

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Peek (Peck) S16504

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State of Georgia and County of Newton} SS

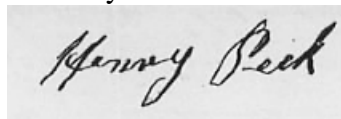
On this twenty fourth day of December, 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Inferior court now sitting Henry Peek a resident of Newton County and State of Georgia aged Sixty-Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration 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 Colonel Elijah Clarke commanded the Regiment and Captain John Peek commanded the company and Seth Thompson commanded as first Lieutenant. That he entered the service the first time on the 7th day of January 1781 and left the same sometime in the month of July 1781 making a tour of six months. That he entered the service the second time the first of August 1781 under the command of Colonel Elijah Clarke and Captain Ezekiel Stallings and left the sometime in the month of September 1781 making a tour of one month. That he served both times as a volunteer. That at the time he entered the service he resided in Richmond County in the State of Georgia. That he was in the battle of the Siege of Augusta.<sup>1</sup> That he served with Colonel Lee's [Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee’s] Continental Regiment at the Siege of Augusta. That he knew Colonel Lee & Colonel Ferdinan Oneal [Ferdinand O’Neal] Continental officers. That he entered the service the first time at the age of 15. That he marched through no Country except the State of Georgia. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ McCormick Neal, JIC

S/ Henry Peek



[Turman Watshall and John N. Williamson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

[p 50: the veteran made another full application dated September 24, 1833, filed in Newton County Georgia and almost word for word the same as the application filed in December 1832, except with the addition of the following:

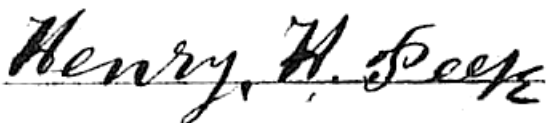
"... That he was born in Loudoun County State of Virginia on the 25th of December 1766, that he has no record of his age, his father had one, but the same was destroyed by fire, that he was living in the County of Richmond in the State of Georgia when he entered the service each time, that he continued to reside in Richmond after the Revolutionary War, until that part of Richmond County upon which he then lived was added to & became a part of the County of Columbia, in which said last mentioned County to wit Columbia he lived many years from thence he moved to the County of Putnam in the State of Georgia, where he resided many years, from thence he moved to the County of Newton State of Georgia his present residence, at which said last mentioned place he has resided for the last 9 years, he entered the service each time as a volunteer, he knew Colonel Lee who was with the Troops at the siege of Augusta in the State of Georgia -- he does not recollect to have received any written discharge for either term of his service if he did the same has been lost or destroyed -- that he is acquainted with McCormick Neal and Josiah Perry persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & as to their belief of his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State, or (if any) only on that of the Agency of the State of Georgia.  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Henry Peek

S/ C. B. Strong, Jr Judge"

[McCormick Neal & Josiah Perry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 4: On September 26, 1853 in Newton County Georgia, Henry H Peek executed a power of attorney whereby he authorized his attorney to examine the papers at the pension office relating to his father's pension and ascertain why the pavement of the same was stopped.

  
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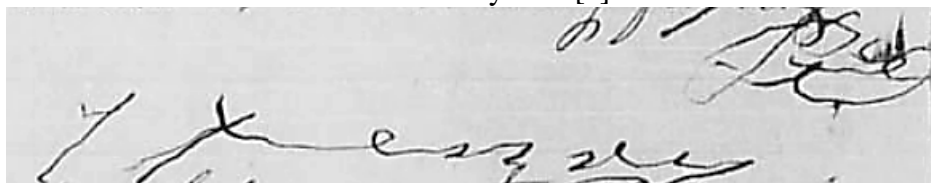
State of Georgia County of Polk } SS

Be it known that before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Henry Peek aged about one hundred years a resident of the said County and State who being sworn according to law declares that he is the Identical Henry Peek who was a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War for which service he was in the year 1833 placed on the Georgia Pension Roll at \$23.33 per annum that he received the pension for a number of years through his Agent: when through the neglect of said Agent to attend to drawing the money his Pension has not been received for 10 years or more he cannot recollect the exact time -- the name of the said Agent was Storrs he the Pensioner has not the Pension Certificate in his possession and he does not know what has become of it unless it was taken by the Agent who used to draw his pension more than 10 years ago.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining from the proper Officer at Washington them out of arrearages of said Pension from the time of the last pavement thereof to the present time.

He also request that the draft of the amount of such arrearage may be delivered to the care of William Hunt of Washington City DC who is hereby authorized to receive the same as his attorney for that Purpose.

S/ Henry Peek[?]

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

Sworn to and Subscribed before made this 28th day of October A.D. 1853 and I hereby certify that I believe the said Affiant to be the Identical Henry Peek who was a US Revolutionary pensioner and that he is of the age above stated I also Certify that I am not personally or otherwise interested in this matter.

S/ Thomas A. Chisolm, JP

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Application for a New Certificate

State of Georgia County of Polk

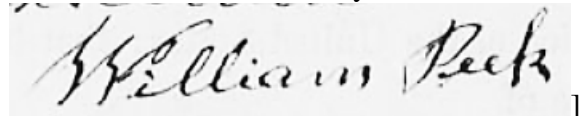
On this 6th day of August 1856, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Polk personally appeared Henry Peek who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain John Peek in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Leonard Marbury in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of Georgia but has never received a formal certificate & now wishes to obtain one.

S/ Henry Peek, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed to, before me, the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas A. Chisolm, JP

[William Peek gives a supporting affidavit -- there is no indication of the relationship, if any, between William and Henry.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Peek". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[p 7: On July 20, 1857 in Polk County Georgia, William Peek executed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to pursue the claims of Henry Peek for a pension. William Peek states in this document that he is an heir of Henry Peek but does not state his relationship to the veteran.]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Peek". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Facts in file: The veteran's son, Henry H. Peek, lived in Newton County, Ga., in 1853. There is a letter in the file indicating that this veteran's pension was suspended in 1840 for lack of proof of service.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Georgia militia.]