

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Henderson W10103 Jemima Henderson f42VA
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State of Indiana County of Lawrence Sct.

Lawrence Circuit Court September Term 1832

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable George F Ross President Judge of the Court aforesaid now sitting John Henderson a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged sixty-nine 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 7, 1832. – That he was born in the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia on the 20th day of July 1763, the time of his birth he learns from a Register kept by his father and delivered to him. That he was raised in Goochland County in the same state, & there continued till he was first called into the service of his country: In the month of September 1779 he was called into service in the militia under the command of Captain Thomas Hatcher and David Rutherford Lieutenant, that the company of which he was a member went to Richmond where Major McGill a Continental officer took the command – that from Richmond the party to which he was attached crossed James River to Smithfield in pursuit of the British who had been ravaging the country = when arrived at Smithfield no enemy appeared – they had decamped – after serving three months on this tour of duty he was discharged (verbally) the way militia men generally in those times were discharged. – Subsequent to this in the month of ___ the militia were called out in mass and this declarant served with them another tour of three months upon the invasion of a British general who afterwards died at Petersburg [General William Phillips], this declarant does not recollect his name but thinks it was Phillips, his Captain was Humphrey Parish [Humphrey Parrish] and his Lieutenant David Rutherford = one company went down to a town called Cabin Point – After a short time part word discharged, but this declarant was retained for a three months tour, which he served out. The name of his Colonel was Fleming [probably Charles Fleming] & that of his Major McLuman [Major Christian Charles De Klauman], a Frenchman.

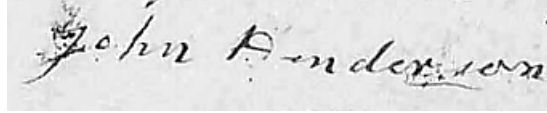
In the month of ___ 1780 this Declarant was again called into service in the militia: his Captain was sick and did not go. Richard Allen was his Lieutenant and under him he marched. The name of our Colonel was Taylor, that our Major was Campbell: The party in which this Declarant served joined General Lafayette. After joining Lafayette we were ordered to cross York River & moved near the lines of the British in Gloucester County. This Declarant served on this time upwards of three months and near the termination of the siege of Yorktown received a verbal discharge. This Declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence by which he can substantiate the fact of his having served the three tours of duty above named nor either of

them, and that he knows of no person within this state whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service –

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 in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year above written.

S/ John Henderson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Henderson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[David S Lewis and John Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: March 13th, 1845 in Lawrence County Indiana, Jemima Henderson, aged 80 one years past, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of John Henderson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her maiden name was Henderson; that she married John Henderson on August 3, 1787 in Hanover County Virginia by license; that they were married by a Mr. Todd; that she has no family record of her marriage it now being in the possession of one of her daughters living in Missouri; that her husband died January 11, 1844 in Lawrence County Indiana; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: copy of a marriage bond dated August 2nd, 1787 issued in Hanover County Virginia to John Henderson and Thomas Henderson conditioned upon the marriage of John Henderson, Bachelor, to Jemima Henderson ~~spinster~~]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]