

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Henderson ¹ W4228 Sarah Henderson

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The State of Ohio Hardin County SS

Be it remembered that this 8th day of April A.D. 1851, Before the Honorable Patrick G Good and his Associates, Judges of the court of Common Pleas within and for the County Hardin being a Court of Record; personally appeared Sarah Henderson a resident of said County, aged eighty one years, and being in open Court duly sworn according to law, Doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838 entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows" – That she is the widow of David Henderson deceased who was a Sergeant in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion] of Dragoons during the Revolutionary War – That to the best of her Recollection and knowledge the said David Henderson first enlisted in Captain William Moody's Company in the state of Delaware – but of the term of his enlistment and service therein she has no knowledge – That he afterwards enlisted in the year 1778 in said Cecil County Maryland and served in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion as a Sergeant to the end of the War: The Deponent states that her knowledge of the foregoing facts, and of the incidents connected with her husband service in the Army is principally derived from conversations with him and from the fact of there general notoriety in the neighborhood in which they lived – She has no recollection of the names of the Officers under, and with whom, he served with the exception of Colonel Lee – She recollects to have heard her husband – the said David Henderson – frequently described scenes and incidents of the War in which he was engaged but more particularly numbers to have heard him state that upon one occasion, he was ordered by his commanding Officer – (she thinks it was Colonel Lee home he mentioned) on some hazardous Service – that of taking possession of a house under a severe fire from the enemy, which service he successfully performed; but where, and at what time this occurred, she has now no distinct recollection and cannot State. She also states that she frequently heard her husband speak of the Officers of the Army, and relate in her hearing incidents and occurrences in relation to battles, and movements of the Army in which he was an actor – She recollects that from conversations of her husband above alluded to she was impressed with the belief that a portion of the Legion to which he belonged upon some particular occasion were required to serve on foot. Upon many occasions he has portrayed to her, the Deponent, the hardships and privations he in the service – described the battles in which he will was engaged, but from the lapse of time, her great age and consequent defective memory she is

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not able to state particulars. She further states that she has no record evidence of her husband's services, other than a Certificate granting him fifty acres of bounty land by the State of Maryland for his services "Westward of Fort Cumberland" in the state of Maryland – she has been informed and believes that it will be found by an examination of the Pay-rolls of the Maryland line on file at the City of Annapolis that the name of her husband – "David Henderson" will be found their own with an entry of a payment of Sixty-five pounds some shillings & pence, as for so much of the pay to which he was entitled for his services.

The Deponent on her oath further declares that she was lawfully married to the said David Henderson at the "Head of Elk," Cecil County, Maryland by the Reverend Mr. Boggs a Baptist clergyman of that facility on or about the 15th of December 1791. – That her name before her marriage – her maiden name was Kimble. She is not in possession of any record evidence of her marriage. The family Bible, purchased by husband 25th December 1802 does not contain it, though it does contain, among other things, the birth of her first child Titan Kimble Henderson born 3rd November 1792 in the handwriting of Mr. Henderson:

She has procured from the clerk of the court of Cecil County Maryland a certified copy of the Marriage License issued the 13th of December 1791 – which will be found among the papers here with transmitted. She now here more distinctly states that her marriage with the said David Henderson took place before the year 1794, but after her husband had left the service. After her marriage as aforesaid, She lived at Alexandria in the District of Columbia where her husband died the 3rd of May in the year 1805, as she well remembers, and as appears by an entry in the family Bible here with transmitted for inspection.

After the death of her husband, in the fall of the same year, she removed with her children to the State of Ohio, and has continued to reside in said State from that time to the present: And that she now resides at the Town of Kenton in the State of Ohio aforesaid. She has heretofore never made application for the benefit of the Law referred to for the reason that she never had any knowledge of its existence until within a short time since.

S/ Sarah Henderson



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State of Maryland, Sct.

I hereby Certify, That by the List returned by the Commissioners appointed to distribute Bounties of Land to the Officers and Soldiers of the late Maryland Line of the Continental Army, it appears, that Lot No. 318 Westward of Fort Cumberland, in Allegheny County, containing Fifty acres, was duly awarded to David Henderson a Sergeant in Lee's Legion, Regiment of the Maryland line.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal this 17th day of May 1851

S/ George G Brewer
Register Land Office Md.

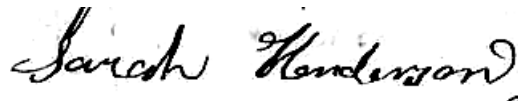
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State of Ohio Richland County SS

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of June A.D. 1823 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid duly qualified as such, Sarah

Henderson of Mansfield in said County who being duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that Hannah Coffee (wife of Amos H Coffee) late Hannah Henderson, Elizabeth Root (wife of Abner Root) late Elizabeth Henderson, and Sarah Henderson all the daughters and heirs at law of David Henderson this late a Soldier in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion in the revolutionary war, and further the said Sarah Henderson saith that she is the widow and relict of the said David Henderson deceased; and that he died in Alexandria District of Columbia in May A.D. 1805 without leaving any last will & testament. She further states that the said David Henderson hath never in his lifetime (to her knowledge) received any land bounty from the United States or State of Virginia (or any others claiming as a heirs since his decease) for services rendered by him in the revolutionary War – And the said Sarah Henderson (widow) hereby relinquishes all claim which she individually might be supposed to have in the land due to the Heirs of said David Henderson deceased – And further saith not.

S/ Sarah Henderson



[p 6: On March 10, 1855 in Hardin County Ohio, Sarah Henderson, 86, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of David Henderson who was a Sergeant of cavalry in Lees Legion in the line of the State of Virginia in the revolutionary war. This document she signed with her mark.]

[p 4: family record]

Deaths

Rachel Henderson wife of David Henderson died November 8th, 1780 at 11 o'clock in the Evening

A son of D Henderson & Rachel his wife died November 11th 1784.

Mary Henderson, Daughter of D. Henderson & Sarah his wife died February 8th, 1797 at 8 o'clock in the evening

Lidia Henderson a Daughter of D. Henderson and Sarah his wife died April 25th, 1805 at 10 o'clock & 30 minutes in the morning

David Henderson Husband of Sarah Henderson Died May 3th [sic] 1805 at 9 o'clock & 30 Minutes in the Morning

Mary Root Daughter of Abner Root & Betsy his wife died 23rd of October 1823 at 12 o'clock night

Hannah, wife of Amos H Coffee died at New Ark Ohio on the 30th day of September A.D. 1824 at 9:21 o'clock in the evening

Joseph Strong Jr. Husband of Sarah Strong died July 5th, 1827

Sarah Maria, daughter of Joseph Jr. & Sarah Strong died June 22nd, 1826

A Son of F. D. Parish & Sarah his wife died November 9th 1829

Sarah, wife of F. D. Parish died at Sandusky, O., November 16, 1829, 6:00 PM

Births

Titan Kimble Henderson some of D. Henderson & Sarah his wife was born November 3rd 1792 at 9 o'clock in the Morning

Mary Henderson Daughter of David Henderson & Sarah his wife was born February 18th 1794 at 8 o'clock in the evening

Hannah Henderson Daughter of D. Henderson & Sarah his wife was born February 18th 1796 at

8 o'clock in the Morning

Elizabeth Henderson, Daughter of D. Henderson & Sarah his wife was born August 29th, 1798 at 6 o'clock in the morning

Sarah Henderson, Daughter of D. Henderson & Sarah his wife was born September 17th, 1800 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon

Lydia Henderson Daughter of D. Henderson & Sarah his wife was born June 2nd, 1803 at 9 o'clock in the morning

Mary Root Daughter of Abner Root & Betsy his Wife was born the 18th May 1822

Sarah Maria Strong Daughter of Joseph and Sarah Strong was born December 25th, 1825

A Son of F. D. Parish & Sarah his wife was born November 7th 1829

David Azariah Root was born 4th of November 1824 of Abner & Elizabeth Root

Joseph Strong Root 2nd son of Abner & Elizabeth Root was born 14th day of October 1827

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Land Office Annapolis

I hereby certify that by a "Return of Dragoons – who served in Lieutenant Colonel Henry Lee's Legion belonging to the State of Maryland in the War of the Revolution" remaining in this office and which return has the following endorsement thereon viz. "return of sundry Soldiers of Lee's Legion of Captain Michael Rudolph in October 1783 & authenticated by the signature of said Rudolph, that the name of David Henderson appears on said roll, to have enlisted as a private, in said Legion, on the first day of January 1779, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on the first day of April 1780, and I further certify by a depreciation pay roll also remaining in this office, that David Henderson, a Sergeant, in Lees Legion received £65.18.2 Depreciation money issued to the Maryland Quota of troops on Continental establishment on the 3rd day of October 1783.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 17th day of May 1852

S/ J. Murray

Commissioner of the Land Office

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$180 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848, for her husband service as a Sergeant of cavalry in Lee's Legion for during the war.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

David Henderson Sergeant Lee's Legion for war

Rejected 21 June 1823

1824 July 21 Rejected

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Maryland Cecil County: SS

Be it Remembered that on this 16th day of September 1822 came before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace John Bennett of the State of Delaware New Castle County [several words indecipherable] Lee's Legion who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with David Henderson at the time he enlisted in Lieutenant

Colonel Henry Lee's Legion as a Dragoon in the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1778 at which time Colonel Lee was making up his Legion at [indecipherable word or words] in the State of Maryland – and this Deponent [one or more indecipherable words] he was well acquainted with him at the time of his being in the Legion and afterwards until the time of his Death and this Deponent also saith that the said Henderson was Sergeant in said Lee's Legion infantry in Captain Rudolph's [Michael Rudolph's] Company in which he continued with the rest has also this Deponent to the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783 and was honorably discharged at [indecipherable word] by Captain Rudolph the 29th of August A.D. 1783.

Subscribed and sworn before me

S/ Robert Hart

S/ John Bennett²

² Perhaps the same man as [John Bennett VAS579](#) but, if so, why doesn't the VAS579 file contain documents signed by John Bennett