

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Massey S1919

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this 29th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the undersigned Justices of the Peace holding the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Wilson at the September Term A.D. 1832 and which is now sitting Henry Massey a resident of the County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee aged seventy-six years and eleven months having been born according to the family Register on the 25th day of October 1755 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 -- Deponent was drafted and entered the service of the United States under Capt. Daniel Sanders in the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina about the first of July 1780 -- he belonged to the militia of mounted men (furnishing their own horse, arms &c) they rendezvoused at Hillsboro in Orange County North Carolina and were placed under the command of General John Butler -- (General of the horse) and William Moore their acting Col. They marched into South Carolina where they joined the Main Army under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates]. Deponent was engaged in the Skirmish which took place in the night of the 15th of August 1780 between the American and British armies -- on the morning of the 16th day of the general engagement [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]<sup>1</sup> deponent went under the Command of Capt. Sanders who was with his company was ordered to Rugeley's Mill to protect the Baggage Wagons and was therefore not in the general engagement, after Gates defeat Capt. Sanders' company marched back to Wake County there remained a few days rendezvoused again at Hillsboro and marched out to a place known by the name of Six Mile Creek in Mecklenburg County North Carolina where General Smallwood [William Smallwood] was stationed. Deponent remained there until he was regularly discharged which took place on the 6th of November 1780 as will more fully appear by his discharge marked A and herewith annexed -- in this tour of duty deponent was engaged in actual service four months which was one month more than his troop was called out for but as the Tories were exceedingly troublesome in that quarter it was deemed most advisable by the commanding officer to detain them a month over their tour of duty to which Capt. Sanders and his whole company readily consented. On the 8th of November 1780 two days after discharge of Deponent as above alluded to he substituted in place of one Samuel Dukes for the remainder of his term of service of fifty days and was discharged on the 25th of December 1780

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

after serving fifty days as appears from the annexed discharge marked B. The deponent then returned home in Wake County North Carolina where he was drafted in the month of June 1781 to guard the General Assembly -- of that State then in session he served on this tour of duty for six weeks and hired a substitute for the balance of his time making up a tour of three months; in the latter part of August 1781 or the first of September Deponent volunteered under Lewis Bledsoe a Capt. in the militia for three months, Deponent furnished his own horse sword and gun in consideration of which a two months' tour in the cavalry was held equal to a three months tour on foot -- deponent served out this time and was discharged for three months service -- which discharge he has long since lost or mislaid -- he thinks he will however be able to prove this tour of service by Isham Beasley<sup>2</sup> who was with him in the Army at that time and likewise by Solomon Rodgers who likewise served this tour of duty with him -- was born and raised in the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina where he resided until he moved to Wilson County in Tennessee about thirteen years ago where he has resided ever since -- Declarant further states that he volunteered in the early part of the year 1780 for a tour of three months under Capt. Lewis Bledsoe, William Moore acted as Col. and General Butler commanded the Brigade -- this service was in the Cavalry in pursuit of the Tories pursuing them from point to point which was of three months he served out and was discharged -- he omitted to give in his tours of service to the draftsman in the regular order in which they were performed -- but trust it will not prove prejudicial to his claim that they are irregularly stated -- Solomon Rodgers saw him while on this tour of service -- he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present -- that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State in the United States.

Sworn to in open court 29th September 1832

Test: S/ Josiah S. McClain, Clerk

S/ Henry Massey



Solomon Rodgers<sup>3</sup> aged sixty-seven years a resident of Wilson County has known the applicant Henry Massey for more than fifty years they were both born and raised in Wake County North Carolina and he hereby certifies that he saw said applicant while in service in the early part of 1780 under the command of Capt. Lewis Bledsoe going into Chatham and other Counties in pursuit of the Tories -- he served a tour of three months with said Massey in the year 1781 under Capt. Lewis Bledsoe of the militia of mounted men -- Witness saw said Massey while he was one of the guard that was drafted to guard the General Assembly of North Carolina then in session in the year 1781-- witness has read the Declaration of the applicant from his knowledge of the services performed by said applicant -- and from the character of said applicant for truth and honesty he has no doubt but that he rendered the services as stated therein said applicant he believes is of the age stated in his declaration and is a Citizen of Wilson County.

Sworn to in Open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ So. Rogers

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<sup>2</sup> [Isham Beasley S1943](#)

<sup>3</sup> I could not find an application for a federal pension filed by anyone named Solomon Rogers or Rodgers who claimed to have served in NC or elsewhere.



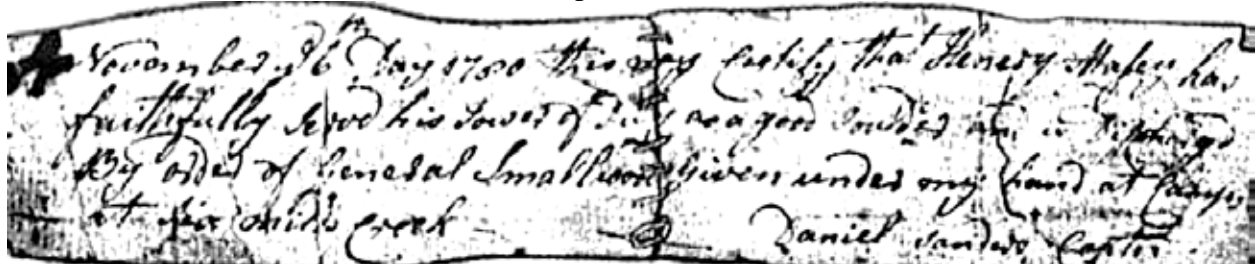
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[William Martin gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[David C Hibbitts, James Foster and Benjamin H Billings, all JPs, gave their opinion that the service claimed by the veteran was actually performed by him.]

"November 26<sup>th</sup> Day 1780 this will [?] Certify that Henry Massey has faithfully Sev'd his Tower of Duty as a good Souldier and is Discharged By order of General Smallwood. Given under my hand at Camps at Six Mile Creek.

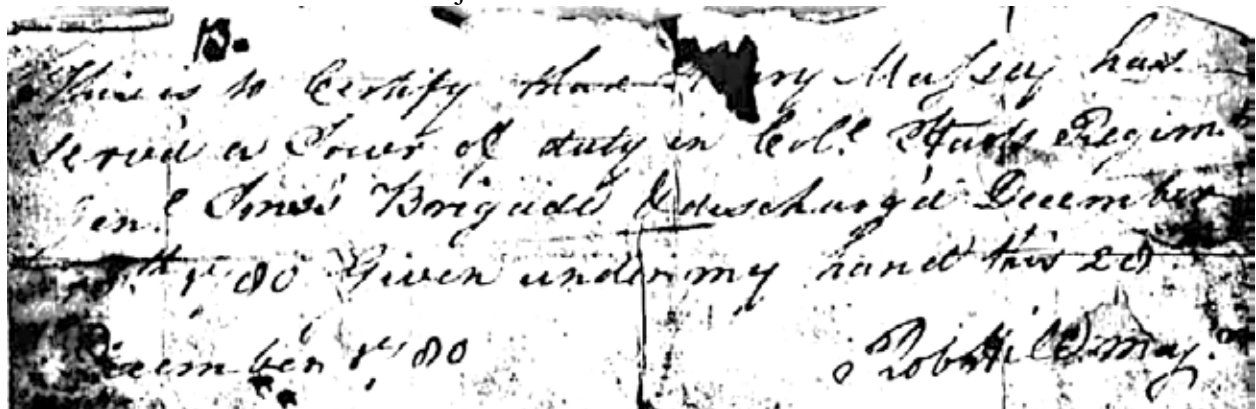
S/ Daniel Sanders, Capt."



November 26<sup>th</sup> Day 1780 this will certify that Henry Massey has faithfully served his Tower of Duty as a good Soldier and is Discharged By order of General Smallwood Given under my hand at Camps at Six Mile Creek Daniel Sanders Capt.

"This is to Certify that Henry Massey has served a Tower of duty in Col. Harts Regiment Genl. Jones Brigade Discharged December 25<sup>th</sup> [?] 1780. Given under my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> December 1780

Rob Hill Major"



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.16 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina militia