

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Henson W3416

Sivilly Henson

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Virginia Greenbrier County (to wit)

At a Court held for Greenbrier County on the 28th Day of July 1818

On this 28th Day of July in the Year of our Lord 1818 Personally appeared before the County Court of Greenbrier the same being a Court of record William Henson aged sixty-three years the 24th Day of last May resident in the County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in Order to obtain the provisions 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 the said William Henson Enlisted in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia Botetourt County in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Posey of the 7th Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Elie McClenachen [Alexander McClanachen] for two years that he Continued in the Service of the United States until the end of said two years when he was discharged from service in the year 1778 at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania & that he delivered his discharge to Colonel George Hancock in order to Draw his pay – but the same was never returned. That he was in the skirmish in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at Piscataway Meeting house [May 10, 1777] and at Somerset [possibly the skirmish on January 20, 1777] which was previous to that of Piscataway & both were in the Jerseys & that he received a most Dangerous Wound at Piscataway & that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services except it be a witness by the name of Jacob Price who being also sworn upon the Gospel of Christ states that the said William Henson and himself were enlisted at the same time and same place & belonged to the same Company & Regiment & that they were both Wounded at Piscataway aforesaid and that they both enlisted for the same term of two years.

The said County Court of Greenbrier do hereby certify that it appears to our satisfaction from the testimony of Jacob Price who is a credible witness as well as from the preceding Declaration that the said William Henson did serve in the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy for two years on Continental Establishment & it also appears to our satisfaction not only from the Declaration of William Henson aforesaid but from the testimony of his neighbor Christopher Hederick who is a credible witness & from the testimony of said Jacob Price that the said William Henson is in reduced Circumstances and We do direct that the Clerk of this Court Transmit the proceedings & testimony taken and had before us to the Secretary for

the Department of war pursuant to the aforementioned Act of Congress.
[Attested by the Clerk of the court as a true copy of the proceedings held.]

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Virginia Greenbrier County Court August Term 1820

On the twenty third day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record for said County Constituted as such by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia aforesaid William Henson Aged 65 Resident in said County of Greenbrier who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he Enlisted in the year 1776 in the Company Commanded by Captain Thomas Posey in the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Elie McClenachan that on the 28th of July 1818 made his Declaration of his said Services which were transmitted to the Secretary of the War Department whereupon he Received a pension Certificate Number 4747 dated the first day of December 1819, 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 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 subscribed all the property which I own or possess is as follows. Two horses one twelve years old the other five, three Milch Cows, three Heifers, and a small yearlin Bull & three Calves, fourteen sheep, eleven head of hogs, twelve pewter plates, eight Earthen plates, six knives and forks, four spoons, one Coffee pot, Six cups & Saucers, three tin cups, two or three old buckets without hoops, one oven, two pots, and one skittle, I have purchased fifty acres of land for which I was to pay sixty dollars twenty of which remain unpaid my Family Consists of a Wife of 55 Years of Age and one Grand Son 13 years of Age who Contributes but little to my assistance. I am a Farmer but being 65 years of Age much deceased by Sickness I can do but little.

S/ "William Henson"

[p 13: On April 25, 1842 in Greenbrier County Virginia, Sivilly Henson, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Henson, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 3rd 1785; that her husband died February 9, 1824; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On April 4th, 1855 in Greenbrier County Virginia, Sivilly Henson, 91, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him in Botetourt County Virginia by the Reverend Crawford, a Methodist minister; that her name prior to her marriage was Sivilly Tutwiller. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 6: Copy of a marriage bond issued in Botetourt County Virginia March 1, 1785 to William Henson and John Hurlor conditioned upon the marriage of William Henson to Sivilly Buckwyler.]

[Facts in file: the only child of the veteran and his wife named in the documents in this file is

William Henson who was living as of 1849 (his age in place of residence is not stated; in 1842 John Henson or Henson a resident of Greenbrier County Virginia stated that his at (name not given) was a daughter of William and Sevilly Henson and that she resided in Indiana; also in 1842, Christopher Hedrick, 73, a resident of Greenbrier County, stated that he married a sister of Sevilly Henson but the name of his wife is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 28, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]