

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Law: S31196

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State of Kentucky Russel [sic: Russell] County Sct

September Term 1833

On this 15th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful County Court of Russel County State of Kentucky now sitting Henry Law a resident of the County of Russel of said State of Kentucky age 74 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 7th June 1832

That in the Early Part of the year 1781 in Henry County State of virginia he volunteered as a private malitia man for one month in Capt Thomas Smiths Company he immediately entered the service of the United States under the Command of his said Capt and was march'd on and joined to Colo. [Abram] Penn's Regiment marched on to Dan River where it was expected Cornwallis was, when they got there Cornwallis was gone he remained in service one month the time he volunteered for and was discharged tho took no written discharge he joined no regular troops in this tour soon after his return home he was drafted for three months and immediately entered the service as a drafted private malitiaman in the Company Commanded by Capt George Heaston [sic] and was immediately marched on and joined Colo [Henry] Lee Regiment and marched on to Santee River [in SC] where they took three forts from the enemy and having serv'd his full Term of three months was Honorably discharged by his Capt which discharge he herewith presents bearing date 28th June 1781 he was in no other engagement in the afs'd tour he was a while with General [Francis] Marion. Shortly after his return home he was again drafted as a private malitiaman and entered immediately into the service of the United States in the Company commanded by Capt Hill when he was marched on and joined to Colo. Penns regmt having marched to several places through virg'a finally on to little york where he remained untill the final surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] about which time his Term fully expired and was on the 21st October 1781 Honorably discharged by his Capt which is herewith presented, and attached he states that he has not at this time a recollection of the names of the lieuts or Ensigns in Either of the afs'd tours he states positively that he served in the army of the untied states in the revolution as a private that he was in the periods above stated towit in the first tour one month and in the 2 & 3^d 3 months each making in all seven months and all of which was done and performed in a corps called into service by competent Authority that he was in the field or in garrison and for the time for which the services was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit and for which Service he claims a pension and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

1st where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Hanover County state of virginia on the fourth day of january one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine agreeable to the information of my parents which I believe to be true

2^d have you any record of your age if so where is it

Ans'r. I have one now at home in my Bible.

3 where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I lived in Henry County State of virginia when I was called into service and continued to live at the same place untill the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen (tho by division of counties I lived in Franklin County [formed in 1786]) in the last mentioned year when I moved to Kentucky and settled in Green County where I remained untill about two years ago when I moved to and settled in Russel county state of Kentucky where I now live

4 How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer the first tour of one month I was a volunteer the second and third tours of three month each I was Drafted as a private militiaman I never was a substitute for any person
5 State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served and the continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstance of your service

I was a while with Gen'l Marion Colo [Robert] Lawson General Washington at Little York Colo. Penn Lee & many others The general circumstances of my services I have stated before

6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ans'r for the first tour I rec'd no written discharge for the second and third I Rec'd written discharges signed by my Captains and I now have them and will attach them to this my declaration which I have before mentioned and I also solemnly state and swear they are genuine and that I am the identical person therein named and to whom they were given

7 State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans'r. I am acquainted with the rev'd John Lane & Franklin Stephens and Benjamin Bowling & Thomas Shaw tho my acquaintances here is but limited not having resided in this neighbourhood long but believe all who know me would think well of me I have no documentary evidence of my services except the discharges before referred to and herewith annexed nor do I know of any person whose Testimony I can procure who can testify as to my services subscrib'd and sworn to in open court the day & year afs'd

[signed] Henry Law

1781 June 28th I hereby Discharge Henry Law a soldier in my Company of Militia ordered from the [illegible word] of Henry Cty to the southward & has faithfully served a Tower of Duty
Geo. Hairston Capt

Head Quarters before York Town Oct. 21st. 1781

Henry Law a Soldier in my Company of Militia from Henry County having served his Tower of duty, is hereby discharged by Order of General Lawson
Swinfield Hill Capt