

Sergeant Elijah Hendrick

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Sergeant Elijah Hendrick, a Grandfather on my Mothers side of the family, served 5 years in the Continental Army and during the Revolution, was present at some very historic events and served under some of our more important historic figures, while performing his service. Below, in his own words, through pension applications, is some of his and his family history. He is buried in the Bowling Green City Cemetery in Pike County, Missouri.

Pension application of Elijah Hendrick (Hendricks) W10104 Nancy Hendrick f62VA

Territory of Missouri Northwest in Circuit County of Pike SS

On this 14th day of August 1821 before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Territory of Missouri for the said Circuit personally appeared Elijah Hendrick age 62 years resident in the County of Pike in this said circuit who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "*An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war:*" that he, the said *Elijah Hendrick enlisted for the term of **two years** on the 7 day of March in the year **1776** in Halifax County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by **Nathaniel Cox** of the Regiment commanded by **Colonel McClannihan [Alexander McClanachan]** in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, and that a little before the time when he was to be discharged from service on the account of that enlistment he again enlisted in **Thomas Posey's Company** of the Regiment commanded by **Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan]** = **for the term of three years** and continued in service as above until the said period had expired when he was discharged in Williamsburg in Virginia – that **he was in the battle at the Capture of Burgoyne** [Second Battle of Saratoga, Bemis Heights, October 7, 1777], at the **Battle of Monmouth** [June 28, 1778] – he was in the **expedition against the Indians** under General Sullivan [John Sullivan, Indian campaign June-October, 1779] – and that he was at the **Siege of Charleston** [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.*

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

S/ Elijah Hendrick

[Attested by David Todd who also certifies that the veteran made an earlier declaration on **August 15, 1819.**]

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State of Missouri County of Pike: SS

On this 12th day of November in the year of our Lord 1821 personally appeared in open Court being the Circuit Court & Court of record within & for the said County of Pike, Elijah Hendrick a resident citizen of said County aged sixty-four years, who being first duly sworn

according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the United States passed on the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820, that he the said Elijah Hendrick enlisted & served on the Continental establishment from the 7th March 1776 to the month of July 1781 by virtue of two enlistments, the one for the term of two years & the other for three years to the best of his recollection in the following manner – that is to say – on the 7th March 1776 he enlisted for two years (in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia) in the Company commanded by **Captain Nathaniel Cocke**, & went to old Williamsburg, where the said Company joined the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by **Colonel McClenachan [Alexander McClanachan]**; that he was at Gwinn's Island [Gwynn Island, July 8-10, 1776] at the **driving away Governor Dunmore** [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia]; that he afterwards **marched to New Jersey and joined General Washington's Army** at BondBrook [Boundbrook]; that he afterwards joined the Company commanded by Captain **Thomas Posey** in **Morgan's Rifle Regiment, under whose command he marched to Canada**; was at the **taking of General Burgoyne & at the battle of Monmouth**, that he was under the command of **General Sullivan** in his **Indian expedition**; that on his return he joined the company of **Captain William Mosely [William Moseley]**, in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Russell [perhaps **William Russell**] & **Ball** in **General Woodford's [William Woodford's] Brigade** **marched to Charleston South Carolina & was there taken prisoner** – and remained there until the month of July in the year 1781 when **he was exchanged & set round to old Jamestown** & thence went to old Williamsburg where he was discharged – & that of these facts he has no other evidence in his power at this time than the word of a Continental soldier under the solemnity of an oath. – Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 12th October 1781
S/ Elijah Hendrick

State of Missouri County of Pike: SS: And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed – that is to say –
(Schedule) – One cow, one sow, one pot, one kettle, one ax & one hoe; I am by occupation a farmer and have my wife Nancy & one son, Moses, living with me; myself & wife are neither able to manage for ourselves. My wife is sixty-two years of age, & we are both infirm & of worn-out constitutions; my son Moses is of a weakly habit, entirely unable to render us any assistance.
S/ Elijah Hendrick

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State of Missouri Pike County: SS

The above named Elijah Hendrick personally appearing before me & being duly sworn saith that he enlisted as a **private** that afterwards he served as **Corporal**, & as **Sergeant** in which last

capacity he acted when discharged, but the time he served in each, he does not recollect & to the best of his recollection, he served under **Gen. Ray** sometime in the capacity of **quartermaster – Sergeant** – & further the deponent sayeth not – [no evidence that this document was signed by the veteran]

[Attested January 19, 1821 in Pike County Missouri]

[p 15: On May 29, 1844 in Pike County Missouri, Nancy Hendrick, 83, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Elijah Hendrick, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of **\$96 per annum**; that she married him in Charlotte County Virginia October 27, 1785; that her maiden name was Nancy Harrison; that they were married by license; that her husband died September 11, 1830 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On May 15, 1844 in Pike County Missouri, Harrison Hendrick gave testimony that the family record annexed is a true copy of the family record of Elijah Hendrick and Nancy Hendrick; that said record is in the affiant's handwriting; that the copy was made from a record made by his father, Elijah Hendrick.] [pp 6-7: family record Marriages
Elijah Hendrick and Nancy his wife was married on the 27th of October in the year while Lord 1785

Moses Hendrick and Amanda his wife was married on the 15th day of September 1829
Births

Elijah Hendrick was born the 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord 1758

Nancy Hendrick wife of Elijah Hendrick was born the 9th day of February 1761

Harrison Hendrick son of Elijah & Nancy Hendrick was born the 3rd day of April 1787

Patsy Hendrick daughter of Elijah and Nancy Hendrick was born 8th day of July 1788

Wesley Hendrick son of Elijah & Nancy Hendrick was born the 14th day of June 1792

Nelley Hendrick daughter of Elijah and Nancy Hendrick was born the 14th day of December 1794

Johnson Hendrick son of Elijah and Nancy Hendrick was born the 12th day of August 1798

James Hendrick son of Elijah & Nancy Hendrick was born the 10th day of December 1800

Moses Hendrick son of Elijah and Nancy Hendrick was born the 20th day of July 1806

Amanda Hendrick wife of Moses Hendrick was born the 28th day of November 1809

Mary Ann Hendrick daughter of Moses and Amanda Hendrick was born the 14th day of October 1830

Hannah Louisa Hendrick daughter of Moses and Amanda Hendrick was born the 27th day of June 1835]

[p 4: On January 3, 1853 in Pike County Missouri, Moses Hendricks made application as the administrator of the estate of Nancy Hendricks deceased for the pension due her at the time of her death as a pensioner of the United States; that he makes this application on behalf of himself and Nelley Maiden, Patsy Jones, Wesley Hendricks and Johnson Hendricks, the only surviving children of Nancy Hendricks

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[p 5: order entered by the Clerk of the Probate Court of Pike County Missouri that Nancy Hendricks died in said County in 1852 on June the 13th survived only by the children named above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 31st, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years plus in the Virginia Continental line; his widow was pensioned in a like amount.]