

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Henry S1830

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State of Tennessee Washington County

September Term 1832.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Samuel Powel Judge of the Circuit Court of Law and Equity for said county now sitting Robert Henry a resadent of said County aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following decleration 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 year 1777 in the fall of said year he was a citazen of Lancaster County Pennsylvania and was drafted in s'd County to serve a Tour of duty and was enrolled under Cap'n James McNight [James McKnight?] Leutenant Latune. was then marched to Lancaster Town where they remained some days dureing which time he volenteered with others to rout a body of Tories which had collected in a swamp not far distant from Lancaster Town and marched under his s'd Lutenant Laturn. took said Tories brot them to Lancaster and lodged them in Jaol at that place he states that he joined Colonel Elders [Robert Elder's] Regement at Lancaster, and was placed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class in s'd Regement, was marched on toward Philadelphia within some miles of the lower ferry on the Schuylkill on the road leading from Chester to Philadelphia, which ferry the British were in possession of & were also in possession of Philadelphia that winter and built a Bridge across the River at s'd ferry dureing s'd winter was then marched across the Schuylkill to the crooked Billet [Crooked Billet Tavern at present Hatboro PA], where we joined General Stephens Brigaid [sic: Adam Stephen's brigade]. We were then ordered to march down to Philadelphia which was done and we fired on the British at s'd place and returned to the Crooked Billet, where he was discharged by his said Cap'n McRight for a two months Tour which he faithfully performed. he states that immediately after and before he got home he substituted in the place of Thomas Fineys place to serve a two months Tour and Joined the army at the same place where he was discharged and was placed under Colonel John Rogers and Cap'n William Leard [William Laird?] and remained at s'd Crooked Billet until discharge after having served two months. he was discharged by his said Cap'n William Leard and returned home to Lancaster County Pensylvania. he states that early in the Spring of 1778 as well as he now recollects he moved with his fathers family to Augusta County Virginia and in the year 1781 in the winter of s'd year or the latter part of the year 1780 he was drafted in s'd County of Augusta Virginia and enrolled under Cap'n John Cunningham of s'd County and Joined Colonel Mathuses [sic: Sampson Mathews] Regemet in said County and was marched and Joined General Mulenberghs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] army in Virginia. was marched to Suffolk low down in Virginia on nansamand [sic: Nansemond] River, where he valenteered with five hundred others under his said Cap'n John Cunnigham & Colonel [Thomas] Posey who was a Colonel of the Regular Army to dislodge a body of the British said to be five hundred in number who were encamped some miles below Suffolk he performed said Tour of duty the British retreated previous to our arival at their place of encampment. he was then marched back to Camp Carson [near Dismal Swamp] where he remained some time and when he was again placed under his said Colonel Mathes from which place he was marched with his Regement and joined General Mulenburghs army below Seffolk where he remained untill discharged by his s'd Cap'n Cunningham after having been in actual service three months in marching to and from the above places – before he got home he was altogether out s'd Tour three months and three weeks. He states that in the fall of 1781 he was drafted in Augusta County Va for to perform a three month Tour of duty. enrolled under Cap'n James Bell in s'd County. was marched and joined Colon. Lewis [probably Samuel Lewis] in Virginia, was marched across to the south side of James River was marched back recrossed s'd River at old James Town in the French Boats was then marched below Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] where he joined General Mulensburgh army. where this declairant got cripled by a fall had to go to his hospittle

for some days when he recovered he was discharged by the Doctor at the s'd hospittle for a three months Tour which he faithfully performed. he states that he got a written discharges for the four several Tours of duty as above stated which discharges have been casually lost that he served in the said four several Tours in the war of the Revolution ten months and three weeks – he states that there is no resadent minister of the gospel in his neighbourhood where he resides who can testify to the facts put in the directions prescribed by the War Department. that he has no documentary [undeciphered word] and he knows of no person who can testify to his services

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Robert hisXmark Henry