

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Henderson <sup>1</sup> W228 Nancy Henderson

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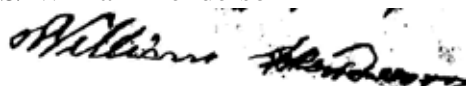
State of Virginia County of Spotsylvania: SS

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Spotsylvania William Henderson a resident of and in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia aged seventy-four 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Lieutenant Samuel Peters and served in the \_\_ Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named Officers, to wit – Colonel Frank Taylor [Francis Taylor] of Orange and Major John Roberts of Culpeper County. He was in Albemarle, Augusta and Frederick County with Burgoyne's prisoners and also with them in Maryland. He was discharged from service in June 1781. He does not now recollect the number of the Regiment he enlisted in. Of the persons now alive John Stewart of Spotsylvania County served with him the whole tour.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Henderson



[Philip Pendleton, a clergyman, and Francis Turnley [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Declaration Continued and Amended

State of Virginia County of Spotsylvania: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said County the foregoing named applicant William Henderson who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – For three years & \_\_ months I served as a militia man in the Virginia line and I can no further and [indecipherable word] particularly specify my said Service than in the annexed declaration and for such service I claim a pension.

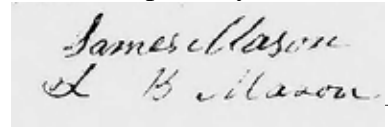
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<sup>1</sup> BLWt30779-160-55

Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> December 1832  
S/ Therit Towles, JP

[p 9: On June 9, 1855 in Anderson County Kentucky, Nancy Henderson, 85, formerly of Spotsylvania County now of Anderson County Kentucky filed a claim for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Henderson who died in Spotsylvania County Virginia March 10, 1836 and who was at the time of his death a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 10: On June 9, 1855 in Anderson County Kentucky, James Mason, 78, and John B. Mason, 31, gave affidavit in support of the claim for bounty land filed by Nancy Henderson. Their relationship, if any, to her is not stated.



James Mason  
J B Mason

[p 21: On June 9, 1855 in Anderson County Kentucky, James Mason, aged passed 78 years, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Henderson of Spotsylvania County Virginia about 40 years ago; that Henderson married the affiant's sister Nancy Mason in Spotsylvania about 30 years ago; that affiant left Spotsylvania County in the fall of 1834 or 1835 and that in 1837 his sister, the widow of William Henderson came to Anderson County Kentucky and continues to live there.]

[p 5: Certificate given by Robert Dabney as clerk of the Spotsylvania Virginia County Court indicating that records in his office show that William Henderson and Nancy Mason were legally married by John A. Billingsley a Baptist minister on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 1826.]

[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 at a like amount until her pension was increased to \$96 per annum effective July 27, 1868