Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Henderson R4868 Eleanor (Elendor) Henderson f27VA
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State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: SS

On this the 6th day of October 1851 before me Fred Hawk [could be Fred Hauk] the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared, Mrs. Elendor Henderson a resident of said County aged 88 years, after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the acts of Congress passed July the 7th 1838, March the 3rd 1843, 17th of June 1844 & 3rd of February 1848 granting pensions to certain widows and other acts which may provide for her. That she is the widow of Wm Henderson deceased who was a soldier in the revolution that he entered the service of said war in Augusta County State of Virginia and served a tour of __ months in the N.-W. division of said Army under Colonel Christopher and Captain Lewis, that he served other tours under different officers the particulars of which she is not now prepared to state, that her said husband was at the siege of Cornwallis & others not recollected. That she was married to her said husband by B. Swope in Lincoln County State of Kentucky on the 2 day of July in the year 1790 – that her name before her said marriage was Elendor Clarke. That her said husband died in said County on the __ day of __ in the year 1816. That she has never since been married and is still the widow of the said Wm Henderson deceased. That he never drew a pension that she has never before made any application being of the impression there was no provision for the widows of those who had not applied & establish their claims in their lifetime all of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof accompanying this application and the muster rolls of the westerner [western?] division of Virginia in the revolution, to which he refers

S/ Elendor Henderson, X her mark

[p 12: On November 6, 1851 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, Mrs. Mary Noaks, 50, gave testimony that she is a daughter of William Henderson a deceased revolutionary war soldier and his wife Elendor Henderson; that she, the affiant, has always understood that her father entered the service from Augusta County Virginia about the year 1779 under Colonel Christopher and Captain Lewis and served until the spring of 1782; that he served in the Western division and was at York when Cornwallis surrendered. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 9: On February 27, 1854 in Rockcastle County Kentucky, Loucinda Thompson [probably Lucinda Thompson] and Elendor Thompson [probably Eleanor Thompson] gave testimony that

William Henderson died in Lincoln County in 1816 and that his widow Elendor Henderson died in Rockcastle County Kentucky November 12, 1853 leaving the following named children her surviving: William Henderson, Patsey Henderson, Loucinda Thompson, Mary Noakes and Sarah Henderson; that Micajer Thompson [probably Micajah Thompson] is the administrator of the estate of Elendor Henderson.]

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This is to certify, that it appears from a list in this office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line as settled their accounts and received certificates for the balance of their full pay, according to an act of assembly, passed the November session 1781, directing the Auditors of Public Accounts to settle and adjust the pay and accounts of said Officers and Soldiers from the first January 1777 to 31st December 1781, (see Hening's Statutes at Large, vol. 10, p. 462,) that a settlement was made on the 23rd day of October 1784 in the name of William Henderson as Corporal of Infantry and evidence of the indebtedness of the State to him was £63.14.10,delivered to Colonel Towles but as the original settlements or copies thereof or not to be found in this office, the term of service embraced therein cannot be stated.

Given under my hand at the First Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 3rd day of December 1853.

[No Seal of Office]

S/ Ro Johnston Auditor Public Accounts

[p 2: Copy of a marriage bond dated July 2nd, 1790 issued in Lincoln County Kentucky to William Henderson and Valentine Harmon conditioned upon the marriage of William Henderson to Eleanor Clarke pursuant to a license issued for that purpose.]