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Pension Application of William Henderson X344

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Fairfax County, SS.

On this 17th day of August 1818, before the Court of said County, personally appears Wm. Henderson aged 58 years, resident in said County, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he the said Wm. Henderson enlisted in 10th Regt Commanded by Colo. Edward Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas West of the Continental Army; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States from Nov'r. 1776 until April 1778, when he was discharged from service in consequence of being an invalid, at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; Sworn to and declared before the Court the day and year aforesaid. when Charles Lewis Broadwater [pension application S8096] 1st Lieutenant to said Company also swore to the above mentioned facts before the said Court.

Virginia to wit.

On this 19th day of June 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Fairfax William Henderson aged Sixty Five years resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: He enlisted in Fairfax County in the State of Virginia the 6th November 1776 under Captain Thomas West in the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Edward Stephens, Virginia line and marched on to Baltimore from there to Philadelphia and was discharged in the Spring of the year 1779 at the encampment at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania all of which will more fully appear by his Declaration of record in the Department of war bearing date the 17th August 1818 Whereupon he received a Certificate of pension bearing date the 19th January 1819 and numbered 5446. 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 person 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. I also declare that I was not bred to any trade but have generally supported myself in the best manner possible and have occasionally followed the Business of a physician although I have not been bred to that occupation, nor have I any Diploma, which occupation I was compelled to resort to on account of my advanced age and bodily indispositions and infirmities, and during the American Revolution when I was in the service of my Country, I lost the use of my left arm but it has since be rescusitated in a small degree that I am entirely blind in one eye and defective in the other, that some time in the year 1804 I got married, but me and my Wife have since parted and she lives now in Alexandria who would not contribute to my support if she was able [see endnote], that I have only two children, one named Sarah and is now living in Tennessee and a son living in Fairfax County who is unable to contribute in any manner to my support – My son in Fairfax is named John and is about 25 years of age.

Wm hisXmark Henderson

Schedule

Of the Goods and effects of William Henderson a revolutionary pensioner.

One Mare	valued at	\$30.00
One Lancet	"	0.12½
one old hoe	"	0.25
one iron pot and Dutch Oven	"	1.00
four earthen medical jugs	"	0.64
3 peuter plates	"	0.25
3 old razors	"	0.25
1 old gord with a Crack on each side	"	0.01
a debt due from Geo W. Hunter		<u>45.00</u>
		\$77.52½

Wm hisXmark Henderson

NOTE: The wife referred to, apparently Henderson's second, was Dorcas Henderson, who applied for a pension (W14896) as the widow of John Towers, her first husband. According to her pension application, John Towers died "on the 25 day of December 1803, that she remained a widow about 6 months & married William Henderson who died about 2 years before the 4th of July 1836 but cannot say the day."