Cunningham [William Cunningham]. We were discharged by our officers and instructed to shift for ourselves until reinforcements could be obtained.

I then went into Rutherford County State of North Carolina and joined a company of Cavalry as a private under the command of Captain Adam Hampton and was attached to Colonel Andrew Hampton's Regiment and remained in active service two months, during which time I was in an engagement<sup>3</sup> on Pacolet River. General Charles McDowell commanded the American forces. A Captain Dunlap [James Dunlap] commanded the forces of the British and Tories. The next engagement took place between a party of our Regiment

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt17706-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_brandons\\_camp.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_brandons_camp.html)

<sup>3</sup> Probably Earle's Ford, July 15, 1780: [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_earles\\_ford.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_earles_ford.html)  
and/or McDowell's Camp, July 16, 1780:  
[https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_mcdowells\\_camp.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mcdowells_camp.html)

and the British and Tories at Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree River [August 19, 1780].<sup>4</sup> I was not in this engagement being out with another party scouting in this engagement. We took about thirty prisoners. I was then sent as one of the guard to take the prisoners to Salisbury North Carolina. Colonel Williams [James Williams] of Laurens District South Carolina was the officer in charge of the prisoners.

I then went to where General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] lay on the east side of the Catawba River near Bigger's ferry where I found Colonel John Thomas [John Thomas, Jr.] from my native County and enrolled myself into Captain Benjamin Roebuck's company of militia as a private soldier. I remained here about three weeks. Colonel Thomas was then ordered to join Colonel Williams in Lincoln County North Carolina near a place called the Flint Hills. In a few days we joined General Campbell [William Campbell] from Virginia (I think). We then marched and attacked General Ferguson [Major Patrick Ferguson] at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780]<sup>5</sup> and defeated him taking a great number of prisoners. Colonel Williams and General Ferguson were both killed in this engagement. I remained here ten or fifteen days attending on the wounded. I then returned to where Colonel Thomas lay with his regiment in South Carolina. In a short time Colonel Thomas ordered a company of horseman to be raised for one year. I joined this company in the month of December 1780 or January 1781 under the command of Captain Parsons [Major Parson]. Shortly after this company was organized, Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] came to a place called Grindal Shoals on the Pacolet River at which place we joined him and marched with him to the Cowpens. After the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781],<sup>6</sup> we returned to Spartanburg County or District. We were actively engaged the remainder of the year in breaking up parties of the Tories and guarding the frontiers against the Indians. At the expiration of this year's service, Captain John Gowen raised a company (this was in the year 1782) the object of this company was to guard the block house on the Frontiers. I joined the company as a private militiaman in the month of January or February and remained in actual service until the month of September in the same year. About this time several regiments were raised to go against the Cherokee Indians. Captain Gowen joined the Regiment of Colonel White<sup>7</sup> and I marched with the Army to a place called Long Swamp Creek in the Cherokee Nation and then returned and I was discharged.<sup>8</sup> This expedition was commanded by General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] of South Carolina. I was discharged in the month of October 1782.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state.

1.<sup>9</sup> I was born in York County State of Pennsylvania on the fifth day of June 1762.

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<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_musgroves\\_mill.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)

<sup>7</sup> Probably Lt. Col. Henry White of the 1<sup>st</sup> Spartan Regiment of SC militia

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_last\\_cherokee\\_campaign.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_last_cherokee_campaign.html)

<sup>9</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

2. I have a record of my age taken from one made by my father which record is at home.

3. I was living in what is now called Spartanburg District in South Carolina which was called 96 District at that time on Pacolet River when first called into service. The first seven or eight years after the war I lived in Spartanburg or 96 District. I then removed to Pendleton District South Carolina and remained there seven or eight years; from thence I removed to Jackson County State of Georgia where I remained about 25 years and then removed to Hall County where I now live.

4. I was a volunteer.

5. I was with General or Colonel Morgan. I was under the command of Colonel John Thomas. Colonel White I recollect to have seen in the service. Colonel Farr, Major Jackson, Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] who was at the battle of King's Mountain, Colonel Brandon was also there.

6. I never received any written discharge.

7. James Law, Richard Winn, Esq., Major Raymond Sanford, Benjamin F. Porter Esq. and George Woodliff and Major David H. McCleskey are persons to whom I am well known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day in year a force it.

S/ Robert Henderson, X his mark

[Sterling Robertson, a clergyman, and Reuben Thornton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Indent Book X No. 1971      £11.2.10 ½

Issued 22 March 1786 to Robert Henderson for Eleven pounds two shillings and ten pence half penny sterling for Militia duty as a private and Qr Master in 1780 as per a count from the Commissioners.

Comptroller General's Office, Columbia 21 August 1838

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of a memorandum recorded in the margin of Indent book X. No. 1971 deposited in this office, and that the subjoined account is a copy of the one for which the said in debt was issued.

S/ Wm Ed. Hayne  
Cmpt General  
pr B. Hart Clk

The State of So. Carolina		
1780	To Robert Henderson	Dr
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	To 40 days as Qr. Master in Col Hill's Regiment Sumter Brigade £3 pr day	£120.0.0
Oct 29	“ 30 days do do	90.0.0

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5<sup>th</sup> 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 service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

1782		
June 1	“ 41 days as private General Henderson Brigade Capt. Howes Company at 10/	<u>20.10.0</u>
		£230.10.0

1779		
Jany 20	Lost one Rifle Gun £32.10	
1780		
Aug. 18	Lost one Rifle Gun 35.15	<u>68.5</u>
	Currency	£298.15
	Of which Sum the Commissioners have only allowed £11.2.10 ½ for want of Vouchers	£11.2.10 ½

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	The State of So Carolina	
	To Robert Henderson	Dr
To 291 days as Horseman from 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1781 to first May 1782 (10 days to the Indian Nation excepted) per pay bill of Capt. Parsons certified by Col. Ben Roebuck @ 20/ pr day		£291.10.0
To 15 days as footman from 16 July to 8 <sup>th</sup> August both days included pr pay bill of Capt. Jas. Gordon & Certified by Col. Roebuck		7.10.0
To 12 days duty as Horseman from 17 May 1782 to the ___ pr pay bill as above		12.0.0
To 15 days as horseman from 24 May 1782 to 8 July 1782 pr pay bill as above		15.0.0
To 42 days duty as horseman from 12 Sept. 1782 to 23 Oct. 1782 both days included as pr pay bill of Major Parsons and Certified by Col. Jno. Thomas Junr.		42.0.0
To 84 days duty as horseman from 7 June 1780 to first July 1781 both days included pr pay bill of Major Parsons and Certified by Col. Thomas		84
To 305 days duty as horseman from 7 Jun 1780 to 7 April 1781 both days included pr pay bill of Captain Jas Bridges [James Bridges] and certified by Col. Thomas		<u>305</u>
		<u>£756.10.0</u>
	Sterling	£108.1.5

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Georgia, DeKalb County

Personally appeared Robert McDowal [Robert McDowell]<sup>10</sup> Before me Thomas Farr one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he the said Robert Mcdowel [Robert McDowell] was a soldier in the American war with Great Britain in the year 1780 under Captain Parsons of the American Stare[?] <sup>11</sup> and that he the said McDowell further states that he was personally acquainted with Robert Henderson and that he the said Henderson was a private Soldier under the command of Captain Gowan [sic, John Gowen] of the American Line he further states that he was in Company with said Robert Henderson divers times in the war after the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] and that he was acquainted with him for the term of two years in the Service under Captain Gowan and Captain Parsons [sic, Capt. Major Parson] as necessity required his services as a Soldier and a company of light horse also that they both was in the Battle that was fought on the Pacolet River in South Carolina also they was engaged in guarding a company of prisoners from Spartanburg S. C. to Salisbury N. C. and that they both belonged to Colonel White's Regiment.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this February the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1838.

S/ Robert McDowell {L. S.}



I do hereby certify that this witness is a Credible man as I believe.  
S/ Thos. Farr, JP

[p 5: On April 26, 1855 in Walker County Georgia, Mary Henderson, 78, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Robert Henderson. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 8: On April 26, 1855 in Walker County Georgia, Mary Henderson, 78, filed for a pension as the widow of Robert Henderson a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband died in 1839 or 1840<sup>12</sup> at which time she filed for and received the pension due him at the time of his death. She signed this document with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service for 2 years as a private in the cavalry in North and South Carolina.]

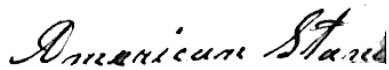
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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>13</sup> relating to

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<sup>10</sup> [Robert McDowell S16471](#)

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<sup>12</sup> Other papers in the file indicate that the veteran died September 29, 1840.

<sup>13</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Audited Account No. Robert Henderson

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Lib. [Book] X} 10<sup>th</sup> May 1786

Robert Henderson for 749 days duty as a Horseman, and 15 days as a footman from 7<sup>th</sup> June 1780 to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1782, in Captains Parsons, Cowens & Bridges Companys of Colonel Roebuck's Regiment and

Amounting £756.10

Sterling £108.1.5

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Received 10 May 1786, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 3024 – X, per Order\*  
Vide 3333X

S/ C. C. Schutt



[p 13: Printed form of Indent No. 3024 Book X]

[p 14: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by C. C. Schutt, John Gowen, John Henderson, Robert Henderson, and James Thayer. Robert Anderson's signature appears as follows:

and John Henderson's signature appears as follows: