

Some Notes on the Origin of the Helton Family of Blaine County, Oklahoma

by Kelsey Jackson Williams

Jackson and John Helton were two early settlers of Blaine County, arriving in 1898 with their families and residing in Lincoln Township, northeast of Geary. Their descendants are numerous and well-documented. Their ancestry however has proven to be obscure and difficult to follow. This article is an attempt to set down the little which has been definitely determined concerning their parentage and place of origin.

The first definite record we have of these two brothers, for family tradition states that relationship and, as will be seen, contemporary evidence supports it, is on the 1870 Kansas census. John was aged 28, born in Missouri and Jackson was aged 24, born in Missouri.¹ They were both newly married and were farmers. They appear again, this time both residing in Baker Township, Crawford County, Kansas on the 1880 census.² By 1900 they were living in Oklahoma.³ John last appears on the 1910 census and is presumed to have died shortly after.⁴ Jackson died on January 1, 1925 in Geary and was buried in the Geary Cemetery.⁵

An old newspaper clipping in possession of the family provides a short biography of Jackson Helton.⁶ It states in part:

“Jackson Helton was born in Crawford County, Missouri, June 20, 1844. His parents, however, moved to Linn County, Kansas in 1857 and settled on a farm there. Here he grew up and enlisted in 1863 in Co. F, 9th Kansas Vol. Cavalry.”

The above statements are bolstered by Jackson's pension file.⁷ He once again states that he was born June 20, 1844 in Crawford Co., MO and furthermore an affidavit is present made by William H. Ward of Linn Co., KS stating that “My first acquaintance with Jackson Helton was about 1858, when we were boys living neighbors to each other.”

At first glance the ancestry of Jackson and John Helton appears quite straightforward. They should appear with their parents on the 1850 Missouri census and the 1860 Kansas census. Family tradition states that Jackson and John were sons of “Miles Helton and Rhoda Ray.” An examination of the census indexes for 1850 and 1860 reveals no sign of a man named Miles Helton in either of the states in question, nor do Jackson and John themselves appear on the census.

Family tradition however was not perhaps so much wrong as muddled. In 1860 a man named Sterling Ray was living in Linn Co., KS and judging from the 1850 census he appears to have come from Pulaski Co., MO, not far from Crawford County where Jackson was supposed to have been born. An examination of the full census records shows the following:

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1850 U.S. Census, 72nd Dist., Pulaski Co., MO, Enum. 9 Sep by James P. Harrison, p. 78, 103-105:

Sterling Ray	37	M	Farmer	\$200	Tennessee
Rhody	26	F			Tennessee
John W.	6	M			Missouri
Jackson	4	M			Missouri
Anderson	3	M			Missouri
Ruth O.	1	F			Missouri
Samuel W.	4/12	M			Missouri

1860 U.S. Census, Scott Twp., Linn Co., KS, Enum. 3 Jul, p. 27, 190-190:

Sterling Ray	41	M	Farmer	\$200 - \$300	Tennessee
Rhoda	38	F			Tennessee
John	17	M			Missouri
Jackson	15	M			Missouri
Anderson	13	M			Missouri
Ruth	11	F			Missouri
Samuel	9	M			Missouri
Harden	1	M			Missouri

It appears quite evident then that Rhoda, widow of Miles Helton, remarried Sterling Ray and that her children by her first husband are listed as Ray rather than Helton while living with their mother and stepfather. This identification is further proved by the family of Jackson on the 1870 census in which is listed *Anderson Ray*, aged 22, born in Missouri.⁸

But what of the ancestry of Miles and Rhoda Helton? Who were they, where did they come from and where did they live prior to Missouri? Sterling and Rhoda Ray disappear after the 1860 census. Perhaps they died during the privations of the Civil War or perhaps they and their children moved west. They have not yet been located and any further records relating to them are as yet undiscovered.

Despite persistent family legends, no evidence of Miles Helton's existence has ever been uncovered. Perhaps this is due to his presumed early death or perhaps his name was passed down incorrectly. It seems likely however that he was a relative, possibly a son, of James and Margaret (Chrisman) Helton of Gasconade Co., MO. Crawford County, where Jackson Helton was born, Pulaski County, where Sterling and Rhoda Ray lived, and Gasconade County where James Helton lived, all lie roughly within the area of the Gasconade and Bourbeuse Rivers in east-central Missouri. No other Helton family was nearby and it seems highly probable that there is a connection.

According to a history of Maries County, Missouri James and Margaret Helton came from Tennessee to Gasconade County in the 1820's and both died prior to 1850 leaving at least ten children.⁹ This would fit with John & Jackson Helton's statements on numerous censuses that their father was born in Tennessee. It should be emphasized however that despite the strong circumstantial evidence no definite proof or disproof of this connection has been found.

In short, the mother of John and Jackson Helton is definitely known, the father probably, and at least one set of grandparents possibly but much remains to be done before a coherent pedigree of this family can be written.

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

1. RHODA¹ was born c. 1822-24 in Tennessee.¹⁰ According to family tradition she married firstly MILES HELTON, who may have been a son or nephew of James Helton of Gasconade Co., MO. He died apparently c. 1844-47 and she remarried to STERLING RAY, son of Benjamin and Sally Ray of Grainger Co., TN, who was born c. 1813-19 in Tennessee.¹¹ They moved to Linn Co., KS in 1858 and are last found on the 1860 census of that county.¹²

Children of Rhoda and Miles Helton:

- 2 i. JOHN W. HELTON; m. SARAH J.
- 3 ii. JACKSON HELTON; m. RACHEL MELVINA FALLIS.

Children of Rhoda and Sterling Ray:

- iii. ANDERSON RAY, b. c. 1847 in Missouri.¹³ Living with his half-brother, Jackson Helton, in 1870.¹⁴
- iv. RUTH O. RAY, b. c. 1849 in Missouri.¹⁵
- v. SAMUEL W. RAY, b. c. January 1850 in Missouri.¹⁵
- vi. HARDEN RAY, b. c. 1859 in Missouri.¹⁵

2. JOHN W. HELTON (*Rhoda*¹) was born August c. 1841-42 in Missouri.¹⁶ He married by 1860 SARAH J., widow of a Mr. Waterman (by whom she had two children), who was born December 1837 in Illinois.¹⁶ She is incorrectly stated to have borne no children on the 1900 census but is (apparently) correct in that respect on the 1910. John & Sarah last appear on the 1910 Beaver Co., OK census.¹⁷

Children of John W. and Sarah J. (-----) Helton:

- i. ROSA W. HELTON, b. c. 1867 in Kansas.¹⁸
- ii. CHARLES THOMAS HELTON, b. Jun 1873 in Missouri.¹⁹ m. c. 1892 to Laura, b. Jan 1879 in Iowa.²⁰ They were living in Beaver Co., OK in 1910.²⁰

3. JACKSON HELTON (*Rhoda*¹) was born 20 Jun 1844 in Crawford Co., MO.²¹ On 28 May 1863 he enlisted in Company F of the Ninth Regiment of Kansas Volunteer Cavalry (Union). On 21 Aug 1863 he was among the Union soldiers at Baxter Springs, KS who were surprised by Quantrill's Raiders and driven back with great slaughter. During that expedition he was afflicted with "sore eyes . . . brought on from heat and dust" which remained with him throughout the rest of his life. He was transferred to Company C of the same regiment on 16 Jan 1865 and received his honorable discharge in May 1865.²²

On 10 Oct 1869 at Barnard, Linn Co., KS he married RACHEL MELVINA FALLIS, daughter of Lewis & Christina Ellen (Sutton) Fallis.²³ She was born 9 Jun 1851 in Pulaski Co., IN.²⁴ He resided in Linn and Crawford Counties, Kansas until 1898 at which time he and his family moved to Blaine Co., OK where he resided until his death.²⁵ Jackson Helton died 1 Jan 1925 in Geary, Blaine Co., OK and was buried 2 Jan in the Geary Cemetery.²⁶ Rachel (Fallis) Helton died 28 Mar 1932 in Geary, Blaine Co., OK and was also buried in the Geary Cemetery.²⁷

Children of Jackson and Rachel Melvina (Fallis) Helton:

- i. GEORGE FRANKLIN HELTON, b. 26 Jan 1871 in Kansas.²⁸ m. 20 Aug 1892 to CORA ELIZABETH BARNARD. d. 26 Jan 1929 in Geary, Blaine Co., OK.²⁹
- ii. WILLIAM MARTIN HELTON, b. 26 Jun 1872 in Kansas.³⁰ m. to MINERVA J. WISE & d. bef. 22 Jan 1897.³¹
- iii. MILO HELTON, b. 20 Feb 1874.³² Probably d. young.
- iv. EMMA ELLEN HELTON, b. 10 Feb 1875.³² Probably d. young.
- v. MELVIN HESTER HELTON, b. 14 Dec 1876 in Kansas.³³ m. 22 Jan 1897 in Watonga, Blaine Co., OK to MINERVA J. (WISE) HELTON, widow of his brother William.³⁴ d. 7 Jan 1952.³⁵
- vi. EFFIE MAE HELTON, b. 20 Aug 1880 in Kansas.³⁶ m. (1) 6 Jan 1900 in Altona, Kingfisher Co., OK to ALFRED DYAR.³⁷ m. (2) to NEWTON TRAPHAGEN & d. 28 Jan 1953.³⁸
- vii. MINNIE BELLE HELTON, b. 28 Jun 1883 in Pleasonton, Linn Co., KS.³⁹ m. 23 Jul 1900 to CHARLES LAMBOTT. d. 22 Sep 1954 in Lynwood, Orange Co., CA & bu. in the Geary Cemetery, Geary, Blaine Co., OK.⁴⁰
- viii. HARVEY LEWIS HELTON, b. 21 Nov 1886 in Kansas.⁴¹ m. to HATTIE MAY HOGGATT & d. 18 Apr 1965.⁴²
- ix. BENJAMIN HARRISON HELTON, b. 1 Jan 1888 in Kansas.⁴³ m. 3 Dec 1908 in Watonga, Blaine Co., OK to JULIA PEARL HARTZELL.⁴⁴ d. 17 Nov 1968.⁴⁵
- x. ANNIE ROSETTA HELTON, b. 20 Dec 1889 in Linn Co., KS.⁴⁶ m. 22 Feb 1905 in Altona, Blaine Co., OK to OTIS FINLEY BROWN.⁴⁷ d. 14 Oct 1964 in Geary, Blaine Co., OK.⁴⁸
- xi. GRACE MELVINA HELTON, b. 8 Sep 1892 in Kansas.⁴⁹ m. to ACE BROWN & d. 17 Aug 1956.⁵⁰
- xii. OLA MAGGIE HELTON, b. 31 Oct 1895 in Kansas.⁵¹ m. (1) 23 Dec 1914 in Watonga, Blaine Co., OK to WILLIAM McKINSTER.⁵² m. (2) to BENJAMIN R. WELCH & d. 2 Jun 1967.⁵³

Endnotes:

- 1 - 1870 U.S. Census, Paris Twp., Linn Co., KS, p. 91, 175-159; 1870 U.S. Census, Crawford Twp., Crawford Co., KS, p. 369, 263-243.
- 2 - 1880 U.S. Census, Baker Township, Crawford Co., KS, pp. 1 & 10 (185-185).
- 3 - 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 45-45 & 46-46.
- 4 - 1910 U.S. Census, Balko Twp., Beaver Co., OK, E.D. 4, Sheet [unreadable], 272-272.
- 5 - Jackson Helton, death certificate, not numbered (1925), Oklahoma State Board of Health, Oklahoma City, OK; Tombstone of Jackson Helton, Geary Cemetery, Geary, OK. Examined by the author, 1998.
- 6 - "Our Old Soldiers: Jackson Helton", undated clipping, probably from the *Geary Star* or another local newspaper. In possession of the author. It is probably from the period 1910-25.
- 7 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service.
- 8 - 1870 U.S. Census, Paris Twp., Linn Co., KS, p. 91, 175-159.
- 9 - Everett King, *History of Maries County, Missouri* (Cape Girardeau, MO: Ramfre Press, 1963), p. 451.
- 10 - 1850 U.S. Census, Pulaski Co., MO, p. 78, 103-105; 1860 U.S. Census, Linn Co., KS, p. 27, 190-190.
- 11 - Jackson Helton was born 1844 and Anderson Ray was born c. 1847, see above; 1850 U.S. Census, Pulaski Co., MO, p. 78, 103-105; Mary E. Reeves, *Grainger County, Tennessee Inventories of Estates and Wills, Nov. 1833 - May 1852* (Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1989), p. 15; 1860 U.S. Census, Linn Co., KS, p. 27, 190-190.
- 12 - "Our Old Soldiers: Jackson Helton", undated clipping, probably from the *Geary Star* or another local newspaper; 1860 U.S. Census, Linn Co., KS, p. 27, 190-190.
- 13 - 1850 U.S. Census, Pulaski Co., MO, p. 78, 103-105; 1860 U.S. Census, Linn Co., KS, p. 27, 190-190.
- 14 - 1870 U.S. Census, Paris Twp., Linn Co., KS, p. 91, 175-159
- 15 - 1850 U.S. Census, Pulaski Co., MO, p. 78, 103-105; 1860 U.S. Census, Linn Co., KS, p. 27, 190-190.
- 16 - 1870 U.S. Census, Crawford Twp., Crawford Co., KS, p. 369, 263-243; 1880 U.S. Census, Baker Township, Crawford Co., KS, p. 1; 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 46-46; 1910 U.S. Census, Balko Twp., Beaver Co., OK, E.D. 4, Sheet [unreadable], 272-272.
- 17 - 1910 U.S. Census, Balko Twp., Beaver Co., OK, E.D. 4, Sheet [unreadable], 272-272.
- 18 - 1870 U.S. Census, Crawford Twp., Crawford Co., KS, p. 369, 263-243; 1880 U.S. Census, Baker Township, Crawford Co., KS, p. 1.
- 19 - 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 47-47.
- 20 - 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 47-47; 1910 U.S. Census, Balko Twp., Beaver Co., OK, E.D. 4, Sheet [unreadable], 271-271.
- 21 - Jackson Helton, death certificate, not numbered (1925), Oklahoma State Board of Health, Oklahoma City, OK; "Our Old Soldiers: Jackson Helton", undated clipping, probably from the *Geary Star* or another local newspaper; Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service.

- 22 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service.
- 23 - Linn Co., KS Marriage Book 1, p. 334; Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; Kathryn S. Carter, *The Family History of Nathaniel Purdue Willis of Eason, Oklahoma Territory* (Tecumseh, OK: by the author, 1979), pp. 77-79.
- 24 - Carter, *Willis Family History*, p. 79.
- 25 - "Our Old Soldiers: Jackson Helton", undated clipping, probably from the Geary Star or another local newspaper.
- 26 - Jackson Helton, death certificate, not numbered (1925), Oklahoma State Board of Health, Oklahoma City, OK; Tombstone of Jackson Helton, Geary Cemetery, Geary, OK. Examined by the author, 1998.
- 27 - Tombstone of Rachel Helton, Geary Cemetery, Geary, OK. Examined by the author, 1998; Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible.
- 28 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 44-44.
- 29 - Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible.
- 30 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1880 U.S. Census, Baker Township, Crawford Co., KS, p. 10, 185-185.
- 31 - Blaine Co., OK Marriage Book 1A, p. 196.
- 32 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service.
- 33 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1880 U.S. Census, Baker Township, Crawford Co., KS, p. 10, 185-185.
- 34 - Blaine Co., OK Marriage Book 1A, p. 196.
- 35 - Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible.
- 36 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1900 U.S. Census, Omega Township, Kingfisher Co., OK, E.D. 102, Sheet 5B, 83-86.
- 37 - Blaine Co., OK Marriage Book 1, p. 222.
- 38 - Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible and personal recollections of family members.
- 39 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; "Obituary of Minnie Lambott", unidentified newspaper clipping, perhaps from the *Geary Star*.
- 40 - "Obituary of Minnie Lambott", unidentified newspaper clipping, perhaps from the *Geary Star*.
- 41 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 45-45.
- 42 - Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible and personal recollections of family members.
- 43 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 45-45.
- 44 - Blaine Co., OK Marriage Book 4, p. 147.
- 45 - Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible.
- 46 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; Genealogical papers of Josie Mae (Brown) Biswell, daughter of Annie (Helton) Brown. Originals in possession of the author.
- 47 - Blaine Co., OK Marriage Book 3, p. 40.
- 48 - Tombstone of Annie Helton, Geary Cemetery, Geary, OK. Examined by the author 1998; Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible and personal recollections of family members.
- 49 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 45-45.
- 50 - Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible and personal recollections of family members.
- 51 - Jackson Helton pension file, No. 474722, Civil War service; 1900 U.S. Census, Lincoln Twp., Blaine Co., OK, E.D. 14, Sheet 2B, 45-45.
- 52 - Blaine Co., OK Marriage Book 5, p. 560.
- 53 - Information from Carol S. Helton of Shawnee, OK, stated to be from the Helton Family Bible and personal recollections of family members.

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Abraham Hellon. Aug 1836
enlisted under Cap Armstrong
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Parker. Gvt Scott in 1777 as
lived in Henric Va. 2^d of
March to N.Y. 93 y old.

Oct 1840.

enlisted with Cap Bowman @
Sew in 2^d Reg. 2^d of
Parker. Then Cap Stokes
lived in Halifax Co Va. when
enlisted. Marched to N.Y. 12.

Georgia
Lumpkin County } In the Superior Court of said
County August Term 1856

On this 18th day of August 1856
personally appeared in open Court before the
Superior Court now sitting, Abram Nelson
a resident of said County & state aged
93 years who being first duly sworn ac-
cording 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 U States as an enlisted soldier
under Capt Armstrong & was attached
to the Company commanded by Captain
John Stokes, under the command of Col
Parker, & General Scott, ^{& Major Stewart} the precise
time he cannot recollect but it was
during the time that Genl Washington
fought at Monmouth & Huesca & made
the British take shipping at Hackensack;
at the time he entered he resided in
New County, Virginia; they were stationed
a part of the time at Valentines Hill
in what was then called New England

at a part of the time at Valley Forge on the Schuylkill; he belonged to what was known as the regular-troops, in which service he continued for two years the time for which he was enlisted - during the time of his service he was marched thro' a part of Pennsylvania, Maryland, the Jersey & into New York; they had frequent skirmishes with the enemy but were in no regular battle. - Declarant had a regular discharge, which he entrusted to the keeping of a friend whose house was burnt in which it was contained. - He has no documentary evidence to prove his services & he knows of no persons within his reach by whom he can prove them - there is an old gentleman by the name of Sullivan residing in Naber. whom he can prove that he enlisted - He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Army of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed
in open Court this
18th August 1831.

Abram ^{his} Nelson
m

W. T. Sullivan Clerk

Georgia

Sumpkin County } Mr William B Wofford
of Habersham County &

Michael Pelgrim of Sumpkin County
do hereby certify that we are well acquainted
with Abram Nelson who has subscribed & sworn
to the above declaration: that we believe him
to be 9³ years of age: that he is reported
& believed in the neighborhood where he resides
to have been a Soldier of the revolution
& that we concur in that opinion
sworn to & subscribed

in open Court this 18th August 1836. W. B. Wofford

W. B. Wofford & Michael Pelgrim
Justices

And the said Court does hereby declare its
opinion, after an investigation of the matter & after
putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department
that the above named Applicant was a revolutionary
Soldier & served as he states & and the Court
further certifies that it appears to him, that
William B Wofford resides in Habersham County
& Michael Pelgrim in Sumpkin County & that they
are credible persons & that this statement is entitled
to credit.

O. H. Kenan
J. J. C. C.

I, Wm. Quilliam Clerk of the Superior Court
of Tumpston County do hereby certify that the
 foregoing contains the original proceedings of the
 Said Court in the matter of the application of
 of Abram Hutton for a pension
 Given under my hand & private seal there
 being no seal of office this 12th August
 1836

Wm. Quilliam Clerk

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Abram Hutton (dec)
Georgetown

Hon. J. P. Cleveland
JAN

State of Georgia

Bob County

Be it remembered that on this the 22^d day of December 1846 in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting in the County aforesaid personally appeared James Helton of said County and made oath in due form of Law that he is the son of Abraham Helton 'Deceased' that his father in his lifetime made out his Declaration in Lumpkin County Geo. and produced proof of a part of his service by a Mr. ~~Thomas~~ Elgwin 'Pensioner of the United States' in 1835 or about that time but that his father died on the 11th day of Jan. 1843 - before he received any Pension that his Declaration is on file at the Pension Department as this deponent is informed and believes to which he would refer the Comr of Pensions that his father left three children - Haman Helton aged about 59 years - Sarah Helton aged about 59 years lives in Cherokee County Georgia James Helton was 52 years old 15th day of January 1846 that said 3 children are all the children said Helton left who are living that his Mother Charity Helton died some time about 1840 that his father was a widower at the time of his death and left no widow sworn to and subscribed the day and year above first mentioned in open Court

before me

Abner S. Belinger J. C. C.

James Helton

State of Georgia

Cobb County } And the said Court

do hereby certify that they have satisfactory evidence that James Helton who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration is the lawful child of Abraham Helton deceased; that said Helton died in Lumpkin County Geo. on the 11th day of January 1843 that he left no widow at the time of his death and that the three children mentioned in said Declaration are all the children living of said Helton at the present time that the said James Helton's Declaration is entitled to full faith and credit given under our hands and private seal there being no seal of office

Moore J. Belinger 


NB Green 

L.P. Hainstay 

State of Georgia

Cobb County } I James M. Anderson

Clerk of the Court of Ordinary in and for the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said Court in matter of James Helton applying for the Pension due his deceased father Abraham Helton Given under my hand and private seal there being no seal of office yet procured for said Court

James M. Anderson 
Clerk C.O. Cobb County Geo.

I do hereby certify that James M. Anderson whose
name is affixed to the foregoing certificate is Clerk
of the Court of Probate of Litch County Georgia,
and from my knowledge of his handwriting
believe this to be his own signature.

John W. Campbell
Member of Congress
from Georgia

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State of Georgia } S.P. On this tenth day of October 1840
Lumpkin County } personally appeared ^{before} the Inferior
Court of Lumpkin County State of Georgia Abram

Hetton. a resident of Lumpkin County and State of Georgia aged Ninety Seven years who being first duly sworn ~~with~~ according to law, doth on his oath make ^{the} following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he Enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven (in the latter part of Summer the month and day he cannot recollect from old age and the consequent loss of memory) with Captain Bowman and served in the Second Regiment in the Virginia line two years as a private soldier under Colonel Parker and Lieut^{ts} Col^{ls} Williams and Major Stewart and Captain Bowman till he resigned and then Capt^{ts} Stokes and Lieutenant Dickeson and Ensign Hage. He was discharged at the expiration of his term of Enlistment by Col^l Parker his discharge got burned in a house - He resided in the State of Virginia Halifax County when he entered the Service he was in no battles marched through Pennsylvania Jersey and Maryland, the Regiment joined Gen^l Washington the day after the battle at Monmouth and marched to White Plains -

He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a Pension or a annuity, except the present; and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State. —
Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year above written

M. W. Simpson J. C.
N. W. Busch J. D. C.

E. H. Wingfield J. D. C.

Abram ^{Handwritten} Hutton
Mark

D. H. Brown
agent Gen^l H. H. Johnston by Gen^l

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that
the above named applicant was a revolutioner and served
as he states.

~~E. W. Lupton~~ J. S. P. W. M. Finch P. C.

E. W. Lupton J. S. P. W. M. Finch P. C.

I J. L. Riley Clerk of Inferior Court do hereby
Certify that the foregoing containing the Original
proceedings of the Court in the matter of the application
of Abram Holton for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and private seal there being
in full of office

J. L. Riley P. Clerk

in Georgia. I Richard W. Heubensham Member of
Heubensham County Congress from the State of Georgia do hereby Certify
that from information received I believe that J. L. Riley
whose name appears to the foregoing Certificate is Deputy Clerk
of the Inferior Court of Lumpkin County and that the above
signature and seal are his

Rich W. Heubensham

My reasons for not making an earlier ~~one as follows~~
application are as follows, first I being illiterate and
living on the frontier my information was very limited as to
the manner of applying, and having a hale robust Constitution
of my age I was still able to obtain a comfortable sustenance
by my labor; but finding the infirmities of age increasing
on me which rendered it very inconvenient for me to
obtain a sustenance I began to seek for an agent to make
application for me; and two or three years since gave
a gentleman a memorandum of the nature of my service
and the names of my officers: who said that he would
make out a declaration for me; but through negligence or
some cause failed to do it.

Washington City
30th June 1847

Mr James L. Emery
Denton

Enclosed I send you herewith
with the Declaration of James Bellin who
takes attention - You will please examine
the same and report to me at an early
day -

Your truly
John H. Lumpkin