

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Depue R2893

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The file contains no pension application. The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated many pension applicants in what is now West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton wrote "Not Entitled" on his report on Depue.]

Lewis County

Henry Depue aged 76 yrs serv'd 2 yrs & 3 mo.

Henry Flesher of Harrison County says he has known Depue for 26 yrs. on their first acquaintance thinks Depue was 30 yrs old perhaps a little older, but is satisfied in his own mind that Depue is too young by several years to have been a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

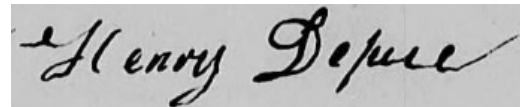
William Powers [pension application S18164] aged 71 yrs has known Depue for many years. think him too young to have been a soldier in the R War.

Ezekiel Powers says that he distinctly recollects of haveing a conversation with Henry Depue some years since about the Revolutionary War, in which conversation he Depue told him (Powers) that he was a chunk of a boy 12 or 13 yrs old in New Jersey during the Revo war and that he removed from Jersey to Fort Pitt after the war and was then a boy

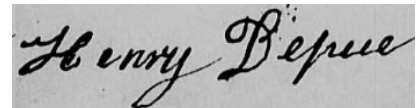
Respectfully Reported  
W. G Singleton/ Special Agent.

Little Kenhawa [sic: Kanawha] River May 1<sup>st</sup> 1834

Dear Sir [James L. Edwards, Pension Commissioner] Some time in November or December last I made a declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June <sup>th</sup>7 1832 and Employed one Robert H Lowther as my agent the laps of time has put me uppon Enquiry and I have heard that from some cause unknown to me my declaration is detained In the pension office I therefore hope that it will not be improper for me to desire you to Examine my declaration as I am old & infirm and stand in need of my pension if my services is such as to authorise my receiving one your compliance will greatly oblige yours with Respect



PS as I live a considerable distance from a Post office Please direct to Mr William L Mitchell Solus Wood County Virginia



Henry Depue Applicant.

this case has been reported among the Lewis Cty cases. I accidently met with Depue on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Dec'r. 1834 – at which time he stated that at the close of the war of the Revolution he was about 12 yrs old that when Lord How sailed up by west point and broke the Chains, that had been thrown across the river [see endnote] he Depue was Ensign in a boys company who had their regular musters – and used sticks & cornstocks in the place of guns.– that after the war closed he settled in western Virginia. that the forgoing was the substance of the statements given to Wm L. Mitchell who wrote his declaration.

A Copy.

W. G Singleton/ Dec'r. 29 1834

NOTES:

No British force under Admiral Lord Richard Howe or any other commander broke the Great Chain across the Hudson River.

In the 1840 federal census of Wood County Henry Depue is recorded as 70 to 79 years old.