

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Henry S2287

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State of Tennessee Robertson County: SS

David Henry aged seventy-nine years old personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Robertson at their August Session 1832 being the 15<sup>th</sup> day of said month being a resident citizen of said County who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832 for the benefit of officers & soldiers of the Revolution, to wit, that he was born in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia and entered the service of the United States in the spring of 1777 as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain John Donelson [John Donaldson, Dollison] for a term of duty of six months and marched from Pittsylvania & joined the command of Colonel Evan Shelby and continued in service for some months until after the making of the treaty of Holston in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in the state of Georgia & what is now called the State of Tennessee and continued in service for some months until the making of the treaty of Holston, when he was marched back home & dismissed but that he is unable to specify the precise time he served but believes that nearly the whole time for which he entered the service had elapsed before his discharge – that afterwards in the beginning of the year 1778 he again volunteered his service for a period of time not now recollected to go a tour of duty to the Illinois under the command of Captain Thomas Dilliard,<sup>1</sup> that he does not recollect the precise time of their marching from Pittsylvania but recollects that early in the month of March in the year 1778, the company reached a place on the Kentucky River then called Boonesborough & remained there some time & went to the falls of the Ohio, which they reached the latter part of June & then descended the Ohio below the mouth of the Tennessee River & left their boats & marched across the country to the junction of the Rivers Kaskaskia & Mississippi, where there was a little town in the possession of the British called then the Oakhaw [Cahokia?] town & after having captured the place [Kaskaskia, June 28-29, 1778] & taken them all prisoners we returned to the falls of the Ohio & brought with us the commander of the Fort [Fort Gage] whose name I believe was Roseblock [Philippe-Francois de Rastel de Rocheblave]

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<sup>1</sup> Perhaps confused with Capt. John Dillard of Pittsylvania County Virginia

& shortly thereafter returned home & was dismissed in the fall of the year. I recollect there was frost before we reached home and Captain Dilliard resigned his commission before reaching the falls of the Ohio & we were placed in the company of Captain Montgomery – that he believes he received a written discharge from both the Campaigns but not believing them of any benefit to him after he reached home, they have been lost or destroyed – that he acted in both companies as an orderly Sergeant – that his brother Hugh Henry, who was a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Donelson in the Holston Campaign left home with him & was in company with him during both the campaigns & returned with him & is the only person now living within his knowledge who can prove the performance of his services in his affidavit does not accompany this application because of his inability to attend the Court to be examined, but that his declaration made before Henry Frey Esquire & duly sworn to contains proof of his services & which the applicant supposes will be before the department to which they are requested to refer – that in the year 1780 they both removed to what is now called the State of Tennessee & have ever since resided in it & in the same neighborhood except a short time they resided in Kentucky – he has no written evidence by which he can prove any of his services – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.  
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year above written.

S/ David Henry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Henry". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Richard Pepper, a clergyman, and James Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County:

This day being the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 David Henry a resident citizen in the County & State aforesaid being first duly sworn before Meredith Walton a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid at the home of Major Hugh Henry doth on his oath make the following declaration in order in addition to his original declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 to obtain a pension he states (in addition to his original declaration which [several words too faint to discern] that he was born in the year 1753 in Pittsylvania County Virginia, he states that as regards his first tour of service mentioned in his original declaration that he cannot by reason of old age & loss of memory swear positively to the length of his service but from the best of his recollection he served not less than six months under the officers in his original stated and in addition thereto states that there were in the same campaign Captain Witcher and Bluford, who were militia, and in the second tower [tour] of duty mentioned in his original declaration he served not less than seven months and in both towers he served as Sergeant he here presents this discharge of Isaac Henry his brother who is now dead which was found amongst his brothers Hugh Henry's papers who served the same towers & discharged at the same time which is in the words and figures as follows, to wit  
"August 29<sup>th</sup> 1778

This is to Certify that Isaac Henry have [sic] lawfully served out called [word too faint to discern] Clark's Expedition to the Illinois & are discharged at his own request.

S/ John Montgomery Captain

Col. [words too faint to discern] was our Commander in our Second tower of duty in the Regiment in which [words too faint to discern] but cannot say positively whether he was a Regular or militia officer. Captain Holmes [?] belonged to the same Regiment [words too faint

to discern for several lines] he states that they resides in his present neighborhood Doctor Martin Walton, Meredith Walton Esquire, [name too faint to discern], Esq. James [name too faint to discern], John Cone, Thomas Woodard, Arthur Pitt & others were it necessary to [word too faint to discern] them who can testify to the character and veracity of this applicant and as to his [words too faint to discern], for the aforesaid services the applicant claims a pension.

S/ David Henry

State of Tennessee Robertson County SS

Major Hugh Henry<sup>2</sup> a Citizen of this County aforesaid personally appeared before me Meredith Walton a Justice of the peace for said County and after being first duly sworn (at his own house) states that he is eighty-two years of age that he is the brother of David Henry the applicant – [several words too faint to discern] his original declaration to which this is appended for a pension that he entered the Army in both the Campaigns mentioned therein & served with him and was discharged with him and that the statements therein contained are true to the best of his recollection & belief

S/ Hugh Henry, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for 6 months service in the Virginia service as a private and 7 months service as a Sergeant.]

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S2611