

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Henderson W4984 Martha Henderson f69SC

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

State of South Carolina District of Anderson: On this 28th day of January A.D. 1852 personally appeared before Herbert Hammond Judge of the Court of Ordinary in and for the District in State aforesaid Mrs. Martha Henderson a resident of said District and State, aged as near as she can calculate about eighty-two years, who being duly sworn, according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 29th day of July 1848. That she is the widow of John Henderson who was a private and Quarter Master – in the Militia of the United States during the war of the Revolution, that as she was not been married to him and can state very little of his services but she thinks he then resided in Spartanburg District in this State, and there entered the service, but she cannot recollect the name of any of the Officers under whom he served if she ever heard him state, or how many tours of service he performed, or what Battles he was in, but recollects he was in one or more, though he was not wounded. She thinks he was drafted: she thinks his services were performed mostly if not altogether in this State, nor can she state with any precision the period of his services, nor can she at her advanced age, and imbecility pretend to say more, although she has heard him often speak of his sufferings in the War, and she is satisfied as well from his as from what she has heard from others that he done good service on the Whig side.

She further states that she was married to the said John Henderson on the twentieth day of May 1794, when she was about twenty-four years of age, that her maiden name was Martha Pickens, and was married at Isaac Steele's only a few miles from where she now lives, in what was then Pendleton District, the Reverend John Simpson performed the ceremony – she has no other evidence of the services of her husband, or of her marriage that she is known of except belief from an old Psalm Book which she herewith sends and from which the following is an extract viz. "John Henderson was born October 7 in the year of our Lord 1753 – and was married May 20th, 1794 to Martha Pickens." Which said record was transcribed from a more ancient one made by her husband by her son Robert to whom she gave the Book containing it, and who is now living in Georgia.

That her said husband John Henderson died on the 20th day of August 1815, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second day of January 1800, viz. at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

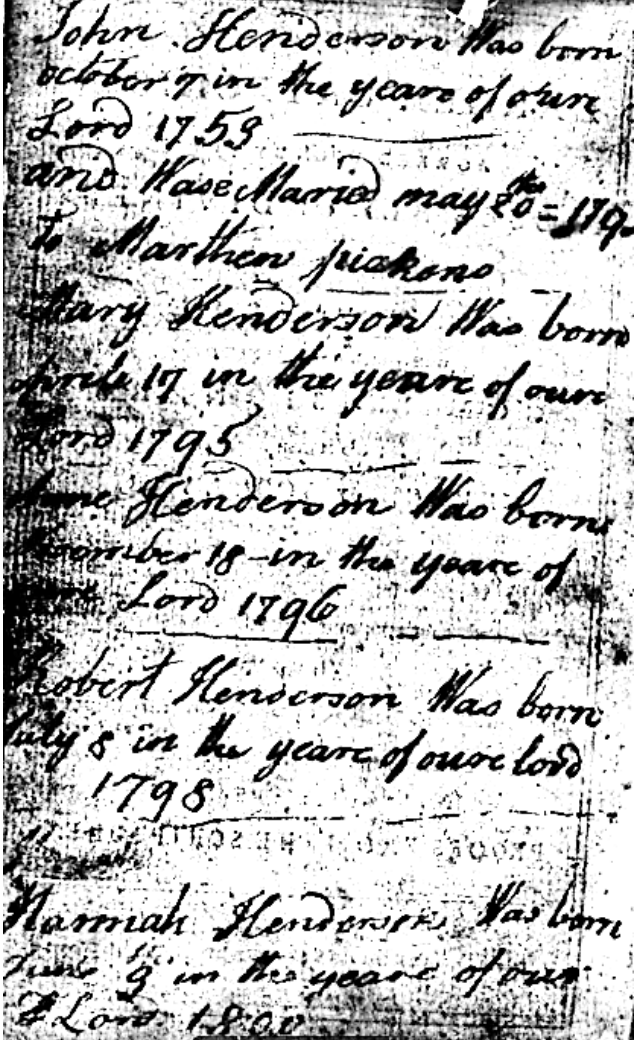
S/ Martha Henderson, X her mark

State of Georgia Franklin County: Robert Henderson came before me and made oath in due form of law that he is the son of John & Martha Henderson, the former of whom died on the 20th of August 1815 and the latter now resides in Anderson District in South Carolina and is making application for a Pension. He is himself nearly 54 years of age as will be seen by the family record herewith delivered up to be sent as evidence in behalf of his mother, in which said record has been kept in the family as the true record of births ever since his recollection, and is in the handwriting of his Father the said John Henderson who died in Anderson, then Pendleton District South Carolina at the time above stated, and whom he has every reason to believe, and does verily believe, was a soldier in the cause of the liberty in the war of the Revolution, as he has often heard him speak of his services and sufferings as such.

S/ Robert Henderson

*Robert Henderson*

[pp 2-5: family record]

<p>John Henderson Was born October 7, in the year of our Lord 1759 and Wase Married may 20<sup>th</sup> 179 to Martha Pickens</p>	
<p>Mary Henderson Was born Aprile 17 in the year of our Lord 1795</p>	
<p>Anne Henderson Was born November 18 in the year of oure Lord 1796</p>	
<p>Robert Henderson Was born July 8 in the year of our lord 1798</p>	
<p>Hannah Henderson Was born June 9<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1800</p>	

another image of the same record as above:

John Henderson was born  
October 7 in the year of  
our Lord 1753  
and was married May 21 1794  
to Martha Pickett  
Mary Henderson was  
born April 21 in the  
year of our Lord 1795  
Annie Henderson was  
born November 28 in the  
year of our Lord  
1796  
Robert Henderson was  
born <sup>July</sup> 8 in the year of our  
Lord 1790  
Hannah Henderson  
was born June 3 in the year  
of our Lord 1800

[p 11: Affidavit given by Robert Gilmer and Sarah Gunnin [?] in Anderson district South Carolina that Mrs. Martha Henderson, widow of John Henderson, died August 14, 1854 leaving surviving her the following children: Robert Henderson, Hannah McClinton, and Annie Henderson and Mary Henderson; that Alexander S McClinton is the duly appointed administrator of the estate of Mrs. Martha Henderson.]

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To the Gentlemen of the Treasury or auditors office of South Carolina  
Please to deliver all or any of my indents you may find due me in your office or offices to the  
Bearer Captain Moses Liddle which Favours will much oblige your most obedient Servant  
September the 10th 1791

South Carolina

S/ Israel Morris

Pendleton District}

None in Charleston

9<sup>th</sup> Novr 1791

Personally appeared before me Mr. John Henderson of said County and made oath as the law directs that he did see Israel Morris signe the above order in favour of Captn Moses Liddle.

Signed and sworn to

this 31st of October 1791

S/ Andw Pickens, JP

S/ John Henderson

To the Gentlemen of the Treasury or auditors  
 office of South Carolina  
 Please to deliver all or any of my Indents  
 you may find Due me in your office or offices  
 to the Treasurer Capt<sup>m</sup> Moses Liddle which I avow  
 will Much oblige your Most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

September the 10<sup>th</sup> 1791 Israel Morris  
 South Carolina } None in Charleston  
 Pendleton County } 9<sup>th</sup> Novr 1791  
 personally appeared before  
 me. Mr John Henderson of said County, and made  
 oath as the Law directs, that he did see Israel Morris  
 signe the above order in favour of Capt<sup>m</sup> Moses  
 Liddle  
 signed and sworn to John Henderson  
 this 31<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1791 - Andw Pickens JP

[p 41: Certificate dated February 11, 1852 from the South Carolina Comptroller General's Office in Columbia listing payments made to a John Henderson for military services including service in the Roebuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment for 702 days duty as a horseman, eight days as a footman and 42 days as Quarter Master from 7<sup>th</sup> June 1780 to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1782 in Captains Parsons [Capt. Major Parson], Gowens [John Gowen] and Bridges's [James Bridges'] Companies Colonel Roebuck Regiment; and 291 days service as a horseman from July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1781 to 1<sup>st</sup> May 1782 pursuant to the pay Bill of Captain Parsons certified by Colonel Roebuck at 20 shilling [old SC currency per day]; and 8 days duty on foot from 16<sup>th</sup> July to the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1782 in Capt. Gowen's company certified by Roebuck and 12 days on horse from the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1782 to (no time mentioned) and to 42 days duty as quarter master from the 12 of September to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Octr. 1782 at 35 shillings per day]

[p 55]  
 State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate in & for said District, Mrs. Jane McMullen who being duly sworn according to

law doth on her oath depose That she is now in her 86th year of age and has since she was about two years old, as her parents informed her, lived in her present neighborhood in the fork of the North & South Pacolet River in this District, That her father Captain David McDowell and his brother William McDowell since her earliest recollection till their deaths lived in said neighborhood & her father was one of the old Whig Captains early in the war of the Revolution, and his neighbors were generally Whigs – that his house was the place at which the Whigs frequently mustered during the war and that her said father also kept a Public house then – That within a few miles of her father's lived a family of Hendersons who attended the Presbyterian Church in the fork of Pacolet & who were good Whigs their names were Robert the father, John, James & Nathaniel Henderson & William & Robert Henderson his sons; that Captains John Gowen & Major Parsons also lived not very far from her father's and that she knew them as Whig Captains in service during the war and nearly all the members of the Companies as they were frequently at her father's & this Deponent being some eight years old when the war commenced: That the Hendersons were their neighbors as aforesaid & that she knew John Henderson and his brothers James & Robert Anderson in service under said Captains Parsons & Gowen during the war, and that she was also acquainted with Andrew Colby, Enoch Hooper, Daniel McCallow, Matthew Alexander, Williams Jameson, Matthew & Samuel Harper, Robert Harper, James Fowler, Thomas Marrow, Lafford French, William French, Hugh & William Moore, James Alexander, James Batty & Alexander Copeland all of whom were good Whigs & so regarded in the neighborhood: That Baylis Earle Esquire & the Jacksons lived not far from her said father's and that Colonel Roebuck longed to this District: – That after the war a few years the Hendersons above named moved off to what was then called the "New Purchase" and that *the* names "David" & "William McDowell" above and aligned before signing called she afterwards learned that they had settled in Pendleton District in this State: That John Henderson was an intelligent man & well behaved in his conduct, & was not married when he left the Fork of Pacolet. This deponent further swears that she is & has been wholly disinterested in giving this evidence. Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of December 1854 before me  
S/ Elias Wall, Magistrate

S/ Jane McMullen, X her mark

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrates in & for said District Solomon Abbett<sup>1</sup> who being duly sworn states that he is now nearly ninety-four years of age and was brought up & has ever lived not far from the Cowpens battleground this District and served in the Revolutionary war under Colonel Roebuck for which he now receives a pension from the United States: That in the war he knew Captains John Gowen & Major Parsons & Captain David McDowell who lived over on Pacolet River some 15 miles or more from deponent's neighborhood: That he also knew a family of Hendersons who lived in the fork of Pacolet at all of whom were good Whigs and soon after the war moved off, but that he cannot from the slight acquaintance he had with the Hendersons designate each by name so as to say positively which of the young Hendersons he saw in the service but that the whole family of that name were good Whigs & so recognized in the section in which they lived. That this deponent is wholly disinterested in giving this evidence. Sworn to & subscribed this 13th day of December 1854 before me  
S/ Elias Wall, Magistrate

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, [Solomon Abbott S17806](#)

S/ Solomon Abbett, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$129.15 commencing March fourth, 1848 and ending August 14, 1854, for her husband's service as a private of cavalry and Quarter Master in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to John Henderson pp54  
Audited Account No. 3522  
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[p 2]

No. 108

No. 3023

Lib. [Book] X} 10<sup>th</sup> May 1786

John Henderson for 702 days duty as a Horseman, 8 days as a footman, and 42 days as a Quarter Master from 7<sup>th</sup> June 1780 to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1782 in Captains Parson's, Gowen's, and Bridges's Companys Col. Roebuck's Regiment

Charged	£769
more in addition	
£10 & on 4 <sup>th</sup> charge 10/	<u>10.10</u>
[old SC] Currency	<u>£779.10</u>
Sterling	£111.7.1 ½

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 5]

Gentlemen

Please to deliver to Mr. C. C. Schutt or Order what Indents I may have in the office and his receipt Shall be Sufficient – I am

Gentlemen  
Your humble Servant  
S/ John Henderson



to the Commissioners of the Treasury

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 3023 Book X dated May 10, 1786]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsements:

Received 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec.r 1786, from the Commissioners of the Treasury Forty one Pounds 17/3 in part of the within Indent by Disct [Discount] in the purchase of Land

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<sup>2</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 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.

£40.17.3

S/ John Henderson

Rec'd 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 1786, the further Sum of Fifty seven Pounds in Part of the within Indent, by Disct in the Purchase [of] 400 Acres of Land for William Henderson & 170 Acres for Robert Bowen

£57.0.0

S/ John Henderson

Rec'd 16 May 1787 from the Commrs of the Treasury Nine pounds 2/11 in part of the within by Disct in the Purchase of 156 Acs for [illegible] Henderson & 236 Acs. for Wm Henderson

£9.2.11

S/ John Henderson

Received 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1786 from the Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Treasury Forty one Pounds, 17/3 in part of the within Indent, by Disct in the purchase of Land  
 £40.. 17. 3 John Henderson

Rec<sup>d</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1786 the further Sum of Fifty seven pounds in part of the within Indent, by Disct in the purchase of 400 Acres of Land for W<sup>m</sup> Henderson & 170 Acres for Rob<sup>t</sup> Bowen  
 £57.0.0 John Henderson

Rec<sup>d</sup> 16 May 1787 from the Comm<sup>rs</sup> of the Treasury, Nine Pounds 2/11 in part of the within by Disct in the purchase of 156 Acs for W<sup>m</sup> Henderson & 236 Acs. for W<sup>m</sup> Henderson  
 £9.2.11 John Henderson