

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Henderson S8708  
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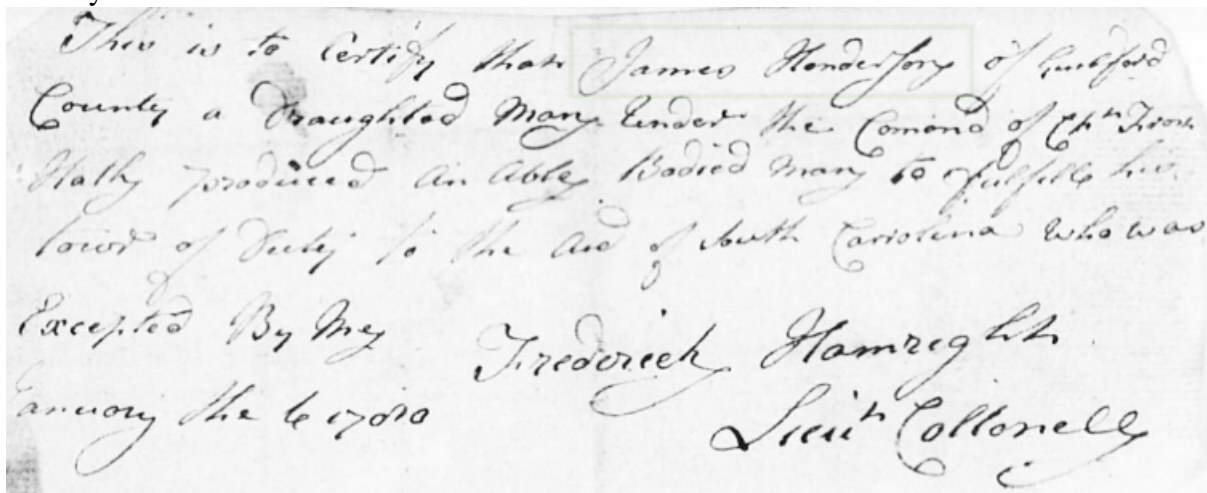
[Transcriber's note: footnote.com breaks this applicants file into two parts, the petition itself is in the file under the Maryland listings while most of the correspondence relating to it is under the North Carolina list.]

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State North Carolina, Guilford County: February Term 1834: Court of Pleas and quarter sessions now sitting personally appeared in Open court James Henderson age seventy-four years who after being

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1 This man's name is normally seen spelled "Hambricht" but this document is conclusively proof that, at least on the occasion of signing this document, he spelled it "Hamright." The document appears as page 3 of Footnote.com's posting of this pension application.

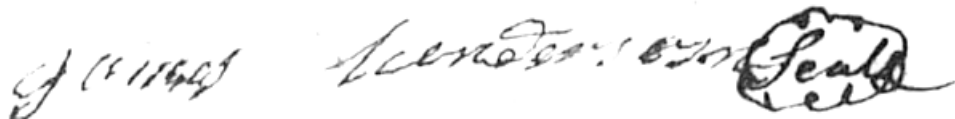
sworn in due form of law Deposeth and saith that he entered the War of the Revolution about the middle of October AD 1776 he then living in the State of Maryland Caroline County that he was Drafted for three months and was put into Captain Joseph Duglass [sic, Douglas ?] Company Colonel Wheatley's Regiment that Duglass marched his company on to Cambridge Choptank River that there they were engaged the whole three months in guarding the Coasts on those rivers that at the Expiration of his three months Service he received his Discharge Signed by his Captain Joseph Duglass which is lost or mislaid so that it cannot be found – and this applicant further declares that the first of March 1777 there was a call for Volunteers that he turned out as a Volunteer under the same Captain Joseph Duglass for three months that Duglass marched his men on to Mulberry Island near Hooper's Straits that there they were Engaged in guarding the Coasts one month and then were relieved by other troops that – Immediately after they got home there was alarm that the Enemy were taking away cattle &c that Duglass called for his Volunteers that this Deponent followed him, that he marched then on nearly the same route as before but was out on this tour only 12 days – that in the Spring of the year 1778 he this applicant emigrated to the State of North Carolina Guilford County – that on the 11<sup>th</sup> of August A.D. 1779 he married his wife that the Saturday following he was drafted for three months and was put under Captain Jonas Frost's Company that his Captain gave him a permit to stay at home until called for which took place the last of October or first of November following that he joined Frost's Company at Guilford Courthouse where they lay three or four weeks – and then were marched to Salisbury N. C. -- that there Captain Frost's Company were put under Colonel Frederick Hamright's Regiment General Rutherford being Commander that Colonel Archibald Lytle of the Regular Army with his Regiment were there that after some time orders were for the Regulars and Militia all to March to the South that they went through Charlotte on towards Charleston as far as the ten mile house near which place he was taken so exceedingly Lame he could march no further occasioned by having his heel string cut when a boy which now was angered and sworn to a great degree – and rather than go into the baggage wagon hired a man to fulfill the remainder of his three months tour on the sixth day of January 1780 as will appear from the enclosed Discharge signed by his Colonel Frederick Hamright and further that though he cannot positively recollect the different days of the month that he entered the Service nor all the days of the month he left the same yet he knows he is within bounds to charge the United States with six months and 17 days actual Service viz – 4 months and 12 days as a private Soldier under Captain Joseph Duglass and two months and five days under Captain Jonas Frost – as a private and he further saith that he knows of no person that he can prove his above services by and he hereby Relinquishes his any claim or annuity to a pension except the present and that his name is not on the pension Roll of this State nor any State and the Union but that he claims a pension for his above Service under the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 and no other – and further this Deponent Saith not. Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February A. D. 1834.  
N. D. a Clergyman cannot be procured he states without too much expense & trouble it being a Distance to court.

Test:

S/ W. W. Woodburn, C. C. C.

S/ James Henderson {Seal}

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> 1834



[Isaac Odell and Matthew Hedgcock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions propounded by the Court to the applicant James Henderson

Question 1<sup>st</sup> When and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February A.D. 1760 in the State of Maryland Caroline

County.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer: My age was set down in my uncle James Anderson's [sic, Henderson's?] Big Bible and I expect his Sons have it.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: when I served my first tours under Captain Joseph Duglass I lived in the State of Maryland Caroline County when I served under Captain Jonas Frost I then lived in Guilford County North Carolina where I now live and have been since the year 1778 except three years I lived in the State of South Carolina better than 30 years ago.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer: I was first Drafted for three months then I went a Volunteer this was in the State of Maryland then in North Carolina I was Drafted again for three months.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: At the Service rendered in Maryland I did not become acquainted with the Regular Army or officers as the duty performed by the company I belonged to was guarding the coast chiefly performed by militia – when called on an service for North Carolina Colonel Archibald Lytle I often saw with us and a Captain Campbell of the Regulars – the circumstances of my Service is in my above Declaration.

[Omitted 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?]

6<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer Isaac Widows, Isaac Anderson, Jonas Ricks, Edward Ricks, Joseph Armfield, Jonathan Trotter, Isaac Odill [sic], William Wellborn, Jesse Gallimore, Solomon Potter, Matthew Hitchcock Sworn and subscribed in open Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1834.

S/ James Henderson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.68 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months and 17 days service as a private in the North Carolina and Maryland militia.]