

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Meshack Henderson S4332

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State of Tennessee, Roane County

On this 1st day of March 1834 personally appeared before me John Wiley – an acting Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Meshack Henderson a resident of the County of Roane and State of Tennessee aged about 78 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit, applicant resided in Rowan County State of North Carolina, when he entered the service and entered the service as well as he now recollects in the year 1778 and served under Captain Wynn was attached to the Regiment that was commanded by Colonel William Niel, applicant entered this first service for no particular term, that he volunteered as a private mounted horseman at Salisbury, was marched from thence to Cain Creek in Randolph County where the Tories were embodied had an engagement with the Tories and routed them but did not take any prisoners as it was in the night and they dispersed in every direction applicant was then marched to Surry County Moravian Towns, thence to Alamance River Guilford County, applicant was then sent out on different scouting parties, applicant was continued in this first service nine months applicant was then discharged by Captain Wynn and went home where he remained but a short time then volunteered again under Captain Wynn aforesaid and Colonel Niel as a private mounted horseman, applicant was employed in collecting horses and wagons for the Army after they got a sufficient number was then engaged in taking the wagons and horses to Butler fork of Haw River, where General Butler [John Butler] received them applicant was then marched to Muddy Creek in Surry County in pursuit of the Tories & British was in no engagements in this tour, applicant served not less than three months in this last tour, applicant then went home, owing to old age and bodily affliction and consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect all the particulars of his services, applicant served not less than 12 months he is certain, applicant was born in the State of Virginia Culpeper County in the year 1756 according to the information of his parents, the record of applicant's age was burnt many years since applicant states that the names of the following officers who served at same time Major Miller Colonel Lopp [possibly a reference to Captain John Lopp] & General Butler &c applicant does not recollect of receiving but one discharge which is now lost applicant states that the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit Hiram Harrison, Anderson Thacker, Absalom Potter &c applicant continued to reside in Rowan County North Carolina 17 or 18 years after the war then moved to Buncombe County N. C. then moved to McMinn County Tennessee where he resided several years then moved to Anderson County Tennessee then moved to Roane County where he now resides and has resided ever since, applicant has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows

of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services, applicant cannot procure a clergyman to certify for him as there is known in the neighborhood convenient to him. He hereby relinquishes every claim what our 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, applicant served in an embodied corps called into service by competent authority, applicant was engaged in no civil pursuit during his said service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Wiley, JP

S/ Meshack Henderson, X his mark

[Abraham Potter & Anderson Thacker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Hiram Stephenson also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me John Wiley an acting Justice of the peace for Roane County Meshack Henderson and after being first duly sworn makes the following amendment to his original declaration for pension applicant states that he was in the actual service of the United States during the whole term of nine months it being applicant's first tour of service as stated in his original declaration applicant states that when he was not out on scouting parties he was otherwise engaged in the service of the United States applicant was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the 12 months for which he claims a pension but was in the whole of said time in the actual service of the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of April 1834.

S/ John Wiley, JP

S/ Meshack Henderson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]