

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Herod S2286

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State of Tennessee Smith County

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 Personally appeared before me George Sutton an acting Justice of the Peace for the above mentioned County William Herod a resident of Peyton's Creek in the County aforesaid and State – Aged Eighty-three years the twenty fifth day of December last past 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

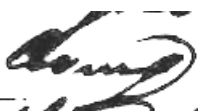
I was drafted in the militia at the commencement of the Revolutionary War and stood my drafts to the End of the same, but frequently dismissed before the End of three months, as I was a [indecipherable word]<sup>1</sup> at that time in the State of Virginia Stafford County and near the Potomac River where the British was frequently a landing I was detained as a guard to that Section of country – I have no Documentary evidence nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my Services only by my own oath thereof, he to be certain of the fact will only claim to towers [tours] in the militia under Captain John Cook if I recollect right in one small engagement with the British when they landed and burned Esquire Brant[']s [sic, William Brent's] dwelling house the other time drafted and served under the same Captain or Captain John James or Captains George Burris as they were the principle Captains that I served under: the last tower that I served I and the whole Company was put on fatigue in replacing of the road from the Chopwunsick Creek [Chopawamsic Creek] through the County of Stafford to the falls of the Rappahannock River and there filling up the holes so as to make it passable for the main Army to cross in their route to the Siege of little York; was the last tower that I served therefore I [make?] my claim [for] the two towers in full.

Qus [question] do you know your age. Answer yes I was 83 the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December last and born and raised in Stafford County in the State of Virginia on the Potomac River and lived there after the revolutionary War.

Qus: do you believe yourself able to attend Court to make your declaration in open Court  
Ans. Not conveniently for I have not been on horseback a going on for years and feel myself very much crippled with Bodily infirmities

I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

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Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

George Sutton, JP

S/ William Herod, X his mark

[Daniel Smith, a clergyman, and Benjamin Piper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Smith County

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 Personally appeared before me George Sutton an acting Justice of the Peace for the above mentioned County William Herod a resident of Peyton's Creek in the State and County aforesaid – aged 84 years the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December last past 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<sup>th</sup> 1832 –

Qus [Question] Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1748 on the 25 day of December agreeable to my register – and in the State of Virginia Stafford County near the shore of the Potomac River.

Qus: Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live –

Answer. I was living in the State of Virginia Stafford County on the Potomac River when called into service and lived there until after the war, then Emigrated to the County of Spotsylvania the same State and from thence to the State of Tennessee, Smith County on the waters of Peyton's Creek being the place where I now live.

Qus: How were you called into service?

Answer. I was called into service by draft, under Captain James a private soldier for 3 months tower in the year 1777 and in the month of July as near as I can recollect; were you in any engagements? Yes one with the British in the landing on the Potomac

Qus: Did you receive a discharge for that tower of duty.

Answer Yes though I do not recollect what has become of it.

Qus: Did you serve any more towers during the Revolutionary war

Answer. Yes to others. How was you called in this them? I was called by draft and went under Captain John Cook [indecipherable word, could be an attempt to abbreviate the word "rendezvoused"] at a [indecipherable word] in the year 1776, in the month of May as near as I can recollect –

Qus: did you receive a discharge for that tower

Answer. Only a verbal one, was you in any battle in that tower? Not any only held in readiness for to prevent the British from landing and doing of mischief as to burning of houses on the shores of the Potomac –

Qus: how and what time was you called into Service the third time

Answer. I was called by draft under Captain John James for the Siege of York town as near as I can recollect in the month of August 1781 the Company being detached and put on fatigue we were employed in working on the road from the Chopmunsick to the Rappahannock River there filling up the holes, at the little falls to make it passable for the main Army to cross on their way to York town.

Qus: did you receive a discharge. Answer I did

Qus: did you serve any more than what you have stated

Answer. I did though I do not recollect of being continued more than a few days at a time and dismissed as the British would land from their small vessels and passing the Potomac.

Qus: do you believe yourself able to attend Court to make your declaration in open Court?

Answer. Not conveniently for I have not been on horseback in four years and feel myself very

much oppressed with bodily infirmities: – I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Herod

*in Said*  


[Daniel Smith, a clergyman, and Benjamin Piper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Smith County

Personally appeared William Herod before me George Sutton an acting Justice of the peace and after being duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution only by his own oath therefore, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grade

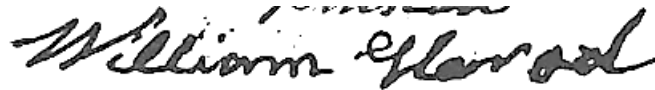
first tower 3 months a private Soldier

2<sup>nd</sup> tower 3 months a private Soldier } Total 9 Months

3<sup>rd</sup> tower 3 months a private Soldier

and for such service I claim a pension

S/ William Herod



[Facts in file: William Herod died March 4, 1836 leaving children, the names of his children in the place of his death are not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]