

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Duke W9415

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[Transcribers Note: The application is a printed form with information filled in by hand. The handwritten portion is shown in italics in the transcription.]

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Madison County

On this *fourteenth* day fo[sic] *September* 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the judges of the circuit court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared *Henry Duke* aged *fifty nine* years; who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of *Madison*; and that he was enlisted for *three years* at *Louisa County* in the State of *Virginia* on or about the [blank] day of *1776 or 1777* by one *Samuel Petty[?]* and served in the company commanded by captain *Robert Barrett* of the *Virginia line Continental establishment commanded by Col. Francis Taylor*¹ the number of the regiment not recollected that he continued to serve in the said corps, or service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the [blank] day of *1779 or 1780* when he was honorably discharged from the service at *Winchester* in the state of *Virginia*; that he was in service *three years and eight months* and was in the battles of [blank – no battles stated]

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

s/ *Jas Clark*
Circuit Judge

State of Kentucky Madison County

*Philip Johnston*² of the County aforesaid states upon oath that he served in the *Virginia line of Continental Establishment* in the years *1778 – 1779*. That he is acquainted with *Henry Duke* and believes that he served in the *Revolutionary War* the time mentioned in the foregoing statement made by *Duke*.

Sworn to before me the day and year first []

s/ *Jas Clark*
Circuit Judge

I, *James Clark* judge &c. as aforesaid do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said *Henry Duke* did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration, for the term of nine months and upwards, on the continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me, to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress -- and it further appears to my satisfaction, that the said applicant is in such indigent and reduced circumstances as to require the aid of his country, pursuant to the above recited act.

s/ *Jas. Clark*
Circuit Judge

¹ Possibly [Francis Taylor R19418](#)

² Possibly [Philip Johnston S36657](#)

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Madison Circuit September Term 1820

On this 8th day of September personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the State of Kentucky and Circuit of Madison County Henry Duke aged sixty two years resident in Madison County in said State who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows he belonged to the 3rd Virginia Regiment and to Capt Barretts Company his original declaration is dated the 15th day of September 1818 and the number of his Pension Certificate is 10531 and he further solemnly swore that he was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed to wit Two mares Two cows 8 hogs one beaureau 3 pots one kettle one oven three chains[?] he has \$5 owing to him and owes about \$75

(Signed) Henry Duke

He states that he has two children living with him one named Wilson aged 14 years and the other named James ages 12 years that Wilson is so affected with the While[??] swelling as to be unable to perform any kind of labour the other child is so young as not to be able to maintain himself by his labour he states that he is by occupation a farmer but from old age very unable to follow it and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his country Sworn to and declared on the 8th day of Sept 1820 and it is ordered by the court that it be certified that the said Duke's property is of the value of \$71.00

[Copy certified by David Irvine, clerk on Sept. 29, 1820]

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State of Kentucky

Madison County

On this 8th day of November, 1842, personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful [sic] , the County Court of Madison, State of Kentucky, now sitting Susannah Duke, a resident of Madison County, Kentucky, aged 66 years, who being first 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 day of July 1838, allowing the widows of Revolutionary pensioners a pension.

She states that she is the lawful wife of Henry Duke deceased Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States under the Act of 1818, as will appear by reference to his pension certificate now on file in the Pension Office, at Washington City. She states that she was married to the said Henry Duke, deceased, in Hanover County, Virginia, in the year 1792, as well as she can now recollect. The record of her marriage and the births of her children was lost in crossing Rich[] Creek, in state of Kentucky, in moving from her residence in Virginia to this state. The water was high and in attempting to cross over their wagon, they lost a good deal of their property, and amongst other things their Bible containing the date of their Marriage and birth of her children. She states that she was lawfully married to the said Henry Duke, which she can prove by the oath of Anny Gafney, a resident of Ganon[?] county Kentucky, who was present and witnessed the marriage ceremony. She knows of no other person (now living) that she can prove the marriage by. The said Henry Duke never had any other wife but this petitioner, which will also appear by the affidavit of the said Anny Gafney

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

s/ Susannah Duke³

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³ This appears to be Susannah Duke's signature. But, in other applications in the file Susannah Duke signs with her mark. The last such document was in 1862.

Know all men by these presents that we Henry Duke and Williamson Plant are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Beverley Randolph Esq. Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia for the time being and to his successors in the sum of fifty pounds to the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this fourteenth day of June one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

The condition of this obligation is such, that whereas there is a marriage shortly to be had and solemnized between the above bound Henry Duke batchelor and Susanna Gentry spinster

Now if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the said marriage then this obligation to be void and of none effect, else to remain in full force and virtue

Test
Tho. W. Dodd

Henry Duke [seal]
Williamson Plant [seal]

State of Virginia
Hanover County to wit

I Philip B. Winslow, Clerk of the County Court of Hanover in the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of Henry Duke's Marriage License bond now on file in my office, with the exception of the date which is expressed in said bond in fair legible figures as follows "14th day of June 1791"

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County the fifth day of June one thousand eight hundred and forty four

Philip B. Winslow C.H.C.

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State of Kentucky
Gannon[?] County

Anney Gafney, a citizen of Gannon[?] County, Kentucky, aged about 70 years, states that she was present at the house of John Gentry in Hanover County, Virginia, and witnessed the marriage ceremony between Henry Duke and Susannah Gentry, now Susannah Duke, wife of Henry Duke late a Pensioner of the United States. She knows that the said Susannah Duke is the only wife the said Henry Duke ever had, and she also knows they were lawfully married by a legally authorized minister of the Gospel. She states that she is the sister of the said Susannah Duke and knows what she states to be true[.]

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th day of November 1842

Anne Gafney
Her mark

[Certification by E. D. Kennedy, J.P.G.C.]

[p. 36] [Testimony from Patrick H. Duke and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Duke in Rockcastle County, Kentucky on April 21, 1843 in support of the application of Susannah Duke. No relationship to Susannah Duke is given.]]

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Addendum to the Pension Application of Henry Duke W9415

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 25 Sep 2019.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

State of Kentucky/ Madison County Sct

This day personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the county afores'd Henry Duke a resident of s'd County who being by me first duly sworn, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain from the governor and Privy Council of the State of Virginia a Land warrant which may be coming to him, or due him for his services during the Revolutionary War.

That he the s'd Henry Duke Enlisted in the year 1777 or 78 in Louisa County Virginia under Capt. Robert Barret [Robert Barrett VAS2403] of the 3^d Reg't Virginia line on Continental establishment, Commanded by Col. Francis Taylor, to serve three years, and that he served out the time of s'd enlistment and was Honourably Discharged at Winchester Virginia by Col Bland [Theodorick Bland VAS1859], and that shortly after he was discharged he reenlisted again under Capt Martin Hawkins of the Reg't of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, as an Order Sergeant to serve during the War, and that he served part of the time of his enlistment as an Orderly Sergeant under Capt. Hawkins; and that he was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]; and that before Peace was made he obtained a Furlough, and before s'd Furlough expired Peace was concluded with Great Britain in consequence of which he never returned to the army nor obtained any discharge. That his Original Discharge was lodged in the Auditors Office in Richmond, and that he never has received any warrant for his said services, nor sold his right to the same, and that he now prays that the governor and Council of Virginia may grant him his warrant for Land for his s'd Services; Sworn to before me this 3^d day of January 1820

Daniel Breck

I hereby certify, That I am well acquainted with Henry Duke, now a citizen of the State of Kentucky, that he at this time, and has from my first knowing him supported the Character of an honest labouring man, though generally thought a man of extreme ignorance, That he is now far advanced in years, and Has nothing to depend on for Support but is own labour. Given under my hand the 1st day of Feb'y 1820.
[City of Richmond VA]

Richard Apperson Sr[?]