

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Halbert VAS1359

vsl 56VA

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

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Spotsylvania Court September the 5th 1786

It is hereby certified by the Court that Mary Halbert a resident of this County and widow of Richard Halbert a Soldier who died in the Service of the Militia Ordered from this State for the relief of South Carolina is a proper object to receive a Pension, and that Indigency of circumstances render the same necessary.

Teste

S/ Jno. Chew, Jr. C 8 Cir.

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I do with the advice of the Council hereby certify that Mary Halbert widow of Richard Halbert, a Private of the Virginia militia ordered to the relief of South Carolina who died in the service of the United States, is entitled to the Sum of Eight Pounds yearly to commence on the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 31st day of October 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry]



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Spotsylvania Court April 3rd 1787

Mary Halbert widow of Richard Halbert produced a Certificate from under the hand of His Excellency the Governor entitling her to receive the sum of eight pounds per annum to commence from the 1st day of January 1786 as a pensioner, and making oath that she is the person to whom it was given, and the Court having compared the said Certificate with the list transmitted from the Auditor and finding it to be right do hereby direct the sheriff to pay the said eight pounds agreeable to an act to amend the Act entitled and Act to amend the Act concerning Pensioners.

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Teste

S/ John Chew, Clk.

[Transcribers Note: The papers in this file appear to relate to the above matter only through page 39 of the 56 pages of this file. The bulk of those documents relate to the annual authorization , disbursement and receipt of the pension by the widow through 1795. The balance of the pages appear to relate to a disability pension allowed John Halfpenny of Frederick County who was a soldier in Captain Bruins¹ Company of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment who received a number of wounds in the action at Buford's defeat.]

¹ *Captain Bruins* Possibly Peter Bruin