

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Henry R4895

Margaret Henry

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State of Tennessee Sumner County

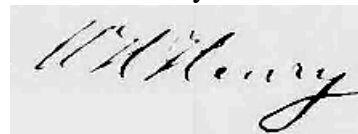
On this 28th day of September 1840 Personally appeared before me C. G. Browning one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Margaret Henry a resident of this County of Sumner and State aforesaid aged Eighty-five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836. That she is the widow of David Henry who [text obliterated by an ink blot] and Lieutenant and also a Captain [text obliterated by an ink blot] of the Revolution and served under [text obliterated by an ink blot] Generals Rutherford [presumably Griffith Rutherford], Davidson [presumably William Lee Davidson] and Morgan [presumably Daniel Morgan], he lived at that time in Roan [Rowan] now Iredell County North Carolina. His first service was as a volunteer under Captain Nichols [Jacob Nichols] and under General Rutherford he served one or two tours of three months before 1777 during which last mentioned the year this declarant and the said David Henry were married. After the marriage her said Husband was out almost continually and always as a volunteer and in tours of three months at a time and there was in 1779 a tour of nine months after this he was promoted to the office of first Lieutenant and served a tour of three [months] at the time of the battle of the Tuckaseege Ford on the Catawba River when General Davidson was killed [Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781]. After the battle at the ford another was fought at Tarrences [Tarrant's Tavern, February 1, 1781] where the Americans lost considerable of their men. The next tour of service was as a Captain under General Morgan her said husband was in the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], Colonel Washington [William Washington] was then Colonel he was a Captain of mounted Infantry and pursued the British twenty miles. He was after this another tour of service after the Tories down on Gross Creek [Cross Creek?] where many of the British were taken. Three years service in various tours would not be too great a calculation, as he was out continually from 1777 until 1781 all of which was as a private except two tours of three months as a Captain and one tour of three months as Lieutenant. This affiant cannot State particulars as her memory has greatly failed within a few years past she will have to rely upon such proof as she can procure. She had his commission and discharges a few years ago but cannot be found at this time. She has no Documentary or other evidence in support of her claim except the record kept of the marriage and children's ages which is here with attached. She further declares that she was married to the said David Henry on the 28th day of August 1777. That her husband the said David Henry died on the [text obliterated by an ink blot] March 1816 in that she the [text obliterated by an ink blot] Margaret Henry has remained a widow ever since

State of Kentucky Todd County

On this day personally appeared before me Robert Coulter one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Moses H Henry a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-one years who being duly sworn according to law makes oath I am a Son of David and Margaret Henry. My age I expect is on file in the Pension office at Washington City on the original family record. I state from information which I fully believe to be true that my father the said David Henry served in the war of the Revolution as follows to wit two tours of three months each as a Captain under General Rutherford, one tour of three months as Lieutenant under Captain Nichols one other tour of 3 months under Captain Caldwell. The balance of his services was as a private. He was out more than three years in actual service in the War of the Revolution and I cannot designate under what Captain's he served when a private. I received all the information from my father previous to his death and a great deal more if I could recollect the circumstances. My father died in the year 1816 long before any pension laws were enacted independently of his character and standing for truth which can be clearly established he could have no interest in relating to me and his children anything but what was true. I know his greatest delight was to get along with his old Associates and recount his Services. I know from information which I believe to be true that my father was at the battle of the Cowpens as Lieutenant. I also State that he was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] as a Captain. I have often heard him speak of General Morgan in the battle of the Cowpens. I have heard speak of an engagement at the widow Tarrences. I think he served considerable in South Carolina but I cannot now state any particulars. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 11th day of November 1851

S/ R. Coulter, JP

S/ M. H. Henry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. H. Henry". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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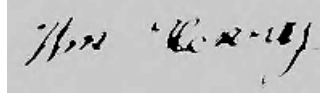
State of Tennessee Sumner County

On this day personally appeared William Henry a resident of the County aforesaid aged Seventy-four years before me Samuel Bradley one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that from the best of his calculation he was about four years old at the termination of the War of the Revolution in 1781. That the first of his recollection of his father's conversation was his services in the War of the Revolution. Adjutant web lived at his father's after the war of the Revolution and their conversations was frequently about the war. Affiant's father's name was David Henry and his mother's name was Margaret Hall previous to her marriage with his father they were married in the year 1776. Affiant recollects the conversations of his father about his Services as early as when he was under 10 years of age and recollects the military coat was often examined by him said David Henry affiant's father served two tours of three months as a Captain and two or three tours of three months as Lieutenant. Affiant recollects that his father was in two Battles in each of which battles he was Captain of a Company. The first at the crossings of the Catawba River at the Widow Tarence the time General Davidson was killed and the other was at the battle of the Cowpens in the first of these engagements his men suffered on account of there being exposed in an open lot of ground. In the battle of the Cowpens he used to describe those who fought bravely and those who did not. Affiant further states that about the year 1790 his father the said David

Henry got his houses burnt and all most all of his papers got burnt up. Affiant recollects seeing some of his discharges and as well as he remembers his Captain's commission but they were all burnt up as above stated. Affiant's father moved to Tennessee about the year 1800 and died about the year 1820. Affiant fully believe his father served [one or more words too faint to discern] his service about three years in the Revolution. Affiant always heard his father say that he was out all the time for three years during the war in North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of May 1852

S/ Wm Henry

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature appears to read "Wm Henry" followed by a date "May 2 - 1852".

[Note: There are several documents in this file which are illegible as posted online. If anyone has transcripts of those documents and is willing to share them with us, we would like to post them in this database.]