

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Hedrick R4841

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[The file contains no pension application, probably because it was removed by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton for his investigation of fraud. For details, see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111). Singleton wrote "Not Entitled" on the report.]

Henry Hedrick – Applicant –

I the undersigned Henry Hedrick, being called on by W. G. Singleton agent of the War Department for a statement of my age & Revolutionary services give the following to wit – I am a native of Loudoun County and am now in 73<sup>rd</sup> year of age – when a "chuck of a lad" I settled in the Levels of Green Brier County – then Augusty [Big Levels in Augusta County, at present Lewisburg in Greenbrier County WV] – and have lived in Green brier county ever since – for many years the people of the settlements in which I lived were compelld from a regard to their own security to live in Forts or block Houses during the summer months – in the winter they would disperse and return to their respective cabbins. almost every settlement had its Fort – to which as before stated the settlers with their families would go – and generally remained fortified four or five months in the year, whilst fortified we lived pretty much in common. we would turn out all together and work each others corn and potatos patches by turns – whilst we were thus engaged we always detailed some one or two of our own body to act as sort of centinals – in giving information of the approach of Indians – this duty of working and guarding was done alternately by all the men at the Forts & Stations at which I was – my father was at Renicks [Renick Fort at the forks of Spring Creek near present Renick in Greenbrier County] & Wyners Forts – [Andrew] Hamilton was Captain at Renicks Fort – dont recollect who was Captain at Wyners Fort – perhaps it was Gillilan [probably meaning James Gillilan, pension application R4029]. the Forts at which I was stationed were not attacked by the Indians – I was in no regular service, nor was I drafted or an Indian Spy – all the service I done was such as others done – Forted with me, and as above stated – I received no pay for my services – and I furnished my own Gun and ammuniton. my Father with whom I lived had a settlement right – and I had one also – the letter to which we perfected – the settlement rights were in the vicinity of the Forts at which we lived – D. W. Sleeth wrote my Declaration to whom I gave the same statement in substance now given – and I was sworn to at my own house before George R. Gallelan [sic: George R. Gillilan], who came with Sleeth for the purpose, and I understood that they were in partnership in getting pensions including my own – my Declaration was read to me, but I don't recollect how much service I alledged to have done, nor do I now know how much I did do – I was I was able to go to Lewisburg the county seat at the time of making my declaration. I agreed to give Sleeth & Gillilan \$25 – In witness of all which I hereto subscribe my name. Jany 23, 1835

Henry hisXmark Hedrick

Witness/ Wm R Woods

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W. G. Singleton/ Jany 23, 1835

NOTE: On 11 May 1853 Elizabeth Hedrick assigned power of attorney to obtain a pension as the widow of Henry Hedrick.