

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Halfpenny (Halpain, Halpane) VAS1360

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

[Transcribers note: the following papers were found in the file indexed under the name "Richard Halbert" from pages 40 through 56.]

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"allowed half pay during disability twelve pounds for his present relief May 26, '85"

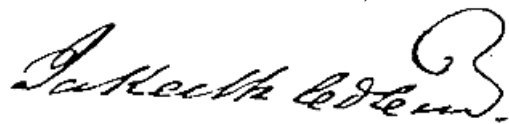
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Frederick County Sct. July Court 1786

Ordered that it be Certified that John Halfpenny a pensioner who was a Soldier in Captain Bruins [?]¹ Company of the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment the last War and who received a number of wounds in the Action at Buford's defeat [Battle of Waxhaw, May 29, 1780] by which he appears to be much disabled, is still living & continues and Inhabitant of this County, and that he appears to be now 47 years of age. And it is further ordered that Doctor Cornelius Baldwin do examine and certify the present situation of his disability.

A Copy

S/ Jas. Keith, C?

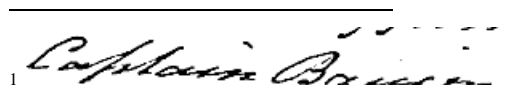


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Winchester July 4th, '86

The bearer John Halpane applies to me for a Certificate of the nature & State of his of Wounds in consequence thereof, I declare, he appears to be disabled by a small sword having passed through his right wrist & that the natural use of his limb is much impaired thereby

S/ Corn^{ls} Baldwin



¹ Possibly Peter Bruin

Winchester July 4th - 66

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Corn. Baldwin

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I do, with the advice of Counsel, hereby certify, that John Halfpenny aged 47, late a private in the 11th Virginia Regiment appears to have been disabled in such a manner while in the service of the United States as to entitle him to the sum of Twelve Pounds yearly; which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence from the first day of January 1786.

Given under my hand, as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond, this 22nd day of February 1787

S/ Tho. Meriwether

S/ Edm. Randolph

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Received May the 20th 1787 the width in order in full for the with Order from the Sheriff of Frederick

S/ John Halfpenny

John Halfpenny

[Note: the above pension appears to have been paid through the year 1789.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]7-page file

Virginia Montgomery County to wit

This day Hannah Smith of said County personally appeared before me and after being duly sworn stated that many years ago she heard her Father John halpain (sometimes Spelled Halfpenny) relate his services during the revolutionary war that she always understood from him and verily believes he enlisted in the service of the United States that he enlisted for one-year in the first commencement of the war and after that Expiration he enlisted five years or during the war and continued his services until he was wounded at Bluford's defeat which rendered him unable to serve any longer and that from his wounds and hardships he became helpless so that for many years had to be fed by hand –

Given under my hand this 31st day of May 1834

S/ Redmon Eakin, JP

Petition for Bounty Land

The Heirs of John Halfpain (or Halfpenny) Sold. C. L.

The only evidence which is relied upon to sustain this claim is the affidavit of Hannah Smith of Montgomery County. She says, that many years ago she heard her Father John Halfpain, or Halfpenny, speak of his services, in the Revolutionary war – that she always understood from him, & verily believes, he enlisted in the service of the United States at the commencement of the war – first for one year – after the expiration of that year, he enlisted for five years, or during the war, and continued to serve until he was wounded at Buford's defeat – after receiving his wounds, he was unable to serve longer.

This claim appears to be unsupported by proof.

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

June 17th, 1834

To Governor Tazewell

[power of attorney illegible as posted online but bears signatures of persons presumably the heirs referred to by Commissioner Smith above. Their names appear to be William Halpain, Hannah Smith, Sarah Mc? and Lydia Galleon

William Halpain
Hannah Smith
Sarah Mc?
Lydia Galleon

Virginia Montgomery County Sct.

This day William Halpain of said County personally appeared before me and after making solemn affirmation states that he, many years ago, heard his father John Halpain (sometimes spelled Halfpenny) relate his services during the Revolutionary war, that he always understood from him and verily believes that he enlisted in the service of the United States for five years or during the war, that he continued to serve something over five years until he was so severely wounded at Bluford's defeat that he was rendered incapable of serving any longer, he was so severely wounded that he had to be fed by hand for twenty years and upwards.

Given under my hand this 31st day of May 1834

S/ Redmon Eakin, JP