

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Henson <sup>1</sup>W1767

Fanny Henson

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: Superior Court of Law October Term 1832

On this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Superior Court of Law of the County of Haywood aforesaid Elijah Henson a resident of the County of Haywood and State of North Carolina aged seventy-one years the first day of March last past, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of February in the year 1777, under Captain John Lee, and served in the first Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers: General \_\_\_ Muhlenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg], General Scott [Charles Scott] and General Woodford [William Woodford], – Captain John Lea & Lieutenant Holmes & are the only officers of his company at the time he entered the service which deponent now remembers; that on the promotion of Captain Lea to the office of Major, Captain Thomas Armstead [Thomas Armistead] succeeded to the Command of Lee's Company – that he first enlisted in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia where he was born & bred. That the Company in which he enlisted joined the Regiment at Alexandria in the August following his enlistment from whence they marched to head quarters at White Marsh Hill in Pennsylvania, thence the Army march[ed] to Middlebrook and took up winter quarters. That the first battle in which he was engaged was that of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – the next was that of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] – where he served under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] – that these were the only general engagements in which he participated, though he often the tests up aided in skirmishes between foraging and scouting parties.

Deponent further states that during the first three years of his service he was marched through the States of Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. That at or about the expiration of his first term of enlistment which was for three years he again enlisted for during the War under Captain Thomas Armstead under whose immediate command he remained till the close of the War, that he was in North Carolina at the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], but was not in the battle having been placed on the baggage guard: That he was discharged in the State of North Carolina near Wilmington that his said discharge has been lost for many years.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatsoever except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in open Court 5<sup>th</sup> of October

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt26671-160-55

S/ J. B. Love, Clk

S/ Elijah Henson



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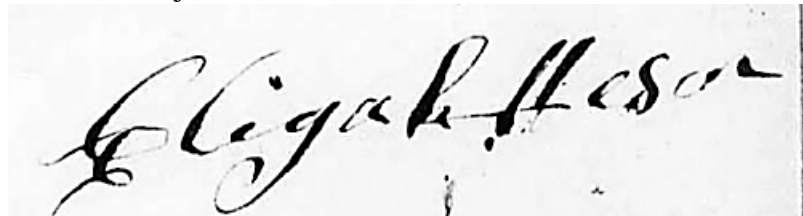
State of North Carolina Haywood County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1833

This day personally appeared in open Court Elijah Henson and after being duly sworn according to law makes the following statement in order to amend his declaration to obtain a pension dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 which declaration is hereto annexed –

This deponent on his oath saith that the place of taking winter quarters the first campaign was at Valley Forge, instead of Middlebrook as stated in his former declaration, and that he was not at Middlebrook until after the storming of Stony Point, which was the meaning of this declarant in the first declaration and that in addition to the Officers named in the former declaration, he states that George Gibson was the Colonel of the Regiment when he entered the service, and that the meaning of the first Regiment of the Virginia line – means the first Regiment of the State Troops. This declarant states that he served as stated in the formal declaration three years as a private, and that he only claims a pension for that term, as the last term of service was but a short time.

This declarant states that he can only prove his service by his brother Daniel Henson being the only living witness that he can obtain. Sworn to and subscribed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1833

S/ Elijah Heson [sic]



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This day personally appeared in open Court Daniel Henson and after being duly sworn saith that he remembers very well that his brother Elijah Henson enlisted in the Army as he has stated and that he left home and went into the Army and remained absent 3 years he then returned home; and this declarant fully believes that he remained in service of the United States all the time he was absent. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

S/ Daniel Henson, X his mark

[William Haynes, a clergyman gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On April 12, 1853 in Buncombe County North Carolina, Fanny Henson, 68, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Elijah Henson, late deceased of Haywood County and a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him at the house of William Hambreys in Buncombe County North Carolina in August 1803; that they were married by \_\_\_ McFarlin, Esquire; that her husband died in Haywood County North

Carolina September 2, 1845 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: copy of a marriage bond dated July 28, 1803 issued in Buncombe County North Carolina to Elijah Henson & William Hambey conditioned upon the marriage of Elijah Henson to Fanny West, daughter of Jonathan West.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]