

**Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements &  
Rosters**

**PENSION APPLICATION OF DAVID HERRON S4337  
Transcribed and annotated by Carol Phifer**

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State of Tennessee    }  
                                  } SS.  
White County            }

On this 2nd day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me William Irwin an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and State David Herron a resident of the County of White and State of Tennessee aged One hundred and three years past 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 7th 1832—

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated— He entered the service under Captain William Danton in the year 1773 as well as he can now recollect. He then resided in Albemarle County State of Virginia. His lieutenant's name was Robert Rhodes— He was drafted this tour for three months— The company met at Sharlottesville [Charlottesville] in Albemarle County, from thence he was marched to Richmond, from there to Cabbin point [Cabin Point] on James River, we there crossed the River and marched to Peetersburg [Petersburg] where he was discharged and returned home to his fathers in Albemarle County having served out his three months— He remained at his fathers some months but how long he does not remember, tho a period of less than one year, when he again was drafted for how long he does not remember under Captain John Miller. His lieutenant's name was Henry Austin— His company met again at Sharlottsville— From thence he marched to Richmond—from thence to Jamestown at this place our troops had an engagement with the Brittish but this declarant was not in the battle—from thence he marched to Little York from thence to Fredericksburg and was here discharged & again returned home— He again went out under Captain Isaac Davis— He does not recollect certainly but thinks that his lieutenants name was Richard Durrot [Richard Durrett]— He again met at Sharlottsville and as well as he recollects performed something like the Rout mentioned in his Second tour and was finally discharged at Little York and declarant again returned home to his fathers— He again went out under Captain John Miller making his fourth tour. He belonged to the first Regiment during each term of service as well as he recollects— He was discharged from his last tour of duty at Fredericksburg— His Colonels name was Richardson, he was under him all the time he served— His Major's name was McElhaney— General Washington, and Marcus De Lafayette were with the troops where he served— Declarant was at Little York when Lord Cornwallis surrendered. He is aged and verry infirm, has entirely lost his sight and is nearly deaf and from his great loss of memory he is unable to state the precise periods of the war when he served, neither can he recollect precisely how long he was out each tour but is confident that in the four tours he served Eight Months, the aggregate amount of his service is more deeply fixed

upon his memory— He asks of his government to give him a pension for the period of Eight months, that he may be able to spend his last years in comfort— He is poor and much needs whatever may be allowed him— He has no documentary evidence, nor does he recollect of any living witness whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service— He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State—

Answers to the questions prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Justice—

1<sup>st</sup>. He was born either in Orange or Albemarle he does not recollect precisely which, he thinks however in Orange [Orange] County Virginia— in the year 1730 to the best of his knowledge & belief. —

2<sup>nd</sup> He has no record of his age—

3<sup>rd</sup>. He was living in Albemarle County Virginia each time when called into service— Since the revolutionary war he married and moved to White County Tennessee where he has resided for twenty eight years—

4<sup>th</sup> He thinks he was drafted each time when called into service but in this he may be mistaken—

5. He has stated the names of the Officers who were with the troops where he served together with the general circumstances of his service as well as his memory will permit—

6<sup>th</sup> H never received a written discharge from the service, but was verbally discharged from each of his tours—

7<sup>th</sup> He states the names of the following persons to whom he has been long known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—viz: Edward E. Hooper, Stephen Cantrell, James Russell, James Townesend Esqr. & Major Isaac Taylor, there is no Minister of the gospel living in his immediate neighborhood.

Sworn to and Subscribed  
Before me this 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of  
October A.D.1833.  
William Irwin  
Justice of the pece

S/ David Herron, X his mark

State of Tennessee    }  
                                      } Sct.  
White County            }

I William Irwin an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State Do hereby certify that David Herron the foregoing applicant from age and bodily infirmity is unable to attend the Court of the County of White held in the town of Sparta in said county a distance of sixteen miles from said applicant's residence. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup>. day of October A.D.1833.—

William Irwin

Justice of the pce

State of Tennessee }  
White County }

We James Townsend Esquire and James Russell both residing in the County of White and state aforesaid Do hereby certify that we have long been well acquainted with David Herron who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing and above Declaration for a pension that we believe him to be about One hundred and three years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion—

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1834  
William Irwin Justice of the Pce

S/ Jas Townsend  
S/ James Russell

And I. William Irwin an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County of White and State of Tennessee as aforesaid Do hereby declare my opinion after the investigating of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department that the foregoing applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states— And I do further certify that it appears to me that James Townesend Esquire and James Russell who have signed and sworn to the foregoing certificate are resident citizens of the County of White and State aforesaid, that they are credible persons, and entitled to full credit on their oaths— & that their statement is entitled to credit— Given under my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1834.

William Irwin  
Justice of the peace

[Certificate of Pension #25602 was issued on February 10, 1834 for service of 8 months as a private in the Virginia line. David Herron of White County, Tennessee was inscribed on the Roll of West Tennessee at the rate of 26 Dollars 66 Cents per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831.]

[Note: Added by Will Graves

On March 13, 1838 in McNairy County Tennessee, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit stating that he now resides in McNairy County Tennessee; that he is old, infirm, blind and has moved to McNairy County to live with his daughter Nancy Jullin and her husband to take care of him. His application was supported by Erbin Jullian and Nancy Jullian. Their relationship is not stated.]