

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Henderson S38014

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Commonwealth of Virginia }
Madison County Towit }

On the 16th day of April 1818 before the County court of Madison personally appeared John Henderson aged about 70 years resident in the said County of Madison who being first duly sworn in open Court, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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." That the said John Henderson enlisted in the county of Culpeper in the state of Virginia in the commencement of the year 1776 as a private soldier in the Company commanded by captain George Slaughter of the 8th Virginia regiment on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States two years the term for which he enlisted, when he was Honourably discharged from the said service in the city of Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania towit in the commencement of the year 1778. That the said John Henderson besides the two years service above mentioned volunteered frequently in the army of the United States [probably militia]. That he was in the Battles of Charleston [probably Battle of Sullivan's Island near Charleston SC, 28 June 1776], Camden [either Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden, 25 Apr 1781] & was also a soldier and in the Siege at York when the British were finally vanquished [19 Oct 1781]. and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and having casually lost his discharge he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the following affidavit of Daniel Field, John Walker & John Rowzee Sen'r [not found].

The affidavit of Daniel Field of Lawful age

This affiant states that he is well acquainted with the above mentioned John Henderson and knew him in the American Revolution - That the said John Henderson he believes enlisted in the year 1776. That he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt George Slaughter of the 8th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Col. Muhlenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] and served as a private soldier two years as this affiant believes. This affiant was with said John Henderson a part of the time and is certain that he enlisted as aforesaid for two years and further this affiant saith naught [signed] Dan'l. Field
[John Walker also swore that Henderson enlisted for two years in 1776 but did not claim to have served with him.]

[The following document came apart where folded and was incorrectly pieced together. It is corrected in the following transcription, but some words are missing.]

State of Virginia SS.

On this 22nd day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of Madison, John Henderson aged seventy years, resident in Madison County in said state of Virginia, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. In the 8th Virginia Regiment in the Company Commanded by Capt. George Slaughter on Continental establishment. The date of his original declaration is the 16th of April 1818. The date of the Certificate for the pension under the Original declaration given at the War Office of the United States on the 9th December 1818. And Solemnly swore that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818; and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of his property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby, so to diminish it, as to bring himself within act of Congress entitled "An act to provide [several words missing] engaged in the land and naval service of United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, 1818; and that he hath not, nor hath any person in trust for him, any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him; nor hath he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by him subscribed.

Schedule of Real & personal property belonging to John Henderson

1 Tract of mountain land Containing One hundred and forty six acres, value at one dollar per acre. One Negro woman named Lucy aged 80 years. One horse, two head of cattle, eight head of hogs.

John Henderson

The declarant John Henderson is by occupation a tanner, but quite infirm and unable to work; his wife Sarah aged sixty five years, also infirm, having three persons in his family named as above; but from [several illegible words] of working so as to support themselves.

Sworn to and declared in open Court on the day and year aforesaid; It being a Court of record according to the Constitution and laws of Virginia.

John Henderson

NOTE: Henderson was dropped from the pension list probably because it was deemed that he owned too much property. On 4 Feb 1854 Tarlton T. Henderson assigned power of attorney to obtain any benefits due for the service of his father, John Henderson.