

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Henson SC3822 [sic, NC]  
Audited Account No. 3543A

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[Note: Most of the images of this veteran's claim are very poor as posted online.]

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The Petition of John Henson praying to be enrolled as a pensioner  
No. 9  
granted

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State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Members of the House of Representatives of the said State

The humble petition of John Henson Sheweth

That your Petitioner was a regular soldier in the Revolutionary War, enlisted under Captain Patrick Stewart<sup>2</sup> an officer under Colonel Hawkins<sup>3</sup> – That as a regular Soldier under said officers he performed Service for Six months in this State, that by the ravages of the Tories he was stripped of all his property, That he was wounded at the Famous battle fought at an early period in that war, called the battle at Collins Creek,<sup>4</sup> although he performed services as a soldier since his service as aforesaid, in this State under the above Officers, it was [the image of the document posted online becomes largely illegible at this point]

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

<sup>2</sup> The only likely candidate for this officer is a Captain Patrick Stewart who served in the 1st Battalion of Volunteers in 1776 from Bladen County North Carolina.

<sup>3</sup> I believe this is likely to be Philemon Hawkins, Jr. a Lt. Col. in the Bute County Regiment of North Carolina militia.

<sup>4</sup> I have been unable to identify the action to which the veteran refers. John C. Parker, Jr., *Parker's Guide to the Revolutionary War in South Carolina: Battles, Skirmishes and Murders; Third Edition*. Patrick, SC: Harrelson Press Publishing, the definitive source for every action known to have occurred in SC does not list an action at Collins Creek, or any variant of it that I could think of.

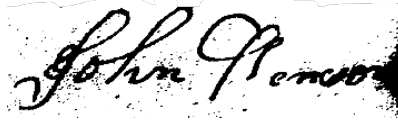
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South Carolina

Lancaster District } Came before me John Henson who being duly sworn saith that he enlisted under Patric Stewart as regular soldier for the term of six months in the revolutionary war which service he performed in South Carolina sworn to before me this 14<sup>th</sup> November 1823

S/ William R Horton

S/ John Henson



South Carolina Lancaster District } came before me Nancy Deas who being duly Sworn saith that she was present and saw the said John Henson enlist under said Patric Stewart for the term of six months and that he performed the service as he has described in South Carolina sworn to before me 14<sup>th</sup> November 1823

S/ William R Horton

S/ Nancy Deas, X her mark

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The petition of John Henson praying to be enrolled as a pensioner

Pensions

rejected

J Montgomery

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State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Members of the Senate of the Said State, Greeting

The Humble Petition of John Henson Sheweth that your Petitioner as a regular Soldier in the revolutionary war, enlisted under Captain Patrick Stewart an Officer under Colonel Hawkins: That as a regular Soldier under Said Officers, he performed service force Six months in this State. That by the ravages of the Tories, he was Stripped of all his property – that he was wounded at the Famous battle, fought at an early period in that war, Called the Battle at Collins Creek, Although he performed Service as a Soldier since his wound as aforesaid in this State under the above officers, it was more from the [undeciphered words] deliver of his Country than from corporal ability to perform. He has ever since been unable for hard Labor, & has heretofore only been able to procure a Sufficiency to live upon & not to support on in his old age. His age (now 75 years old) with the infirmity remaining from his wound as aforesaid render him unable to work, [undeciphered word or words] he is very poor. Your petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honorable body to give him a pension.

S/ John Henson



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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of John Henson praying to be put on the Pension List of this State, Respectfully Report that your Committee have had the same under Consideration and Recommend that the prayer thereof be Granted, and that the said John Henson be placed on the Pension list at the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum for life

December 1823

S/ William Rouse of Committee

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of John Henson praying to be placed on the Pension list,

Beg leave to Report That they have had the petition and vouchers under consideration, and find them not to be satisfactory,

The committee therefore respectfully recommend that the prayer thereof be Rejected

S/ Evan Benbow, Chairman

[p 13-15: Vouchers reflecting the payment of \$60 per annum to John Henson beginning June 15, 1825 (on which date he received \$120.04 2 years of annuity) and ending on May 29, 1834.]

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South Carolina Lancaster District}

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives

The humble petition of John Henson Sheweth that he was a Soldier of the Revolution that he [several words obliterated and rendered illegible] in the year (don't (as well as he recollects) that he served six months in the State of South Carolina under Capt. Patrick Stewart was not in any General engagement but was out Scouting frequently –

That he is now 76 years of age and quite infirm – Therefore prays your Honorable body to take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as shall seem propitious [?] and your petitioner will ever pray 10 November 1835

Wit:

S/ S. Beckham

S/ John Henson, X his mark

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South Carolina Lancaster District} We the undersigned do hereby certify That we are acquainted with John Henson who was on the Pension List of the State aforesaid, that he is still living and deserving a pension – 25 October 1836

S/ [undeciphered signature], JP

S/ James P Crooker [?]

S/ W. Blackmon, JP

Treasurer upper Division

Please hand to Benjamin Massey an order on the Tax Collector of Lancaster for my pension and oblige Yours &c. 25 October 1836

S/ John Henson



Wit S/ S. Beckham

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Mrs. Castons

Lancaster District SC

Mr. J Dubose Treasurer

Dear Sir the petitioners of this District has not received their orders for their pensions please write me forth with and let me know if they can be had & if it can be done Send them to me to

Jackson horn [?] [undeciphered abbreviations] Lancaster District & you will confer a favour on the worthy old Revolutioners the following are still alive & or now present

John Henson  
Ruben Bennett<sup>5</sup>  
James Hunter

Please let me hear from you in the matter

with respect

your friend

S/ Thomas Massey J. C. L. D.

29 February 1844

PS if Dubose is not present Mr. Hort will please attend to the matter

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The Petition of Richmond R Terrell administrator with the will annexed of John Henson deceased praying to be paid one years annuity of pension due to the said deceased  
Granted

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South Carolina Lancaster District } To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The petition of Richmond R Terrell administrator with the will annexed of John Hinson Senior [sic], deceased late of Lancaster District & State aforesaid respectfully Sheweth, That his testator the said John Hinson was a revolutionary pensioner residing in Lancaster District South Carolina at the time of his death, which occurred the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845 – that he died received from the Treasury of the upper Division Julius J DuBose Esquire an order upon the Tax Collector for Lancaster District & which is hereunto annexed & accompanies this petition, for the sum of Sixty Dollars for one years annuity due on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1845, That after having received said order & before the same was paid by the tax collector, or presented, the said annuitant John Hinson departed this life.

Your petitioner further Sheweth that on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1845, he qualified as administrator with the will annexed of the said annuitant, before the ordinary of the District & that he as administrator presented the said order for payment to the tax collector of Lancaster District, who refused paying the same, because he conceived that the order would not authorize him to pay to the your petitioner as his administrator, or in fact to anyone, except the annuitant in person.

Your petitioner therefore prays your Honorable Body, to authorize the Treasurer to pay to him, the said sum of Sixty Dollars, being the annuity due his testator John Henson & he will ever pray & repose

November 19<sup>th</sup> 1845

S/ Richmond R Terrell

*Richmond R. Terrell*  
*A. D. R. will annexed*

[Note: The petition was granted and the administrator received the payment to the deceased veteran.]

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<sup>5</sup> [Reuben Bennett S18714](#)