

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Herndon S31740

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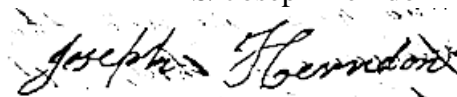
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State of Georgia Walton County

On this the twentieth day of November eighteen thirty-two personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court now sitting the same being a Court of Record Joseph Herndon a resident of said County & State, aged seventy years, who being 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That he first served as a volunteer under Captain Dillard for a term of six months in the year 1780 & was in service and at the battle known as "Gates defeat," that at the time of his volunteering he resided in Chatham County North Carolina & as he is old & his memory frail he has not a distinct recollection of his field officers. After the expiration of that service he again volunteered under Captain Gwyain [sic, Gwynn?] for a three months tour of duty, which having expired, he again volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Gregory, for a term of three months, which being expired, he again volunteered & was on his way to the place of rendezvous, twelve miles from his residence, when he was taken prisoner by the Tories at Chatham Court House his horse saddle and bridle gun etc. & kept a prisoner & carried to Wilmington where he remained a prisoner for three months or more in the custody of the British & from thence he was conveyed to Charlestown by water where he remained as a prisoner for 14 months or more when he was relieved by an exchange. That while in service he was engaged in the Battle at Gates defeat & had numerous skirmishes with the British & Tories. That he received regular discharges from his officers for all the services performed, but as he never expected they would be of service to him he has not preserve them & they are all lost or destroyed. That he does not remember the name of his regular officers except the brave DeKalb. That he was born in Chatham County North Carolina in the year 1762 or three, That he has no record of his age. That when called into service he was living in Chatham County North Carolina, where he lived for some time afterwards, from thence he moved to South Carolina, & thence to Georgia, where he now lives in the County of Walton. That he is particularly acquainted with Colonel John Rutherford of Baldwin County who knows of the services rendered by him during the revolution whose certificate he expects to procure. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares he is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Joseph Herndon

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Herndon". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court
S/ J. P. Lucas, Clk
[Orion Stroud and A. B. Holt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Georgia, Baldwin County

I do certify that I have been acquainted with Joseph Herndon of Walton County for the time of the revolution War, that all the statements contained in the statement from Walton County I believe to be correct most of which comes within my own knowledge and that his sufferings aboard the prison ship until his discharge or exchange in Charlestown South Carolina, I was acquainted with his father & family all of which was friends to the American cause during the American struggle with the British for our independence.

S/ Jno. Rutherford, Sr.

29th of November 1833