

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hezekiah Henley (Henly) R4885

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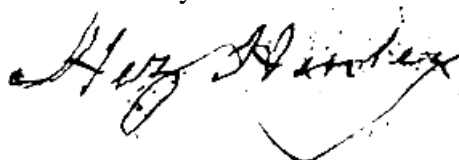
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State of Virginia County of Henrico

On this 6th day of May personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Henrico now sitting Hez^h Henly [sic] a resident of the County of Henrico & State of Virginia aged 84 years who being 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 was born on the 12th day of February 1749 & entered the service of the United States under Captain John Price & served as hereinafter stated. That in February 1780, living then in the County of Henrico, he was drafted into service and marched under Captain John Price to Williamsburg, where he received the Commission of Lieutenant which was sent him by Colonel Southall [perhaps James Southall] of Henrico, but by whom signed he does not now recollect. He there continued in service as Lieutenant four months, when he obtained a furlough to come home, where he stayed six weeks, & then again returned to Williamsburg where he continued to do service until Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion took place early in '81 when he was ordered out to harass the enemy. Arnold soon got into Richmond & a party of his men went up to Westham where they burnt the magazine & being near the fire of which he well recollects. He was at the Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] a camping ground below Richmond when the skirmish took place at Charles City C. H. in this service he continued till the British marched to Williamsburg & afterwards to Yorktown to which place he was ordered & there continued in duty till the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. He well recollects Generals Lafayette, Steuben & Nelson [Thomas Nelson] who commanded the militia at Yorktown. His commission has been lost but he here with encloses a certificate of Mr. John Tinsley who recollects that he was in service. He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Hez Henley



[Samuel Cotterell and Malachi Tinsley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]
[Clerk's certificate is dated May 7, 1833]

Goochland County State of Virginia

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in & for the County

of Goochland State of Virginia Hez Henly who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he first entered the service of the United States as an Ensign previous to the year 1780 but by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service in that capacity, but he well recollects that he again entered the service of the United States in February 1780 & served not less than the period mentioned below & in the following grade. For one-year seven months & nineteen days he served as Lieutenant in the Virginia militia and for such service he claims a pension & that for the time during which such service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit whatever, except when absent on furlough six weeks. Given under my hand this 18th day of September 1833

S/ Jas: Mosby JP GC

Goochland County State of Virginia: SS

Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in & for Goochland County John Riddle & made oath that he knew Hez^h Henly in the revolutionary War; that the said Henry to his certain knowledge served a tour as Ensign of militia under Captain Leake, to Williamsburg in the year 1776 or 77 & moreover that he saw the said Henly at the siege of York & knew that he the said Hanley was engaged in active service there as Lieutenant of the militia.

Given under my hand this 18th day of September 1833

S/ Jas: Mosby, JP GC

Henrico County State of Virginia

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County of Henrico Hezekia Henly [sic] who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, for three months as Ensign in the year 1776 under the command of Captain Elijah Leake, for three months as Ensign in the year 1777 under the command of Captain Stephen Sampson of Goochland County Virginia, for three months as Ensign in the year 1778 under the command of Captain Michael Johnson, for four months as Lieutenant in the year 1780 under the command of Captain John Price, for four months again under the command of Captain John Price in the year 1781, for four months at the least as Lieutenant Commandant of the public Guard Stationed at Richmond, this duty was voluntary, there being but few officers in this County Lieutenant Miller and myself agreed to serve alternately every thirty days, and am very certain was on duty often known twelve months this duty was performed after the siege of York Town.

S/ Hez. Henley {Seal}

[M. L. Jones, a clergyman, and Samuel Brown gave an additional standard supporting affidavit dated June 15, 1835.]

I do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Hez Henley and believe him to be a man of veracity & integrity. That I knew him in the revolution, when he came down to little York either as Lieutenant or Captain but which I cannot now say. How long he was in service I cannot say but have no reason to doubt but that he served as he states in his declaration. Given under my hand this 5th day of June 1835

S/ John Tinsley

John Price

At a Court held for Henrico County at the Courthouse in the Town of Richmond on Monday the 1st day of October 1781 –

Ordered that the following persons be recommended to his Excellency the Governor and Council as fit persons to be commissioned Officers in the Militia in this County, to wit: John Turpin and John Price Captains: Richard Adams Jr. & Nathaniel Hollman first Lieutenants: Suzby Turpin and Benjamin Johnson second Lieutenants; and William Giles & Hezekiah Henley Ensigns.

Virginia Henrico County to wit

I Lofton M. Ellett Clerk of the County Court of Henrico in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript from the records of said Court – In testimony whereof I have set my hand & annexed the seal of the said court this 17th day of September in the year 1835.

S/ Lofton M. Ellett, Clk C