

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry W. Poe R8204

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County} Be it remembered that on this twenty second day of August 1821 Henry Poe personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for said County who is aged sixty-three years resident in said County & State, who after first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served on the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit in the County of Randolph State of North Carolina sometime before the close of the war this deponent enlisted into the Continental establishment in the revolutionary war under Captain Dixon [Tilghman Dixon]¹ in the Regiment commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] for the term of three years, and was at the close of the war discharged at Charleston State of South Carolina by his said Captain Dixon under whom he had enlisted which discharge he kept a considerable length of time, when by an accidental burning of his house, his discharge was consumed in common with all his other household goods and he has it not in his power now to produce it, that the long lapse of time & the frailty of his memory super induced by old age have effaced from his recollection the numbers of Regiment in which he served & the time of entering therein, but he can fully state that the Regiment was commanded by General Greene in which he served in Captain Dixon's company and that his period of enlistment had not expired when the war was terminated & he discharged that he expects the rolls of the Army will evidence the facts by him suggested & would thereto refer for further proof & elucidation, and that he has no other evidence in his power at this late period except his own disclosure.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

to wit 2 low priced horses worth about	\$65
two cows	18
1 yearling	3

¹ The official records indicate that this veteran served under Captain Clement Hall, not Tilghman Dixon.

6 small hogs 6
2 common beds & cloathes some little dresser
ware and kitchen worth in the whole 30

that he has now a wife and one orphan child aged 4 years old, living with him and his wife is a second wife as all his first wife's children have left him, that he from his age is unable to pursue manual labor so as to support himself with ease and has no occupation but that of a farmer.

Sworn to & declared in open court on the 21st day of August 1821

S/ Joseph C. Rhea, D. Clk

S/ Henry Poe, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County} August Sessions 1832

On this 21st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Henry Poe a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy-three 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit that in the fall of the year 1777 as well as now recollected he enlisted in Chatham County State of North Carolina under Captain Hines [sic, John Hinds], of General Greene's² Regiment for the term of three years, being of the North Carolina line, that he joined the main Army under General Greene at a place called Pine tree [Camden South Carolina] in South Carolina and continued in service until the expiration of his term and was discharged at Charleston South Carolina by Captain Dickson [presumably Tilghman Dixon], which discharge was burned in his house, that he was in several engagements of minor moment with the Tories and at the engagement with the British at Savannah.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity accept [sic] the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rool [sic] of the agency of any State, that he has no documentary proof by which to establish his services, nor does he know of any person by whom & whose testimony he can at this late day establish his said services.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day & year last before written.

S/ Henry Poe



[Abraham B Tipton and Jacob Sturm [Jacob Storm?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County}

On this 18th day of November 1834 personally appeared before the Justices of the court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for Sullivan County in open court Henry W. Poe a resident of the State & County aforesaid aged as he believes seventy-six years who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he in the year seventy six late in the fall was drafted for a three months tour and marched from Wilkes County North Carolina

² Nathanael Greene did not assume command of the Southern Division of the Continental Army until December 2, 1780 in Charlotte North Carolina.

in Captain Hunter's [Alexander Hunter's] company, Colonel Litorals [sic, John Luttrell's] Regiment of mounted Horse with sword & gun and was employed in the lower & neighboring counties in Carolina & Virginia against the Tories and disaffected which was plenty & was marched near Cross Creek in Carolina & to Harrisburg in Virginia and did serve said three months & was verbally discharged by Captain Hunter,

some two or three weeks after returning home from said tour was drafted again for six months under Captain Hynes [sic, John Hinds] from Wilkes County North Carolina under Colonel Letoral and was marched to Hillsborough from thence to Tar River and was employed against the British & Tories who had embodied themselves & was in some small skirmishes but no general engagements, one of said skirmishes was at Deep River & the other at a place called Cox's Brush Creek in Randolph County part of said time was stationed at Luttrell's Barracks on the Hickory Mountain Chatham County and after serving he thinks three months or more of the said six months for which he was drafted deponent acknowledges himself & some others deserted and he thinks he was absent some two or three weeks from service and was taken and carried to Hillsborough & there taught a lesson not easy to be forgotten by afflicting him with severe corporal punishment he was then put under Captain Dickson [sic, probably Tilghman Dixon] of regulars & whether he was returned for three years or for during the war or whether he enlisted for said term he is not certain but so it was he served in Captain Dixon's company three years or more. A man by the name of Donahoo [sic, Thomas Donoho] was his Lieutenant [sic, more likely his major as Donoho held a higher rank than lieutenant during all of the time frame mentioned by this applicant] the Colonel's name not recollected from Hillsboro he was marched to Salisbury, from thence to the Cheraw Hills & the other stations for some time in barracks, & then was marched to the Eutaw Springs & there joined General Greene and was on forced march to Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and only arrived just as the engagement was over, then was marched to the pine tree from thence was marched near the mouth of the Savannah River & was in a battle fought at said place and then was marched to Charlestown and was stationed in Charlestown for some considerable time he recollects in the term of his services to have been under General Greene & to have seen General Morgan & Lefeett [sic, Lafayette,?] but cannot call his Colonel's name when in the Regular Service in consequence of the loss of memory, he recollects to have received a written discharge from Captain Dixon in Charlestown about he thinks at the close of the Revolutionary War he says that to the best of his recollection he served 3 years under Captain Dixon or more in the regular Service, he further says that he knows not what has become of said discharge whether lost or worn out but that it is not in his possession nor does he know where it is Deponent says he has no documentary evidence to prove his services by nor does he know of any living witness that he can prove it by.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or territory.

S/ Henry W. Poe, X his mark

By the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was as I am advised & believe born in the year 1758 in Culpeper County Virginia

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have no record of my age only speak from the information handed down to me by my parents & others

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living in Wilkes County North Carolina & have lived in Carolina since the Revolution and lived in Tennessee Sullivan County near where I now live for the last 20 years.
4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I was drafted & to serve three months & then drafted for six months & served three months or more & then deserted & was taken & put in the Regular Service & whether by enlistment or by part of punishment I do not know but that I served three years or more under Captain Dixon I am certain to the best of my recollection

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I recollect Captain Hunter Colonel Luttrell & Captain Hynes Luttrell again & served under them in the militia I recollect Captain Dixon Lieutenant Donoho and served under them & General Greene, Morgan & Lefeet & fought at Savannah & other places &c &c

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received a discharge verbally from Captain Hunter and a written discharge from Captain Dixon in Charleston which is lost or worn out &c

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

My acquaintance is not extensive as I am an obscure poor and old man but am proud to say I think all that knew me will say I am moral & honest I know the Rhea family the Snodgrass family & the Rockhold & Webb families and the subscribing witnesses who have given their affidavit all of which I think will testify as to my veracity & honesty
[Joseph Powell and Edward B. Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina

Secretary's Office 24th of June 1822

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Henry Poe a private in Captain Hall's [Clement Hall's] Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted for the war, that he was mustered in September 1782, and deserted 30th of November 1782.

Given under my hand the date above

S/ Wm Hill

[This applicant also made an application dated August 21, 1832, given in Sullivan County, Tennessee, in which he says he entered the service in 1777 under Capt Hines under Genl. Green –went to pine tree under Green and was discharged in Charleston by Capt. Dixon.]