

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Lentz S31815

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State of Alabama Limestone County: Set

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting Henry Lentz a resident of Limestone County and State of Alabama 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 as a volunteer under the following named officers to wit General Richardson Colonel Thomas Polk Major __ Harris Captain John Phipher [sic, John Phifer] Lieutenant George Reese among the first volunteers from North Carolina that entered the revolutionary War sometime in October 1775 & discharged the first day of January following a Captain John Phifer's house.

Two years after he entered the service again as a volunteer in the service of the United States under the following named officers to wit General Griffith Rutherford Colonel George Henry Barrin [?]¹ Major John Lopp Captain John Lippard Ensign Jacob Yost Lieutenant Coonrad Heis [sic?]. He entered the service the first of October & was regularly discharged in December following.

He entered the service of the United States the third time as a volunteer the next March following as orderly Sergeant under the following named officers to wit General Butler [John Butler] Colonel Joseph McDowell Captain James Bare who was afterwards promoted to Major Lieutenant James Benson who was afterwards promoted to Captain Ensign William Queery [?] who fell in the battle of Stono in the State of ~~South Carolina~~ Georgia [sic, South Carolina]. That he was in the battle of Stono and commanded having been promoted to Captain and was regularly discharged as such the 20th day of July following.

That he entered the service of the United States a fourth time as orderly Sergeant under the following named Officers to wit General Griffith Rutherford, Colonel William Loftin, Major West Harris, Captain Dred Harris, Lieutenant Arthur Harris, Ensign Barton Harman [?] on the __ day of August 1781 & discharged the 26th day of October 1781 during all 3 of the first

¹ In other applications on this database this man's last name is spelled variously as: Bunyon, Bunyan, Banyon, Barrier, Bargaen, Baringer.

campaigns he was a resident of Mecklenburg County NC & the last time he was a resident of Montgomery County in the State of North Carolina. The three first discharges were destroyed by fire by the Tories in the year 1779 & the last is lost or mislaid by accident & that he has no written evidence of his said services but can prove the last services by Joel Hill². That he marched in the States of North Carolina South Carolina & Georgia. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State or Territory

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: In the State of South Carolina & Union District in the year 1753.

Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer I have not.

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer. During the first three campaigns I resided in Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina. During the last Campaign I lived in Montgomery County from there after war I went to Rowan County North Carolina from thence to Lincoln County North Carolina from thence to Buncombe County North Carolina from thence to Blount County State of Tennessee from thence to Madison County Alabama from thence to Limestone County Alabama where I now reside.

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

Answer. I volunteered each time

State the names of some of the A regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service?

William Little was Colonel in the regular service & Micajah Lewis was Major & fell in the battle of Stono & John Armstrong was Major in the regular service. I was in no battle except at Stono & was wounded in the thigh during the last campaign we were in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis & before we met with his Army a message came that he was defeated & I was then discharged according to law

Did you ever receive a ~~commission~~ discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Answer I did receive the first discharge by Captain John Phifer the 2nd by Captain John Lippard the 3rd by Major James Bare [? Barr, Bard?], the 4th by Captain Dred Harris: the 3 first were destroyed by fire & the last lost by accident

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify to your character for veracity & good behavior your services as a soldier of the revolution
Joel Halbert, James Craig & Joel Hill

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Fra. H. Ford, Clk

S/ Henry Lentz

[William D. Bryant, a clergyman, and Ephraim Moss gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Limestone County

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the County Court of said County of Limestone in the State aforesaid, now sitting Henry Lentz aged

² [Joel Hill W23288](#). I could not find it the supporting affidavit of Joel Hill in this file.

eighty years, a resident of said County of Limestone who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional Declaration to the Declaration heretofore made by him before the Circuit Court of said County of Limestone on the 10th of September 1832, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That it was on the first of October 1775 he entered the service of the United States as stated in said Declaration to which this is an amendment. That he volunteered & joined the Company of the North Carolina militia commanded by said John Phipper or Fifer & was marched under him against the Cherokee Indians on the head of Tygo [sic, Tyger?] River in South Carolina where they defeated the Indians & captured Colonel Brown who commanded them. That he served on this campaign four months as a private in said Troops under the command of General Richardson. That on the first day of October 1778 he joined the North Carolina Militia under the command of General Griffith Rutherford as a private & a volunteer in the Campaign commanded by Captain John Lippard & was marched with said Troops against the Hiwassee towns of the Cherokee Indians that they had some skirmishing with the Indians & Tories & broke up their Towns. That he served two months & twenty days in this expedition. That on the first day of March 1779 -- he entered as a Sergeant & a volunteer in the said company commanded by Captain James Barr & that he was marched with the troops under General Butler & joined the Main Army under General Lincoln & was at the Battle of Stono, at which place his Captain & Lieutenant being wounded he took temporary command of the company which he retained until he was discharged on the 20th of July 1779 & that he served on this campaign four months & twenty days. That on the first day of August 1781 -- he joined the said North Carolina Militia as orderly Sergeant & a volunteer in the said Company commanded by Captain Dred Harris & was marched with the troops under the command of General Griffith Rutherford in pursuit of the enemy under Lord Cornwallis -- & was regularly discharged the 26th of October 1781. That in addition to the affidavit of Joel Hill he can prove his said services by Benjamin Lentz whose affidavits he now has, but who is mistaken in saying that he served twenty-one months that he was in actual service fourteen months & six days as aforesaid --

That it is erroneously stated in his former Declaration that he was seventy-five years old, his true age is eighty years last February. That he prays that this may be taken as his amendment to the declaration above.

S/ Henry Lentz

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State of Tennessee Bedford County: This day Benjamin Lentz³ aged about seventy-seven years appeared before me George Davidson an acting Justice of the peace for said County & made oath that he is well acquainted with Henry Lentz of Limestone County & State of Alabama & thinks him to be about eighty-three years of age & knows of his being in the revolution war the first Expedition was against the Cherokee Indians about a six months Tower under Captain Fifer he then lived in North Carolina Mecklenburg County the next tower he went was from Roan [Rowan] County under Captain James Barr about nine or twelve months & was attached under General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] the next was a six months tower under Captain Dred Harris Colonel Lofton Regiment called the Wilmington Expedition commanded by General Rutherford making in all about twenty-one months or upwards. These facts I know for I saw him mustered into service.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 28th day of September 1832

³ [Benjamin Lentz W379](#)

S/ George Davidson, JP

S/ Ben Lence [sic]

[fn p. 7: On June 13, 1836 in Limestone County Alabama at the courthouse in the town of Athens, Sevelly Lentz [?], filed a power of attorney saying she was the wife and now widow of Henry Lentz deceased, a pensioner for his service in the revolution; that her husband died in Limestone County Alabama July 18th 1835; that he had lived in Limestone for the space of 17 years last past.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$59.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 7 months & 6 days service as a Sergeant and 7 months service as a private in the revolution.]