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Pension application of Henry West R11339

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[There is no pension application in this file. If anyone knows where there is a copy of the actual pension application (presumably in the Buncombe County North Carolina court records), I would welcome a digital copy of it so that I can transcribe and post it in the database. What follows are several letters that appear in the file and give a hint of what the original application contained.]

Depart. of War

Pen. Off [Pension Office]

Feby 28 1834

Sir

The claims of Thomas Reid,¹ Jno Lansing [sic, John Lanning²], Valentine Thrash³, Alex. Fuller⁴ and William Robinson⁵ have been admitted. The declaration of Henry West is herewith returned. No allowance can be made to him for any service previous to his enlistment in the British service, and even that claimed as having been performed at a subsequent period is of a very doubtful character; has no evidence exists in this office to show that the "*Nancy*" was a public armed vessel, and this must be shown before any favorable [indecipherable word, looks like "decenor"] can be had on his claim.

The opinion of the court is at all times required, and which should also at the same time certify to the credibility of the witnesses.

S/ Jan &c [sic?]

Hon. J. P. Carron

Flat Rock

P. O.

N. C.

¹ [Thomas Reid \(Reed\) S7366](#)

² [John Lanning W4711](#)

³ [Valentine Thrash W1332](#)

⁴ [Alexander Fuller S8537](#)

⁵ [William Robison \(Robinson\) W18821](#)

[letter dated July 20, 1938 from the Pension Office to the War Department in response to a tombstone application (not in the file)]

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of Henry West of North Carolina who served in the Navy and is recorded on the tombstone application blank as a pensioner.

The Revolutionary War records of this office show that Henry West applied for a pension on account of his service in that war, and that his claim for pension was not allowed. Reference to an old book printed in 1852, in which the reason for suspension and rejection of revolutionary War claims for a pension are recorded, the following is shown under Suspended Claims: "Henry West, Shelby, Cleveland, North Carolina. He joined the enemy and if the vessel called the *Nancy* (in which he alleged service after his return) was a public armed ship, proof is wanting." In an old letter of inquiry from A. J. Hardin of Shelby, North Carolina, dated September 14, 1846, he stated that Henry West was still living.

This office has no further information in regard to this Henry West (the only soldier with that name recorded in the Revolutionary War pension records) because it is shown that the papers in his application for pension were removed from the files and sent to the Honorable S. P. Carson in 1834 and never returned to the pension files.

The notation on your blank that this man was a pensioner, is meant to be, perhaps, that he was an applicant for a pension.

The application for tombstone for Henry West is returned here with. There was no correspondence enclosed.

Very truly yours
A. D. Hiller
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator