

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Herin S8704

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State of Virginia Hampshire County: SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the County Court of Hampshire (being a Court of Record) William Herin a resident in said County & State aged Seventy 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in the month of December 1779 at a place 10 miles below Culpeper Court House Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Roberts, Lieutenant Joseph Saunders and William Asher Ensign, in the Virginia State line – That in March 1780 he marched with the command of Major George Slaughter to the Monongalia River about thirty miles above Pittsburgh where boats were built, and the company descended the River to the falls of Ohio – That another company marched in Company under the command of Captain Mark Thomas – That after they reached the falls of Ohio Colonel George Rogers Clark took command of all the troops and they were marched against the Indians at Chillicothe & the Pickaway Plains – That at Pickaway Plains they had an engagement with the Indians – They then returned to the falls of Ohio – That in the fall of the year 1781 his company with Captain Thomas's were attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel ~~George~~ <sup>Joseph</sup> ~~Crockett~~ [probably Joseph Crockett], and remained at the falls of Ohio until about the 10<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of December 1781 when he was discharged, making a period of four two years (service the term of enlistment). That he acted as Sergeant for at least nine months of the time and as Corporal for at least nine months – That he does not know where his discharge is now, unless it be filed in Richmond – That being in detached service he does not recollect any of the Continental establishment – That he has no documentary evidence of his service but can prove it by the affidavits of Peter Triplett of Culpeper County and James Ballard of Spotsylvania who were with him.

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  
S/ Mishael Pugh

S/ William Herin



I Peter Triplett a resident of the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia aged 78 years do

hereby certify that I know William Herin formerly of this County now of Hampshire in the Revolutionary service during two years that he enlisted as he says in his declaration under Captain Benjamin Roberts and marched to the Ohio River – above Pittsburgh – that with myself was put under command of Colonel George Rogers Clark at the falls of Ohio – that he was afterwards transferred to Colonel Crockett's Regiment and continued with him till December 1781 when he was discharged the said service was in & for 2 years

S/ Peter Triplett, X his mark

[Attested in Culpeper County Virginia February 2, 1833]

I James Ballard a resident of the County of Spotsylvania State of Virginia aged about seventy years, do hereby Certify that I knew William Herin formerly of the County of Culpeper State aforementioned and now of the County of Hampshire in said State, he the said Herin enlisted as he says in his declaration under Captain Benjamin Roberts.

This affiant says that the said Herin and himself started from the house of Robert Slaughter in the County aforesaid about March or April 1780 from thence by way of Winchester & the falls of the Ohio River where this affiant remained until about the middle of December 1781 when I was discharged by General George Rogers Clark and returned home. I left William Herin there, how long he remained in service as where discharged, this affiant does not know. Given under my hand this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833

S/ Jas Ballard



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$97.97 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months, a Corporal for 9 months and a Sergeant for 9 months in the Virginia service.]

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Virginia Rappahannock County

Be it known that on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1845, before me a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Smith<sup>1</sup> aged eighty-eight years and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with William Herin, now of Hampshire County State of Virginia; that he does well know that the said William Herin was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, that he affiant and said Herin marched from the County of Culpeper State of Virginia in the winter of 1779 to the falls of Ohio in Captain Benjamin Roberts Company, and he belonged to what was always called the Illinois Regiment, commanded by Colonel Crockett, and he does know that the said Herin continued in the Service until the capture of the British post in the Illinois country, that General Clark had returned several months before his discharge and he believes that the said Herin was discharged from the service in the latter part of the year 1781.

S/ William Smith, X his mark

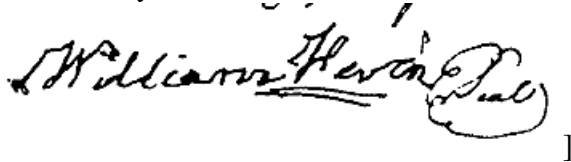
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<sup>1</sup> [William Smith S7548](#)

[p 8: Power of attorney dated December 20, 1845 executed by William Smith in Rappahannock County Virginia authorizing his attorney to pursue his, Smith's] claim for land bounty as a soldier under Colonel Crockett in the Illinois Regiment.]

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Power of attorney dated August 16, 1845 executed by William Herin in Hampshire County Virginia authorizing his attorney to pursue his claim for a military bounty land grant due him for his revolutionary war services.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Herin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The name "William" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, while "Herin" is written in a smaller, more compact hand. The signature is followed by a small, circular flourish or mark.

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State of Virginia Hampshire County: SS

Be it known that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1845 before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared William Herin (aged eighty-two years last December) and made oath in due form of law, that he is well acquainted with William Smith, now of Rappahannock County State of Virginia, that he does well know that the said Smith enlisted in the Army of the United States in the latter part of the year 1779, under Captain Benjamin Roberts, and served in Colonel Crockett's Regiment at the falls of Ohio. After the enlistment of said Smith he was marched from the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia to the falls of Ohio under the command of said Captain Benjamin Roberts and he does well know that the said Smith continued in the service until long after the capture of Fort Vincennes, and he believes that he received his discharge from the service in the month of December in the year 1781.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Herin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The name "William" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, while "Herin" is written in a smaller, more compact hand. The signature is followed by a small, circular flourish or mark.

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Addendum to William Herin S8704

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 4 May 2020.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Herrin, William.]

State of Virginia }  
Culpeper County } SS

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1835 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for s'd county personally appears Peter Triplett [Peter H. Triplett W2706] of said County aged 81 years and of good character for veracity who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that in the year 1779 at or about the close of it[?] he enlisted in a company of troops raised by Capt Benjamin Roberts for the Western service to be a part of Slaughters Battalion and that William Herrin then of Culpeper now of Hampshire County as he understands enlisted at the same time. That they marched to the falls of Ohio and continued maneuvering about in that region occasionally skirmishing with the indians and fighting a battle at Picaway plains. That they continued in service till the war was considered over or at least till hostilities had ceased and there was no further need for men. That they were then discharged he thinks about the close of 1781. That said Herrin acted in said service as a Corporal and was discharged as a good soldier [one or more lines missing at bottom of page]

State of Virginia }  
County of Spotsylvania }

On this 25th July 1835 before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said county personally appeared James Ballard [S6584] of said county aged [illegible] years and upwards and of good character and standing, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that in the fall of 1779 he does not recollect the month, he enlisted in the service under Capt Benjamin Roberts who was raising a company for the Western service and as a part of George Slaughter's Battalion. that William Herrin formerly of Culpeper now as he is informed of Hampshire County joined also at the same time That they were carried to the Falls of Ohio about which place and occasionally affiant was marched [two undeciphered words] they remained till the [undeciphered word] day December 1781 when affiant left the service having been in two years. That to the best of his recollection he left Herrin in that country but he was discharged he thinks.

That various skirmishes took place [undeciphered] at which affiant was but does not recollect that Herrin was. That he has continued to hear from said Herrin in Culpeper [undeciphered word] a few years when he went to Capon Springs and he has no doubt said Herrin is the identical person who is now applying for bounty land. That I gave said Herrin an affidavit [illegible] year or [undeciphered] to enable him to get a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832 which he is informed was allowed.

Given under my hand this day and year first above mentioned. Chas. L. Thomas