

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Herndon R4856 Susan Herndon f12VA
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State of Virginia County of Orange SS

On this the 18th day of June 1842 personally appeared before me Richard Richards Jr. a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Susan Herndon a resident of said County who after being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 for the benefit of pensioners. That she is the widow of William Herndon who died in May 1827 and to whom she was married in the County of Orange in the year 1787 by Parson Nathaniel Sanders & that the said William Herndon her husband was in the war of the Revolution and although she can say nothing of his services, she has heard him say he served seven months – that he never did receive any pension from the government and she believes he died before it was known generally that they could get pensions.

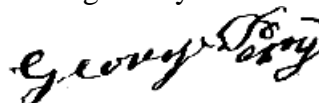
Given under my hand this 18th day of June 1842

S/ Susan Herndon, X her mark

State of Virginia, Orange County to wit

On this the 15th day of April 1843 personally appeared before me Richard Richards Jr., a Justice of the peace in and for said County George Perry aged about Eighty-four years, who after being first duly sworn doth on his oath state that William Herndon of the County of Orange (now deceased) late the husband of Susan Herndon was a soldier in the War of the Revolution and served 6 months that he went to the South, the date not recollected, but thinks it was about the time of Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780].

S/ George Perry



[p 5: Copy of a marriage bond dated May 5th, 1787 issued to William Herndon and Moses Bledsoe conditioned upon the marriage of William Herndon to Sukey Perry, Spinster. The copy is certified as being a true copy of the original by Reynolds Chapman, Clerk of the Orange County Virginia court and his certificate is dated June 27, 1842.]