

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ezekiel Henderson S6994

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State of South Carolina, Greenville District

On this the eighth day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Chancellor of the Court of Equity now sitting he Ezekiel Henderson a resident of the District of Greenville, State of South Carolina, aged seventy years, 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 was first drafted for three months in the Spring of 1781 and was discharged in the Summer. Served under Captain Galston [probably William Goldston, also spelled William Gholson], Lieutenant Samuel Thompson. He served in the Cavalry – was in frequent skirmishes – lived in Chatham County North Carolina – served three months – was ranging about in Chatham & Randolph Counties – The second time he entered the service in March 1782 – He volunteered for twelve months and served the whole time – was discharged in March 1783 at Hillsboro North Carolina – He volunteered under Captain George Morgan at Chatham Court House North Carolina – was a recruiting officer – was placed under the command of Col. Gillaspie [Gillespie]– Major Wm Penigood [? Periegood, Puriegood]¹ -- He was six months in the horse and six months on foot – was in frequent skirmishes but no regular battle – was marching or ranging in the Counties of Chatham, Cumberland & Randolph – He did not know or served with any Continental Regiment – does not recollect any regular officers – Colonel Gillaspie and Major Penigood were sent by General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] to take command of the troops in which he served – Has no documentary evidence – He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his services – He served altogether fifteen months as above stated in the militia of North Carolina as above stated, as a private and for such service he claims a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. 1st was born in Chatham County North Carolina in the [year] 1763 -- 2nd has no record of his age -- 3rd was living in Chatham



¹ This probably is a reference to Jorge Farragut (Anglicized George Farragut) (b. 9/29/1755 on Minorca; d. 1817), father of Admiral David G. Farragut (1801-1870). George Farragut is known to have been in North and South Carolina during the Revolutionary War. He served in the SC navy and was captured when Charleston fell on May 12, 1780. Exchanged, paroled or escaped, he is thought by some to have been at the Battle of Cowpens and later at Wilmington during the Revolution. J. D. Lewis notes that Farragut has commissioned a Captain of Infantry in the NC State Regiment under Maj. Bennett Crafton and Maj. Joel Lewis. 5/1/1782, a Major over the units of Light Horse within the State Regiment. (5/5/1783, the NC General Assembly back-dated this promotion.) This connection was made possible by input from Hershel Parker, great-grandson (5th generation) of the veteran. Hershel, the Herman Melville scholar, connected the dots originally found in the transcription of the application of [James Gardner R3908](#) and others in this database containing garbled attempts by the veterans to identify Farragut. Refinements such as those suggested by Hershel and use of resources such as that provided by J. D. are what will greatly enhance the value of this database. Thanks to them both!

County North Carolina when called into service – moved into South Carolina shortly after the revolutionary war & has lived in Greenville where he now lives forty-seven years -- 4th was drafted for three months, first time, and volunteered a second time -- 5th does not recollect the name of any other officers than those mentioned above -- 6th did receive a discharge at the end of both tours – the first was given by Captain William Golston and the second by Colonel Gillespie – which are both lost – 7th he is known to John H. Harrison & Col. William Morrow who live in his neighborhood and can testify as to his character for truth and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Ezekiel Henderson

S/ William Choice, C. E. G. D.



[Thomas Hutchings, a clergyman, and James McDaniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina, Greenville District

Personally came Ezekiel Henderson before the subscribing Justice of the Peace and being first duly sworn according to law makes oath, that the services, mentioned in his declaration returned from the Pension Office, were rendered his country in regularly embodied corps called into service by the State of North Carolina for the purpose of protecting the inhabitants of that State against the depredations of the Tories and for the purpose of driving the Tories out of the Country who were marching over the country in a large bodies: that during the whole of the tours mentioned in his declaration he was constantly and actively engaged in marching after and skirmishing with the Tories. The names of the officers under whom he served all already mentioned in his declaration and also the places where his services were performed. He has also stated in his declaration that he knows of no one whose testimony he can procure as to his services.

Sworn to and subscribed this February 10, 1834.

S/ John Crittenden, J. Q. Ex Off.

S/ Ezekiel Henderson



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$57.50 per annum commencing March, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]