

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Paul Henson W9480¹

Elizabeth fn45NC

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Kentucky, Clay County: Sct.

Be it remembered that on this 4th day of July 1837, Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Clay Circuit Court in the State and County aforesaid, Paul Henson, of said County, aged 75 years who in order to claim the benefit of the provisions of an Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, made upon oath the following declaration in open Court, He States that he volunteered in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in Wilks County [Wilkes County] North Carolina some time of the year before the Battle of Kings Mountain which he thinks was in the fall of 1780 under John Cleveland Capt, and Chas. Gorden [Charles Gordon] Lieut., Benj. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], Col.; and rendezvoused at Wilkes Courthouse, and their business was to Scout & traverse the Counties of Wilkes, Surry & Guilford, in which they continued continuously for the space of three months, the time for which he entered and was discharged without a writing.

In a few weeks he again volunteered under Ning Hanskins [?] Captain and John Sevier Lieutenant, for three months, and Rendezvoused on Chucky [sic, Nolichucky River] near the Greasy Cove and marched to bull Mouth and on to the Indian Nation killed one Indian but had no engagement, returned to the Greasy Coats and was discharged by written discharge having served out his three months. He believes it was whilst on this tour the battle was at King's Mountain.

The next year he entered the 12 months service under Captain Cleveland or Pervard [sic, Brevard?] and he cannot recollect precisely which he however believes that he served the most of the time under Pervard, Ben Henin Major and Ben. Cleveland Colonel, marched to Frohawk's Mill [sic, Frohock's Mill] near Salisbury and were

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stationed there for some time and then marched to Charlotte and there stationed some time thence to 96 District from thence turned toward King's Mountain from thence on to the head of Watauga [River] and there stationed some time thence traversed the Country through to Wilkes County and were discharged having been in actual service the whole 12 months except permitted to go home once in the time & returned directly. This was called the 12 month service during which time they took several Tories, killed one John Guin & wounded one Henry Adkins but never was it any general engagement.

He afterwards moved to Bedford County Virginia & was called out to serve a tour and went from that County and served under Captain Smith a 3 months tour they were [in] actual service three months during which we were Scouting in the County about Sandy & Clinch [rivers] this was shortly after he returned from the 12 months service – his Colonel was by the name of Smith. He states that he was engaged in actual service three years in all but cannot state the particulars or the particular times, all, owing to his great failure in recollection from old age & disease. He further states that he has always refused to apply for his Pension believing it was not right to be paid for defending his Country, a thing that every body ought to do, but he has now become almost helpless in consequence of the age & injury lately received by a fall from his horse and now needs aid. He states that he was born in Amelia County Virginia and after the war moved to Tennessee, & from there to Kentucky, Clay County where he now resides. He has no documentary evidence of his Service, having lost all his discharges. He was personally acquainted with General Washington & General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. He has no record of his age – but believes from the best lights he has upon the subject that he is a little over 75 years old. He has no intimate acquaintance with any minister or preacher living in the mountains & all the preachers live at a great distance and only visit at their monthly meetings. He knew refers to two of his neighbors & acquaintances, Beasley Hollinsworth and Richard Hubbard – who can testify in [illegible word] to his Character & the report of his Services.

He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services precisely.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to this day & year aforesaid but not being able to write he makes his Mark.

S/ Paul x Henson

Witness:

S/ John A. Moore

[Beasley Hollinsworth and Richard Hubbard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Elizabeth Henson, aged 49, made application on June 26, 1857 in Clay Co., Ky., for a widow's pension stating that she married her husband in Jackson Co., Tenn., on August 11th [?] 1828, they were married by one Joshua H. Got, JP; that her husband died October 16, 1839.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]