

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Pickett S31304

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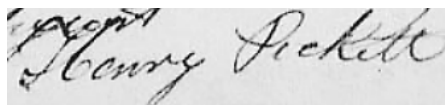
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State of Kentucky, Hickman County Sct.

On this 10th day of May, 1833, personally appeared in Open Court before the undersigned acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County which Justices regularly constitute the County Court aforesaid, Henry Pickett a resident of said County and State aged 75 years old since the 18th day of March 1833, who being duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th, 1832.

That he entered the servis [sic, service] of the United States under the following named officers (to wit) Capt. John Lopp, John Wilson Lieut., Boyd McCrary Ensign, Lewis Bayard [sic, Lewis Boyd ?] Major, Col. Lock [sic, Francis Locke] Gen Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]. Was mustered in to service in Salisbury, Roan [sic, Rowan] County State of North Carolina - this declarant thinks about the 1st of June, 1779, but owing to old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear with precision; was drafted; joined no Regular Army; served a tower [sic, tour] of three months and returned holm [sic, home] and was discharged. We frequently had inconsiderable engagements and scrimages [scrimmages] with the Tories on the waters of the Deep River and Raft Swamp and Huwary [sic, Uwharrie?] Creek in the State of North and part of the State of South Carolina. Again he entered in to the service of the United States he thinks about the 15th of Sept., 1779, under the following named officers to wit Captain Neil McCrary, the other company officers – Major Hadly [sic, Hadley?], Col. Gibson. Volunteered in Brumqic [sic, Brunswick ?] County on the waters of Cross Creek, the lower part of North Carolina. Volunteered for 3 months; was ingaged [sic, engaged] part of the time in wagoning provisions for the army and driving cattle and taking care of the same for the army - was discharged at Sprout's Ferry - again entered the service of the United States early in the month of August in the year 1780, he thinks, but owing to old age and lost of memory he cannot be positive as for time. Under the following named officers (to wit) Capt. John Lopp, Boyd McCrary Ensign, John Wilson Lieut., Lewis Boyd Major. Joined Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] but did not reach at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780]. We was mustered into service in Wilks [sic, Wilkes] County, State of North Carolina and was mustered out at said Wilkes court house after a tour of three months. In this campaign was at the battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780]. Has no documentary evidence of his service having had all his discharges burnt or lost. He hereby relinquishes all and any claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension agency of any state or territory of the United States. Given under my hand the 8th day of August.

S/ Henry Pickett



1. question by the court: where and in what year was you? - Answer I was born in the year 1758 in Brunswick County State of North Carolina.

"2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? - Answer: I have no record of my age. All I know is the account received by my parents.

3. Where was you living when called into service? Where have you lived since, and where do you now live? - Answer: I was living in Rowan County, State of North Carolina when I was called into the service. I remained there some time after the war. I then moved to Barren County State of Kentucky and lived there twelve years, and I then moved to Hickman County State of Tennessee. I then moved to Wain [sic, Wayne] County Kentucky; from there I moved where I now live.

4th How was you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or was you a substitute; and if a substitute, for whom? - - Answer: I was a volunteer every time but one, and then I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served and such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of the campaign Answer: The body of this declaration states the outline of the campaigns that I served - and the length of time that has lapsed since I served; the many incidents that took place, and to detail them in the manner that they occurred is almost impossible. I saw General Gates [Horatio Gates] some time before the battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] but was detached by the order of Gen Gates or Col. Locke; that is say Capt. Lopp's company which I belong to; and we reconnoitered and watched the enemy on the waters of Deep River &c. We was detached before Col. Locke's Regiment joined Gates &c. On the 2nd campaign, I think it was the 2nd campaign we had collected supplies for the American army, under the command of Maj. Hadley and Capt. McCrany consisting of pickled beef and pork &c which was deposited on the Cape Fear River; the British army came on in advance of the Americans. We fired a few rounds at the British across the river; but owing to our members being so few, we set fire to the provisions and all the military stores we had, and then retreated to Sprout's Ferry - on said river. On the 3rd campaign we did not join Col. Cleveland until after the battle of King's Mountain. We as then ordered home by him; and afterwards until the end of the war I was always in readiness. Some times 3 weeks, some times not more than this many days, but this declarant says he is certain that at these detached times, he served at least 3 months more than is stated in the body of this declaration.

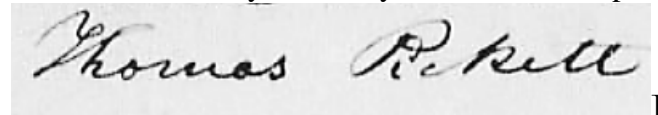
6th Did you receive a discharge; and if so, what has become of it, and who was it signed by? - Answer: I was discharged by my captains, but they have all been burned up in my son's house all but one, and that one is lost or mislaid.

7th State the names of some of the persons to whom you are acquainted and known to in your present neighborhood who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution. - Answer: John E. Anderson, Daniel Mosby and William B. Cook and James Watson and Lewis Huey who now reside in this county who new me in Rowan County State of North Carolina during the Revolutionary War and since, and the said Lewis Huey knows me to be a soldier of the Revolution. But living in a neighborhood where no Clergyman resides he can not get any Clergyman because they do not know him to certify to his veracity; but all the rest of the above named gentlemen can testify &c.

[John E. Anderson and William B. Cook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: In a letter dated April 5, 1854 sent from Blandville Kentucky, Thomas Pickett requested the Commissioner of Pensions to send him the forms and instructions necessary to obtain the

balance of the pension due Henry Pickett, now deceased; that Henry Pickett died in Ballard County Kentucky in 1841: that Henry Pickett was in the habit of drawing his pension at Clinton in Hickman County Kentucky. The relationship of Thomas Pickett to the veteran is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Pickett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first name "Thomas" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Pickett". The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border, with a closing bracket "]" at the bottom right corner of the border.

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