

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Henson R4906

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State of Indiana Harrison County In Probate Court August Term 1835

On this 12th day of August in the year 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable George Bentley sold Judge of the Probate Court for the County of Harrison in said State, the same being a Court of record now sitting, Jesse Henson now a resident of Crawford County but late of Harrison County aforesaid aged about 76 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: that he entered the service of the United States as a Sergeant and volunteered in the militia, he thinks and believes in the year 1780 but cannot be certain as to the year, in the fall season as he thinks, for the term of six months, in the company commanded by Captain James Gray in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Gray in the County of Randolph and State of North Carolina, at which County he then resided; that the said Regiment rendezvoused at Randolph Court House and marched from thence to Colonel Lytles in the upper part of the same County where the said Lytle took command of said Regiment, and marched from thence to hanging rock in South Carolina, to the assistance of General Gates [Horatio Gates] but it did not reach his encampment before the battle in which he was defeated that the Regiment remained at Hanging Rock until the expiration of his term, after which he was marched back to Randolph County and discharged by a written discharge signed by Captain Gray which he has lost: that he served said term of 6 months as a Sergeant: that he has no record of his age, but believes from the best information he can obtain that he was 76 years of age the 10th day of June last past; that he was born in Culpeper County Virginia; when a lad his father removed from thence to the County of Randolph North Carolina; that he continued to reside in said County of Randolph, from the time of his said father's removal, until about twenty-one years since when he removed to this County where he resided 5 years; then removed to Kentucky where he resided ten years; then back to this County where he remained one year; and removed from thence to Crawford County in this state, which adjoins this County where he now resides. He further states that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure to testify to his said service, nor has he any documentary evidence of said service. He gives here the names of Joseph Hinson and Jeremiah Henson his neighbors in Carolina and in this County to whom he is personally known; who can testify as to his character for truth and their belief of his services in the revolution, and whose testimony he believes would be more satisfactory than the testimony of his recent neighbors in Crawford County. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed in open Court the day & year first aforesaid –
S/ H. W. Heth, Clk

S/ Jesse Henson, X his mark

[Joseph Hinson and Jeremiah Henson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Indiana County of Martin: SS

On this 29th day of December in the year 1849 in the Probate Court now sitting Personally appeared Jesse Hinson a resident of Martin County and State of Indiana aged 88 years who being first duly sworn according to law says on oath in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer about the 16th day of April 1780 and served as Sergeant in the company commanded by Captain William York. He joined York's Company in Randolph County North Carolina from thence he was marched to Stokes County, in said State, where he was attached to Captain Gray's Company of Militia. Said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Litle from thence he was marched to Salisbury in said state from thence he was marched to Wadesberg [sic] from thence he was marched to the Hanging Rock in South Carolina, he served as first Sergeant all the tour, he was honorably discharged at the Hanging Rock in South Carolina about the 16th of October in the year 1780 by reason of expiration of time. At or near the Hanging Rock he met General Gates & Colonel Caswell retreating from the British. That he has of his service nor knows no person by whom he can prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Witness

S/ Jesse Henson, X his mark

S/ Henry Henson

S/ Samuel Williams

S/ Darwin A. Clark, Probate Judge

[Laban Palmer, a clergyman and Thomas W Stephen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

By the Court

Where and in what year were you born

I was born in Randolph County North Carolina on the 15th day of March in the year 1761 Have you any record of your age/My age was originally set down in a Bible that a few years ago was given to Sarah Burton who now lives in Camden County Missouri

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolution War and where do you now live

I was living in Randolph County North Carolina, when I entered the service, for the last 30 years I have lived in the State of Indiana I am now a resident of Martin County Indiana

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served General Gates and Colonel Caswell all I now can recollect

Did you ever receive a Discharge: by whom was it signed and what has become of it

I received a discharge it was signed by Colonel Litle and I think Major Gray's name was on it; this Major Gray and Captain Gray were cousins. I lost it soon after my return as I thought it was of no use to me.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can

testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution I will refer you to D. Richardson, Horatio Holmes, Jacob Fisher, David Fisher all of whom have known me for many years.

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State of Indiana Martin County: SS

On this ___ day of October 1850 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Martin County now sitting Jesse Henderson a resident of said County of Martin and State of Indiana, aged 85 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed ____

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, to wit, under Captain York, Colonel Lytle, and General Gray. That he served as first Sergeant that he entered the service in the month of April 1781 – that he was mustered into the service at ___ near the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River in the State of North Carolina marched from thence to Salisbury, thence to Wadesboro thence to hanging rock in South Carolina where he received a discharge for 6 months, from the commanding officer General Thomas Gray. That he was a volunteer, and first Sergeant during the whole term of his Service. That he was with the balance of his company discharged in the month of October 1781 – that he was not in any engagement. That he lived in Randolph County North Carolina when he entered the service. And that he saw and was a short time with General Gates and Colonel Caswell of the Continental troops at or near the hanging rock in the State of South Carolina. That he has lost his discharge, therefore has no documentary Evidence and that he knows of no one, now living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That he was born in Culpeper County Virginia in the year 1765 – that he has no record of his age, but recollects his father telling him that he was just 16 years old on the day of the battle of Guilford Courthouse a short time previous to his entering the service. That he was living in Randolph County in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service, that he continued to live there until April 1812 from April 1812 till 1833 in the County of Harrison and State of Indiana, and from 1833 until now in Martin County Indiana where I, at this time reside – that he entered the service a volunteer – the name of the Continental officers whom I saw and was with were General Gates and Colonel Caswell. That he refers the court to Laban Palmer and John Mosser who will testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution

S/ Jesse Henson, X his mark

[Laban Palmer, a clergyman, and John Mosser gave the standard supporting affidavit.]