

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Halsey S2597

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State of North Carolina Chowan County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this 18th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the County of Chowan now sitting Henry Halsey a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 & served as herein stated viz. That he was drafted in the year '77 or '78 by Captain Thomas Hunter and proceeded on his march from the County of Chowan to the village of Kingston [Kinston] in this State where our Captain James Roberts took charge of the Company & John Walton of Chowan was its 1st Lieutenant – that under the command of these officers he joined the Southern division of the Army at headquarters in Augusta (Georgia) the North Carolina militia being commanded by General Ashe [John Ashe] that he was attached to the first Regiment of the North Carolina militia under the command of Colonel Solomon Perkins Camden County North Carolina – that a short time after he joined the main Army General Ashe in a line of march to join General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was attacked by the enemy at Briar Creek Georgia [March 3, 1779]<sup>1</sup> where we were discomfited and had to make our retreat in[to] South Carolina – that the claimant served in this engagement under the officers above named – that it occurred on the \_\_ day of March in the year \_\_ – that one Colonel John P Williams [John Pugh Williams] of Bertie (North Carolina) commanded a Regiment under General Ashe and acted bravely in this contest, & narrowly escaped being taken by the enemy – that General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] commanded the Continental troops at the time this claimant served under General Ashe – that in going to Augusta from North Carolina the company to which claimant was attached encamped two days near Charleston – that he was regularly discharged and immediately returned home after an absence in the service of his Country of more than six months.

This claimant further states that about 12 months after his return from the Southern Campaign, he was drafted by Captain Will. Skinner [William Skinner], that he joined at Edenton North Carolina the Company of Captain Richard Hewett of Tyrrell County North Carolina Joseph Whidbee [Joseph Whidby] of Edenton being first Lieutenant, whence he proceeded to the North West River Bridge in Virginia where he was attached to the Regiment of Colonel James

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<sup>1</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

Blount under the command of General Gregory [Isaac Gregory] – he remained at this station for three months until he was regularly discharged – this claimant has no documentary evidence to support the facts above stated.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Agency of the Pension Roll of any State.

Questions propounded to the applicant by the Court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: In the County of Chowan & in the year 1757

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Ans: No

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: In the County of Chowan, where I have resided ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Ans: Drafted

5<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I did, but it is lost.

6<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans: General Richard F Brownrigg, Exum Simpson & Will: Walton, Esquire  
We William Ford<sup>2</sup> & Malachi Halsey<sup>3</sup> citizens of the County of Chowan do certify and depose that Henry Halsey was drafted and served in company with us as above stated.

S/ William Ford, X his mark

S/ Malachi Halsey, X his mark

Sworn to and acknowledged in open Court the day above written.

Test: S/ Edward Hoskins, Clerk

The above statement & declaration of Henry Halsey was sworn to and his signature made in open court the day and year above written.

Test: S/ Edward Hoskins, Clerk                      S/ Henry Halsey, X his mark

[Zachary Evans & Thomas V. Hathaway, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Chowan County

The amended declaration of Henry Halsey as taken before Joseph Manning Esquire one of the Justices of the peace in & for the County of Chowan.

The applicant being sworn on the Holy Gospels of Almighty God deposeseth & saith That he was drafted in the month of November 1778 to go to the South as previously stated that he served in the Southern Campaign three months and that from the period of drafting until he reached home embraced a time of five months – that he was regularly discharged, but that he is old & is illiterate and does not recollect the name of the officer. That in the month of November 1780 he was drafted to go to Virginia as before stated, that he there served three months & was discharged by Lieutenant Joseph Whidbee. This affiant further states that not esteeming these discharges of much value they have been either lost or destroyed.

Test: S/ Joseph Manning

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<sup>2</sup> [William Ford S2558](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Malachi Halsey S2598](#)

S/ Thomas Halsey, X his mark

Sworn to before made this night day of April A.D. 1833

S/ Joseph Manning, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]