

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Mannon S16187

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State of Ohio } Court of Com. Pleas, March Term 1833

Lawrence County } SS

On this 11th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county, now sitting Henry Mannon, a resident of Windsor Township in the county of Lawrence aforesaid, aged 73 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following Delaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

1^s That about the first day of June, he believes, 1780 at Henry County, Virginia, he entered the service, under Capt Brice Martin being drafted as a militia man for the Term of three months, mustered & joined the company at Stephen Lyon, at the S. W. part of the county [now Patrick County]. Capt. [William] Letcher had just been killed at his own house by Brittish & Tories [sic: said to have been assassinated at his home in The Hollow by a Tory named Nichols, 2 Aug 1780] - went to that settlement & reached that section of country in order to find the enemy - remained about two months - received a discharge as for a tour of three months service. Colo. [Abram] Penn - Colo Stephen Lyon - Major George Astin (or Austin) [sic: George Hairston] Capt Peter Haston [sic: Peter Hairston] were officers who served at the same time. Did not find any of the enemy - was in no battle —

2. The 1st of March 1781 he was again drafted to perform a tour of three months - from the same Henry County - entered the service under Capt. David Lenier [sic: David Lanier], (Lieut. James Pratley - Ensign John Watkins) went to Guilford Court house [NC] - got to Guilford the day after the battle between Gen'l [Nathanael] Greene & Lord Cornwallis [15 Mar] - heard the firing - joined Gen'l Greene's army till about the middle of June, when he was discharged - was gone from home some days over three months - marched from Guilford to Camden [SC] where there was some skirmishing - remained till discharged

3 In October 1781 about the 1st day of the month, he was again drafted from same Henry County to perform another tour of Three months, entered the service under Capt. James Tarrance (Randall Hall orderly Serjeant) other officers not recollected - marched to Winchester to guard some prisoners, which were at Henry Court House — they were removed to Winchester. There were about 100 prisoners he believes - It was very cold weather snowed almost every day & a great length of time was taken up in the service - he was discharged in Winchester County & returned home. He served the whole term of three months except a few days - got home the night of 24th December

4 - In 1783 in the month of June, the day not recollected - at Henry County Virginia - The Tories & Brittish Deserters were constantly committing depredations - stealing horses - burning & plundering — a Company was raised by Colo. Lynch [probably Charles Lynch of Bedford County], Peston Hampton was Capt - Lieut James Hampton, Ensign James Richardson — he declarent volunteered or joined the company for Eight months & served the whole term. Ranged the counties of in that section west into Carolina to Sorrow town [sic: Sauratown in present Stokes County NC] on Dan River - Pittsylvania [County VA] - Halifax [County VA] & several other places — Caught many Tories & whipped them severely — during this service he was not out all the time but went out several times when ever called on during the term — was not at home above one month he believes in all, during the eight months — he was regularly discharged at the end of the term —

5th During the war he was employed about one month guarding Governor Patrick Henry [6 Jul 1776 - 1 Jun 1779] - under his Son in Law, Capt John Fountain [sic: John Fontaine] — Patrick Henry lived in two miles of this declarent & was very much afraid of the Tories —

In answer to the interrogatories he answers as follows --

To the 1 - He was born In Buckingham County, in the State of Virginia the 8 October 1759 —

2. he has no record of his age.
- 3 - Resided in Henry County during the whole term of the war & about Ten years after, then removed to Franklin County, Virginia where he resided about nine or ten years - then removed to Kanawha county [now in WV], where he resided about 20 years - then removed to the place where he now resides where he has been twelve years.
- 4 - Was drafted at all times except the eight months tour when he volunteered —
- 5 - [Regular officers who were where he served] Brigade Major [St. George] Tucker who reviewed & put us into the 4 Reg't he thinks of Gen'l. Greenes army — Gen'l [Robert] Lawson — Colo Wm Washington of Light Horse - served with him while Gen'l. Greene commander in Chief & Colo. [Henry] Lee was with him — Does not remember the No. of any Corp or Reg't he served in except the 4th Regt he believes
6. He was regularly discharged at the end of every term by written discharges - but by whom signed he does not recollect they have long since been lost. declarant cannot read —
- 7 - There are many in my Township who can testify as to my character & their belief of my service - I will name Esquire Peter Wikisin Edward Monnahan, Moses Mannon, & General Joseph Davidson & William Holderley

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state

Henry hisXmark Mannon

State of Ohio Lawrence County SS:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in & for the county of Lawrence aforesaid, Henry Mannon, of Windsor Township in said county, an applicant for a pension, who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that by reason of old age, & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, & in the following grades; to wit, that in 1780 he served as a private two months - and also one month guarding Patrick Henry - making three months — In the year 1781 he served as a private five months & twenty four days — In the year 1782, as he believes on further reflection, & not in 1783 as stated in his declaration he volunteered as stated 4th in his said Declaration, & served as he believes six months actual service as a private — In all he served not less that Fourteen Months & twenty four days as a private & for such service I claim claim a Pension.

Sworn to & subscribed on the 31st day of May 1833, } Henry hisXmark Mannon
 at Windsor Township, in Lawrence County aforesaid }

NOTES:

A "Henry Mannings" was listed as one of the soldiers sent from Henry County to join Greene's army at Guilford Courthouse, but he was in the company commanded by Capt. John Fontaine. Henry Mannon may have been related to Davis Mannon (pension application S16941), who was also born in Buckingham County and lived in Henry County during the Revolutionary War.

A Treasury-Department document shows that the final pension payment of Henry Mannon was made to his widow up to the date of his death on 12 Feb 1838.