Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Henson (Hinson) W3991 Fariba Henson f54VA
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State of North Carolina Haywood County: Superior Court of law October Term A.D. 1832 On this 5th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable David L Swain the Judge holding the Court aforesaid Daniel Henson aged 68 years a resident of the County of Haywood and State aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of an act of Congress passed on the 7 July June 1832 that he was born in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia on the 17th of August 1764, that he entered the service of the United States on the 10th day of March 1781 in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia in the infantry in the Company commanded by Captain Fields who marched them to Fredericksburg where he was placed under the command of another Captain whose name he does not recollect, under the command of Colonel Willis, he marched from there to boyeds hole [Boyd's Hole] on Potomac River where he remained a short time and was marched back to Fredericksburg, from there he marched to Powhatan Court house in Virginia where he was placed under the command of the Baron Steuben, was marched from there to Richmond where he remained one day and night and crossed the River to Manchester where he remained about a week, from there to point Fork where he remained until the British under Cornwallis drove them out, and they marched towards North Carolina over Staunton River, that he marched back and joined the main Army at a place called the White Oak Springs, from there they marched to an old forge the name of which he has forgotten, where he was detached from the foot service in the latter part of July or first of August 1781 in the Horse in the company commanded by Captain Hughes [John Hughes] under the command of Colonel White [Anthony Walton White], that he remained Scouting about the month of October when he marched to York Town and was in the Siege against Cornwallis. After the surrender [October 19, 1781] of that place he returned to Petersburg in Virginia, from there he marched about the first of December under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] for Georgia, he was marched through North and South Carolina and to a place called Ebenezer where he remained until the cessation of hostilities he then marched to Savannah and from thence to Charleston in South Carolina where he was discharged or within 16 miles of their at a place called Bacons Bridge in the month of September 1782 having served 18 months, that he has no means of proving his service, except by his own oath, he hereby relinquishes his claim to any pension whatsoever except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension List or the agency of any State.

S/Daniel Henson

[Jacob Smith and John Gooch gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Haywood County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Sessions 1833

On this 3rd day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices holding the Court aforesaid, Daniel Henson aged 69 years a resident in the County of Haywood and State aforesaid, and after being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of an act of Congress passed on the 7th of June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States on the 10th day of March 1781 as a private soldier in the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Fields who marched him to Fredericksburg, where he was placed under the command of another Captain whose name he does not recollect in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Willis; He marched from there to Boyd's hole on Potomac River where he remained a short time and was marched back to Fredericksburg from there he marched to [word written over and illegible, might be Powhatan] Court house in Virginia where he was placed under the command of Baron Steuben, was marched from there to Richmond where he remained one day and night and crossed the River to Manchester where he remained about a week from there he marched to Point Fork where he remained until the British Army under Cornwallis approached them and they marched towards North Carolina over Staunton River, from there they marched back and joined the main Army under the command of General __ at a place called the White Oak Springs. From there they marched to an old forge, the name of which he has forgotten, where he was detached from the foot service in the latter part of July or first of August 1781, to the Horse in the company commanded by Captain Hughs [John Hughes] under the command of Colonel White [Anthony Walton White]: that he remained scouting about through the month of October, when he marched to York Town in Virginia and was in the siege against Cornwallis. After the surrender [October 19, 1781] of said place, he marched to Petersburg in Virginia from there he marched about the first of December under the command of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] for Georgia. He marched through North and South Carolina and to a place called Ebenezer where he remained until the expiration of hostilities. He then marched to Savannah in Georgia and from there to Charleston in South Carolina within 16 miles of which place he was discharged in the month of September 1782 having served 18 months during all of which time he was entirely under the command of his officers and engaged in no other business whatsoever. That he has no documentary evidence or any other means of proving his said services but by his own oath, he hereby relinquishes his claim to any pension whatever except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer in Culpeper County State of Virginia in the year 1764 on the 17th of August Have you any record of your age? Answer I took a copy of a record from my father's Bible about 41 or 42 years ago which is now in my own Bible.

Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer I lived in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia: After I was discharged in South Carolina I had the Ague and fever and did not get home to Culpeper County Virginia until February 1783 where I remained until April 1784 I then removed to Chatham County North Carolina, I remained in North Carolina until December of the same year when I returned to Virginia Culpeper County where I remained till the month of May 1786 when I returned to Chatham North Carolina where I made one crop and then removed to Anson County North Carolina until about the year 1810 when I removed to Haywood North Carolina where I have resided ever since and now reside.

How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? I was a substitute for my father, Charles Henson, who had been drafted

State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Anthony Wayne, Baron Steuben, Colonel Willis, Colonel White, General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene], the general circumstances of my services are stated in the foregoing declaration. The reason, as I understood it why I was detached from the foot service to the horse was that two hundred horseman were wanted to complete Colonel White's Regiment there had about 165 enlisted and the balance were drafted out of the 18 months militia Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I got a discharge signed by Colonel White. I put it in a small pocket book which I lost in the discharge in it before I got home.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer Banister Turner a clergyman, Niniam Edmonston, Mr. John Grash, Jacob Smith and Jacob Evans.

Sworn to in open Court 3rd of August 1833

S/ Daniel Henson

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[Banister Turner, a clergyman, and Niniam Edmonston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On March 18, 1844 in Haywood County North Carolina, Fariba Hinson, 75, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Daniel Hinson, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married him in Anson County North Carolina in July 1788; that her husband died January 1, 1843 and that she remains his widow; that she has no family record showing either her marriage or the births of her children; that there was no license issued for her marriage to her knowledge but they were married by publication in the church by a minister of the gospel who married them. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 49: On March 16, 1844 in Haywood County North Carolina Elijah Henson, 83, made oath that he was well acquainted with Daniel Hinson late a revolutionary war pensioner and his wife Fariba; that he, affiant, was present at their marriage in Anson County North Carolina sometime in the year 1788 or 9; that Daniel Hinson and Fariba Pool were married by minister of the gospel and lived together as man and wife thereafter until the death of Daniel Henson. The affiants relationship, if any, to the veteran and his wife is not stated. He signed his affidavit with his mark]

[p 28: Certificate of the clerk of Anson County court indicating that a search has been made in his office for record of the marriage of Daniel Hinson to Fareba Pool in 1788 and found no record of that marriage in his office.]

[p 31: On May 30, 1845 in Haywood County North Carolina, the widow gave testimony that the record of the births of her children was destroyed 5 years ago by accident but that the following is a true statement of the birth of her children:

Lloyd Hinson their first child was born December 27th, 1789

Absolum Hinson their 2nd child was born October 17, 1791 Wiley Hinson their 3rd child was born August 20th, 1793 Allen Hinson 4th Child was born January 20th, 1795

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Aaron Hinson 5th child was born December 28, 1798

she also testified that she had other younger children not set forth in her affidavit but that the 5 children named above or her oldest children. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]

[p 32: On May 30, 1845, J. F. B. Evans gave testimony in Haywood County North Carolina that he was a Captain of a militia company in Haywood County in which Absolum Henson was enrolled as a member; that Absolum's name was struck off the list in 1837 by reason of the fact that at that time he, Absolum, was 47 years old and entitled to be exempt from military service by virtue of being older than 45 years of age.]

[p 35: On May 30, 1845 in Haywood County North Carolina, Elijah Deaver gave testimony that he, affiant, was a Lieutenant in the United States service during the last war and that Lloyd Hinson was a private in that company under the affiant and that by his appearance, said Lloyd must have been from 20 to 25 years of age.]

[p 37: On July 15, 1851 in Union County Georgia, Charlotte Cobb, formerly Charlotte Henson daughter of Daniel and Fivaby [sic] Henson executed a power of attorney

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]