

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Henson W8923¹ Anne (Ann) fn89NC
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State of Kentucky Knox Circuit Court Sct. July Term 1827

William Henson, an applicant for a Pension produced in Court a Statement of the services performed by him during the Revolutionary War, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the several acts of Congress relating to persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, which statement being sworn to in open Court in due form of law is ordered to be entered of record copied and certified to the Secretary of War and is in the words & figures following (to wit)

State of Kentucky Knox County Sct.

On this 9th Day of July 1827 personally appeared in open Court it being a court of record made so by act of Assembly of Kentucky proceeding according to the course of the common law possessed of unlimited jurisdiction for the 15th Judicial district for and in the County aforesaid before the Honorable Joseph Eve one of the Circuit Judges for this Commonwealth in and for said 15th Judicial district, William Henson a resident citizen of said County aforesaid aged about 82 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and 1st May 1820 that he the said Henson enlisted for the term of 18 months on the __ day of __ 177__ in the State of North Carolina about 40 days before the Battle of Guilford Court-house at a town by the name of Salisbury (the County forgotten) in the Company commanded by Captain William Lytle in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Lytle in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment that he faithfully served out his term of service when he was discharged by the said Colonel Lytle at Salisbury aforesaid which discharge he has lost. After his discharge aforesaid on the __ day of __ (as he now believes) in the year __ in Surry County and at the Courthouse of said County in the State of North Carolina he enlisted for the term of nine months in the company commanded by Captain John Jones (his given name is not positive) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong (his given name he

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believes was John) in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment that he faithfully served out his Term of enlistment when he was discharged by his Captain (___ Jones) at Surry Courthouse North Carolina the discharge he has long since lost, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state except on the roll of the North Carolina line Continental establishment, And that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That until within one or two years since he felt himself able to support himself and family and that he always disliked the idea of having it said that he was supported by his government when he had no expectation of it when he fought for liberty but owing to old age & poverty and having been crippled within the last year by the fall of a limb from a tree he has concluded to yield to the pressing solicitation of his friends. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me personally signed & sealed to wit

4 Cows and Calves of the value of	\$50.00
40 head of hogs little and big	40.00

He owes nothing nor nothing owing to him.

On the 18th of March 1818 he owned a horse of the value of \$50 since that time the horse died, his cattle at that time was worth about \$40 his hogs worth about \$50 he owed nothing and nothing was owing to him & no changes have taken place in his cattle or hogs since that time but by death or the use of his family and that the above is a true statement of all his property or estate on the 18th of March 1818, at the present time his family consist of himself and his wife Ann about 49 years of age very sickly and unhealthy one small girl 9 years of age by the name of Anne that he himself is so broken down with age & disease that he feels unable to support himself by labor.

S/ William Henson, X his mark {Seal}

[fn p. 9: On May 1, 1850, in Clay County Kentucky, Ann Henson, about 90 years of age, made application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of William Henson, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$96 per annum on the Kentucky list; that she married him at Harpers Ferry in the state of Virginia in the year 1786 by publication in a church; that she has no family record of her marriage it having been destroyed some 25 years ago; that she had several children born prior to 1794 whose names are Nancy, William, John, Paul, Christenah, Isaac and after 1794 she had Susannah, Lurean, Mary , Robert, Christessla [?Christopher in another document] and Ann; That her husband died September 20, 1831.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office 4th of February 1828

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterroll's [sic] of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war,

that William Henson a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted in 1782, for 18 months – That nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 4th day of February 1828

S/ Wm Hill

[facts in file: the widow whose maiden name was Ann Jacobs; the veteran is the son Isaac was born July 3, 1798 in North Carolina; the veteran son Paul was a twin, but the name of the other twin is not stated in the file; the veteran and his youngest child, Ann, married a man by the name of Gilbert and was 29 years of age in 1845 living in Clay County Kentucky; in 1844 son Isaac stated that his older siblings were all dead.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 10th, 1828, for 18 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]