

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry S. Halley R4493

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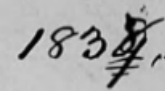
State of Virginia County of Fairfax: SS

On this 19th day of May 1851, personally appeared in Open Court before the County Court of Fairfax County, now sitting, James M Halley, a resident of said Fairfax County & State aforesaid aged fifty-Eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832,

That he is the son and Executor of Henry S Halley, a revolutionary Soldier, deceased. That said Henry S Halley entered the service of the United States in said Fairfax County in the latter part of the year 1780 as a volunteer in pursuance of a call for forces to march to the South. That he served in the company commanded by Captain Charles Little, That Lieutenant Edward Sandford and Ensign James Deneall belonged to the same Company which company was in the Battalion commanded by Major Dennis Ramsey. That early in the year 1781 he marched to Williamsburg Virginia and there joined a large body of Militia commanded by General Weeden [George Weedon], and afterwards by Marquis de Lafayette in from there he returned to Richmond and served out his full term of six months, principally in the neighborhood of Williamsburg and Richmond and was frequently engaged with the enemy at the latter place, and was there at the time the British set fire to Manchester Warehouses [April 30, 1781], and at the expiration of his term, he was honorably discharged.

That the said Henry S Halley died at Fairfax County aforesaid, on the twenty ninth day of November 183? [last digit written over and indecipherable, could be either "7" or "8" or "9"]¹, and was at the date of his death 77 years of age, and that he left no widow surviving him. That Henry S Harley, Catharine T Payne, Fanny D Bell, Samuel Halley, Margaret P Elkin and this declarant James M Halley all the children and only surviving children of the said Henry S Halley, deceased.

That the said Henry S Halley, left no documentary evidence of his said service to declarant's knowledge. But in addition to the other evidence of his said Father service declarant would refer to the case of Presley Gray² of Kentucky, who served in the same Company with said Henry S Halley, and for the same term of time & for which service he was pensioned by the



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² FPA R4226

United States, and to the affidavit of William Skinner³ who served in the same Battalion with said Henry S Halley, made on the 2nd day of February 1837 before Robert Ratcliff a Justice of the Peace of said Fairfax County Virginia. That the reason why the said Henry S Halley did not make application for his pension was because he did not know of the existence of the law allowing pensions, nor did this declarant know of the existence of said act, until after his Father's death. In proof of which, a short time or about two years before his father's death declarant himself drew up a Petition to Congress for his Father, to obtain a pension for him, and which Petition is by declarant now exhibited in Court, and the said Affidavit of the said William Skinner as to his Father's service was obtained to support said application to Congress. In explanation of the foregoing reference to the case of Presley Gray, declarant states that it is only to show that said Gray served in the same Company and for the same time, with his Father, and for which he was pensioned.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James S Halley



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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled

Your petitioner Henry S Halley, a resident of Fairfax County Virginia, now 75 years of age – respectfully sheweth, that he served a six months Tour of duty, during the Revolutionary War as a militia man during which time he suffered great Hardships – having many rencontres with the Enemy –

He volunteered his Services the latter part of the year 1780 and went into actual service the early part of the year 1781 – under General Weaden and afterwards under the Marquis de Lafayette our operations were chiefly in the neighborhood of Williamsburg and Richmond Virginia; after serving the greatest portion of the Tour, we were discharged by the Governor of Virginia in consequence of there being no further use for us – The petitioner states further that his Company officers were Captain Charles Lytle, Lieutenant Edward Sandford, and Ensign James Daneall – and were attached to the command of Major Dennis Ramsay –

As Evidence of his service he would refer your Honorable body to a Letter of Presley Gray Esquire of Kentucky, who served with him, and for the same Services has lately been placed upon the pension list – also other evidence hereto attached –

He asked to be placed on the pension list, as an old faithful soldier.

[Note: no indication this document was signed by anyone]

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Virginia Fairfax County to wit

I Robert Ratcliffe a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Fairfax State of Virginia do hereby Certify that William Skinner of said County and State appeared before me this day and

³ [William Skinner R9637](#)

made oath that he was well acquainted with Henry S Halley of said County; that he well recollects his serving a Tour of duty as a Soldier in the revolutionary war, the year 1781 – under the command of Major Dennis Ramsay; that he the said Skinner served with him in the same Battalion; that as well as his recollection serves him, their company commanders were Captain Charles Little, Lieutenant Edward Sandford, and Ensign James Deneal, he further states, that Presley Gray of Kentucky was attached to the said company and served the same time of Henry S Halley and this affiant. The term for which they volunteered he has no distinct recollection of – But he well remembers marching from home the early part of the year 1780 – and returning sometime in the summer following. He states further that the said Henry S Halley discharged faithfully the duties of a soldier during which whole time he was in service and was honorably discharged. Given under my hand this 2nd day of February 1837

S/ Robt. Ratcliffe