

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Halkerstone (Halkerston) S34917 <sup>1</sup>

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Maryland Charles County Sct.

Then did Robert Halkerstone appear before me one of the Associate Judges of the first Judicial District of the State of Maryland and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he enlisted as a Sgt. in Capt. Joseph Marbury Company of the third Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. Mordecai Gist in the year 1777, that he served in the Army as Sgt. till the year 1780 during which year he received the Commission of Ensign and marched to the Southward and was attached to the Company commanded at that time by Lieut. Francis Revelie [Francis Revelly, Revelley, Revely, etc.] that on the Troops to the Southward being reduced he returned to the State of Maryland and was stationed at Annapolis until the Troops there collected were sent to the Siege of York in Virginia with whom he went, on being promoted to a Lieutenancy and was attached to the Company commanded by Capt. Henry Gaither of the fourth Regiment then under the command of Major Alexander Roxburgh – that after the Capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] He returned to Annapolis and was stationed at that place during the Spring and Summer of the year 1782 and in October marched with a Detachment of Troops (he being a Lieut. in Capt. Edward Spurrier's Company) commanded by Major Thomas Lansdale to the northern Army where he remained till 1783 at which time the Army was in fact disbanded, when he returned to the State of Maryland with the said detachment and with the other officers closed his labors and Services In the War. He further saith on his aforesaid Oath that he was wounded in the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] by a musket Ball which has never yet been extracted, and which has frequently given him great distress and pain. That he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and Camden [presumably the first battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1781] as well as in that of Germantown where he was wounded, and at the Siege of York, in Virginia – That he is now sixty-four years of age, infirm and indigent, much in need of such Aid as is held out by the Law of Congress to render his remaining days comfortable –

[On the same day, William Layman of Charles County Maryland gave testimony that he knows that Robert Halkerstone did serve in the revolutionary war from sometime in 1777 until 1779 and that said Halkerstone was wounded at the battle of Germantown.]

Attested by Edmund Key

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt1053-200—Lieut. Issued Sept. 21, 1789 to Robt. Hulkuston, No paper. Soldier's name spelled Halkuston. [The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the War Department was destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed.]

[the above documents attested by the clerk of court on April 2, 1818]

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I certify that it appears by the Musters of Maryland Troops that Robert Halkerston [sic] Sgt. in 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment enlisted on 5<sup>th</sup> February 1777 And by returns made it appears that Robert Halkerson [sic] was appointed Ensign on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1780 and on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1781 was appointed Lieut.

S/ R. Loockerman, Aud. Genl.

Auditor's Office Annapolis 11 May 1818

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First Judicial District of Maryland Charles County SS

On this 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1820 personally appears in open Court being a Court of record for said County, Robert Halkerstone aged 65 years resident of Charles County in said District who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment commanded by Col. John Smith, in a company commanded by Capt. Edward Spurrier attached to the Maryland line, that the date of the original declaration is a 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 1818, the number of his pension certificate 15159. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.

1 old mare

1 young colt

Annuity from the State of Maryland of \$160

S/ Robert Halkerstone

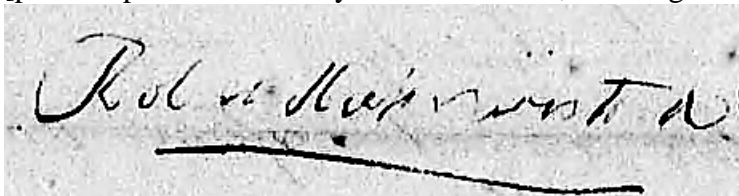
And I do solemnly swear that my occupation is that of a farmer, that I am unable from my advanced age & poverty would arrive a support there from. My family consist of a wife aged about 50 years, to orphan relations a niece aged 22 years & a nephew aged 6 years, whose labor constitute but little to their support & maintenance. Sworn to and declared before me Robert Halkerstone the day and date 1<sup>st</sup> within before written.

Before John Barnes

of Charles County Court

[The court valued the schedule of property at \$25]

[p 14: A power of attorney dated March 30, 1824 signed by the veteran as follows

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robt Halkerstone", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1818, for service as a Lieut. for 6 years in the Maryland Continental line.]