

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Robert Henwood W934

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

District of Washington SS. State of Tennessee Washington County

On this eighth day of April, 1832, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said county, Robert Hennard aged eighty two years, resident in Sullivan County in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: towit in the year 1781 as well as now recollected he at Montgomery County State of Maryland enlisted into the continental service in the Revolutionary war for three years, or during the war into [Charles] Armand's Legion of continental troops, having been Pulaskies [sic: Kazimierz Pulaski's] old regiment. that he served faithfully until the close of the war which was in 1783 and was honourably discharged by s'd General Armand, which discharge is now filed in the office of the United States, he having about four years ago gotten his land claim & left it at that time in the proper office of the U States And 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, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 subscribed.

Towit he purchased one hundred acres of Land barren & sterile which land was vacant and has been subsequently entailed & well be [illegible word] taken from him which if enjoyed by him is unimproved (except small cabin) and in the whole would be worth not more than one hundred dollars

	\$100
one two year old colt worth	25
2 yearlin calves	10
1 old bed & cloathing	<u>4</u>
some little earthen ware 12 pcls[?] worth [?]	44

he has a wife near as ancient as himself towit upwards of Eighty and three children two females & one male which are nearly of age and will shortly leave him & himself & wife are both so superannuated that they are unable to work

Robert hisXmark Hennard

THIS is to certify that Robert henwood private Dragoon in the First Partisan Legion, under my Command, has served faithfully & bravely to this Day, is hereby discharged from the Service of the United States, in Pursuance of Orders received from the Commander in Chief, bearing Date the third instant.

I farther certify that Robert henwood private Dragoon having been enlisted in the State of Mareland is intituled by the Resolution of Congress, of the 13th February, 1779, to the Benefits that have been, or hereafter shall be, granted by the said State to the Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers of the said Line.

Given under my Hand and Seal at York Town [Yorktown VA], this November, 1783.

[illegible signature] Brigadier General.

Entered in the Books of the Legion.

Attest.

[signed] Godfried Swartz

Adjutant of the Legion.

State of Tennessee } May 24<sup>th</sup> 1823

Washington County }

then personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace for said County the subscriber

John Rock [application W985], & Henry Tarrant [W998] both of whom are now on the list of indigent pensioners, and made Oath that they and each of them were intimately acquainted with Robert Hennard, who was a private in the continental line of Troops in the Revolutionary war in Armands Legion, (being Pulaskees old Regiment that said Henwood was in Captain Brouns (otherwise L Brouns) [probably Francis Le Brun's] company, and Henry Tarrant one of subscribers in Captain Brefoes [probably Brevard's] company - and John Rock in Cap'n Bedkinses [possibly Betkins's] Company, all of said Regiment, that they severally saw, and well know the said Robert Hennard now present in said Regt & company and continued in service with him, untill the close of the war, and positively state that they knew him to have been in service more than nine months immediately preceeding his discharge, from their first acquaintance with him, but how long he may have served before their acquaintance they cannot precisely say.

Henry Tarrant also states that he was in the City of Washington with Robert Hennard in December 1817 when he saw said Hennard file his discharge with N Cutting in the office at the time of obtaining his bounty land, where as he believes the same now remains that said Robert was honorably discharged

Henry Tarrant                      John hisXmark Rock

NOTE: On 19 Dec 1843 Rebecca Henwood, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert Henwood on 16 Feb 1785, and he died 6 Apr 1828. In a document dated 21 Sep 1844 she stated that Robert Henwood was survived by the following children: James Henwood, Elijah Henwood, Robert Henwood Jr., Rutha Henwood, Scilla Tussa, and Nancy Lang. The file contains the following document: "This is to Certify that the Bearer Robert Henwood and Rebecca Miles Both of Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County Commenwealth of Virginia was Lawfull married the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of february Anno Domini 1785 by me                      Joseph De Sardorius, Minister of the gospel" in the presence of

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Pension application of Robert Henwood (Hennard)<sup>1</sup> W934 Rebecca      fn42MD/VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves      8/25/11

[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. 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 fails 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 errors or omissions to my attention.]

[fn p. 10]

### Schedule

District of Washington SS State of Tennessee Washington County –

On this 8th day of April 1822, personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said County, Robert Hennard aged 82 years, resident in Sullivan County in said district who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: to wit in the year 1781 as well as now recollected he in Montgomery County State of Maryland enlisted into the Continental service in the Revolutionary war for 3 years or during the war into Armands [Tuffin Charles Armand, Marquis de la Roueire] Legion of Continental troops having been Pulaski's old Regiment, that he served faithfully until the close of the war which was in 1783 – and was honorably discharged by General Armand which discharge is now filed in the office of the United States he having about four years ago gotten his land Service [?] & left it at that time in the proper office of the United States.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 subscribed

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt674-100

Sworn to, and declared, on the 8th day of April 1822 before the Justices of said Court in session  
Test S/ James Sevier, Clk S/ Robert Hennard, X his mark

[fn p. 19]

This is to certify that Robert Henwood private Dragoon in the first Partisan Legion, under my Command, has served faithfully & [words too faint to discern], to this Day, is hereby discharged from the Service of the United States, in Pursuance of Orders received from the Commander in Chief, varying Date the 3rd instant.

I further certify that Robert Henwood private Dragoon having been enlisted in the State of Maryland is intituled [sic, entitled?] by the Resolution of Congress, of the 13th of February, 1779, to the Benefits that have been, or hereafter shall be, granted by the Said State to the Noncommissioned Officers and soldiers of the said Line.

Given under my hand and Seal at York Town, this [too faint to discern] Day  
November, 1783

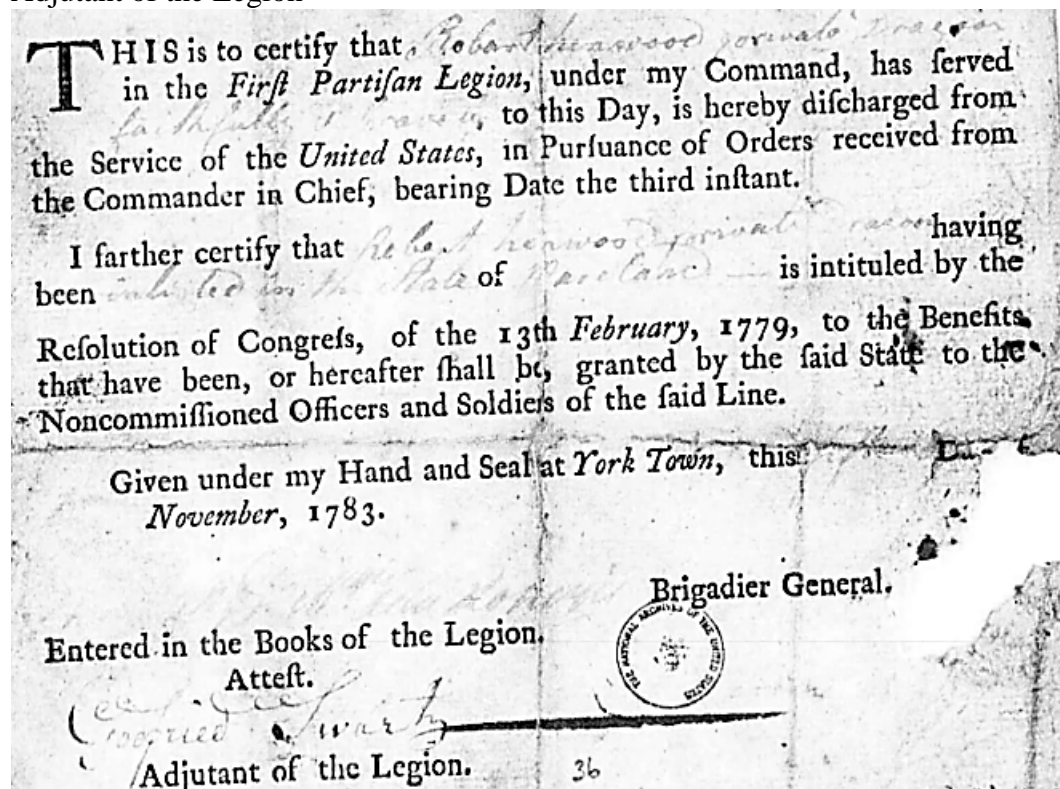
[signature too faint to discern], Brigadier General

Entered in the Books of the Legion

Attest

S/ Godfried Swartz

Adjutant of the Legion



[fn p. 7: On December 19, 1843 in Sullivan County Tennessee, Rebecca Henwood, aged 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Robert Henwood, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$96.33 per annum; that she married him February 16, 1785; that her husband died April 6, 1828 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 6: On September 21st, 1844 in Sullivan County Tennessee, Rebecca Henwood, aged about 77 years, filed a bounty land claim as the widow of Robert Henwood, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum for his service in the revolution; she states that her husband died April 6, 1828 leaving herself a widow and the following named children: James, Elijah, Robert (Junior) and Rutha Henwood, Ocilla Tussa and Nancey Lang.]

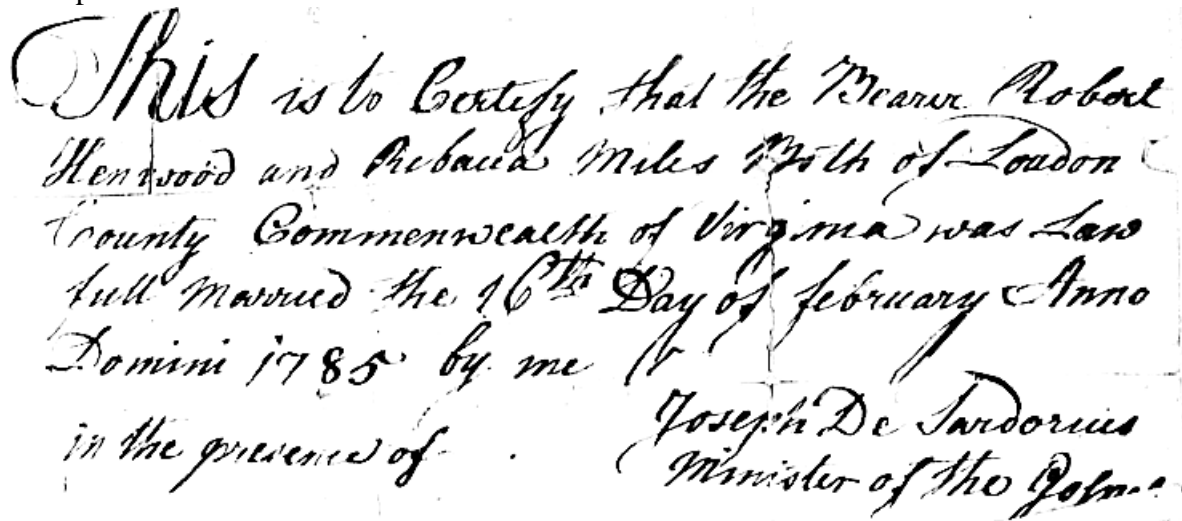
[fn p. 2]

This is to Certify that the Bearer Robert Henwood and Rebecca Miles both of Loudon County Commonwealth of Virginia was Law full married the 16th Day of February A.D. 1785 by me

S/ Joseph De Sardorius

Minister of the Gospel

in the presence of



This is to Certify that the Bearer Robert Henwood and Rebecca Miles both of Loudon County Commonwealth of Virginia was Law full married the 16th Day of February Anno Domini 1785 by me  
in the presence of Joseph De Sardorius Minister of the Gospel

[fn p. 12: On March 18th, 1852 in Sullivan County Tennessee, Ruth Henwood, daughter of the veteran, gave an affidavit in which she states her father died April 6, 1828 leaving Rebecca Henwood his widow; that Rebecca Henwood died December 25, 1850 leaving the following children: affiant Ruth, Osiler Tussy, James Henwood, Elijah Henwood, and Nancy Long.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March one, 1823 for service as a private in the Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]