

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Townsend R10658

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State of South Carolina Union District

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act of Congress for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I Henry Townsend of Washington County Virginia do declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war & continued in its service until its Termination at which time I was an Artificer in Captain Bowkers [?] company in the second Regiment of the Virginia Line commanded by Colonel Haws [Hawes] & General Millinburgh [Peter Muhlenberg]. I also declare that I never received any certificate under the resolve of Congress passed the 15th day of May 1778, and I further declare that I was not on the pension list of the United States on the 15th day of March 1828

S/ Henry Townsend, X his mark

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

13 December 1830

Henry Townsend of ___ in the County of Washington in the State of Virginia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a private in Captain Bowker's Company, in Col. Haws' regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

14th of December 1830

— It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___

It further appears that Henry Townsend is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

The name of Henry Townsend cannot be found among those of the Virginia line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of \$80 were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty land office
17 December 1830

The name of Henry Townsend is not returned on the records of the Virginia line, among those entitled to Bounty land of the United States – nor has a Warrant issued for him.

S/ Wm Gordon

General Land Office
20 December 1830

The name of Henry Townsend does not appear on the List of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia so far as they have been received.

S/ Elijah Hayward
Commissioner

[f p. 5: Power of attorney dated August 1st 1855 executed by John M Townsend of Smyth County Virginia. He states that he is the son of Henry Townsend who had a claim for a pension for his service in the revolution; that his father died July 5th, 1831; that his father's widow Catharine died June 7th 1835

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John M. Townsend". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

[Although no digital images are posted relating to Henry Townsend, the Virginia State library online site indicates that there is a pension file relating to a Henry Townsend who was a soldier in the Virginia Troops from Shenandoah County who listed Fort Pitt and "Grants Battle"--1759 as actions in which he participated.]