

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Henry Le Mountain (Lehberg) S32376

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State of Indiana County of Knox: SS

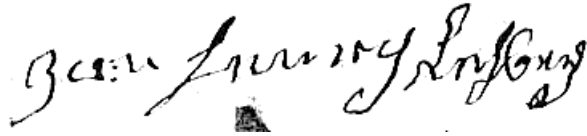
On this 25 day of August 1832, personally appeared before me, at my office in then sends State and County aforesaid, John Henry Le Mountain, and infirm old man, who states his age to be about seventy years; and although he has no record thereof, his appearance confirms that belief: said Le Mountain being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration – that early in the revolutionary contest, he enlisted in Berkeley County Virginia, under Captain C. Olem [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Captain Conway Oldham] of Colonel Gamble's [probably a mistaken attempt to name Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell] Regiment; that the company joined the Regiment under Colonel Gamble's command at Charlotte, and marched through the Carolinas, and joined the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene]; that he was in said company and Regiment at the battle at Guilford courthouse [March 15, 1781], where he well remembers the Lieutenant of his said company, Lieutenant Driblin,¹ formerly of Winchester, Virginia, was killed; that he was also in said company, and Regiment, at Ninety Six [May-June, 1781], Camden [probably the 2nd battle of Camden known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], and at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in which last mentioned battle, he was wounded, and Captain Olem and Colonel Gamble,² were killed; that after the battle at Eutaw Springs, his company aforesaid, and Regiment, collected, and mustered as many as appeared near Charleston, and there awaited the arrival of General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], after which the Regiment marched some distance towards home and were discharged; that he received a written discharge, after about eighteen months faithful services in said Regiment; but on his return to Berkeley County, aforesaid, he had not the said discharge in his possession, and believes he lost it when crossing a river in North Carolina, where many other men missed their discharges, and must have lost them also; that at the time of his discharge, there was 4 months pay due to him, which he has never yet received; that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service; that he has resided in different places, and different states since he quit Virginia; what has been and inhabitant of the Territory, and State of Indiana, for about 20 years past; that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present; and declares that he never applied until now, and that his name is not on the pension roll of the

¹ Another document in this file in refers to this officer as being Lieutenant Stribling

² Both Captain Conway Oldham and Lieutenant Colonel Richard Campbell died from wounds sustained at the battle of Eutaw Springs on September 8, 1781.

Agency of any State – that his name in German language is Jon Henryg Lehberg³ but in English always called Le Mountain.

S/ Jon Jnrnry Lnfburg



[Charles Brewer, formerly a resident of Berkeley County Virginia, gave the standard supporting affidavit. John Westly Allen gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana Knox County: Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid on this 19th August 1834 personally came Daniel Strother⁴ who upon being duly sworn according to law gave the following additional testimony as to the claim of John Henry La Mountain or Lehbert [sic] as a revolutionary soldier to a pension, viz. that he the said Strother was also a revolutionary soldier and served in the year 1780 that he was then personally acquainted with the said La Mountain or Lehbert, that La Mountain or Lehbert belonged and was a private in Colonel Lee's Regiment of Horse, that La Mountain or Lehbert to the best of his knowledge and belief enlisted on or about August or September 1780 and served until discharged, that La Mountain alias Lehbert was at the battle of Eutaw Springs and at Guilford Court house.

S/ Daniel Strother, X his mark

[p 7: On August 19, 1834 in Knox County Indiana George Le Mountain, son of John Henry Le Mountain gave a supporting affidavit saying that he has often heard his father say that that he belonged to Colonel Lee's Horse and served 18 months. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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Protumna [?] near Martinsburg March 10th, 1834

Dear Sir

I received your letter of the 7th instant this morning, and hastened to reply to it – I am always highly gratified, and in my power, to assist an old soldier – Similar inquiries to those in your letter are frequently making, to me, from there he is quarters, as there are at this time existing, in the Shenandoah Valley, but three surviving Revolutionary Officers of the Virginia line, including myself.

John Henry Le Mountain – or John Henry Lehbert, was unknown to me, though the Officers alluded to were my personal friends, that he is Colonel Richard Campbell was a Citizen of Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Captain Conway Oldham & Lieutenant Stribling were Citizens of Berkeley, and my neighbors – they were killed ^{the first two} as Lehbert relates, at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs on the 8th of September 1781 and Lieutenant Stribling at Guilford Courthouse, Captain Oldham's Company was raised principally in the southwestern section of Berkeley County, & after I was made prisoner at the surrender of Fort Washington on York Island, on this day of November 1776, and was unfortunately detained a close prisoner four



⁴ [Daniel Strother R10275](#)

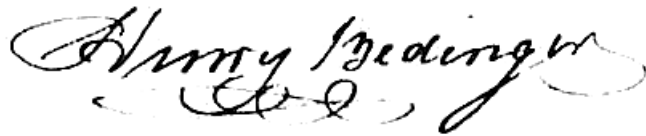
years, during which, many occurrences that transpired among troops of which I could have no personal knowledge, nor any but traditional information and although I rejoin the Virginia line as soon as I had recovered sufficient health and strength, I was not present at either of the Battles of Guilford or Utah, having been detached on separate service, all this deprive me in a great measure of any intimate or even a general acquaintance of my brother officers, & much more so of a knowledge of our Soldiers – I am very sorry I am unable to furnish any proof or corroboration to substantiate the claim of this poor old man to the liberality of his Country. Having incidentally stated my being captured by the British on the 16th of November 1776 and detained a prisoner of War 4 years Permit me to state I have had a claim pending before Congress about 12 years, for monthly pay due me as a Lieutenant before and while I was prisoner – without being able to have a hearing or decision upon the case, I served at the Siege of Boston in 1775 and thence continued to the end of the War, never received any regular monthly pay, was on Settlement with Mr. Dunscomb the Virginia Commissioner sent by Congress charged with monthly pay in paper money, during the whole term of my Captivity, which I never received, and if I had, a car load of it would not have purchased me one else of bread. My friend Colonel Lucas is now endeavoring to have me Justice done, will you be so good at a leisure moment to examine my claim?

Very respectfully your Obedient Servant

The Honorable

William Hendricks

S/ Henry Bedinger⁵

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Bedinger". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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State of Indiana County of Knox: SS

Personally appeared before me, John Collins, a justice of the Peace in and then sends County and State aforesaid, Daniel Strother, personally known to me as an old inhabitant of said town and County, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that when he identified John Henry Lamountain [sic] as an old soldier in the American service known to be so at Guilford, during the revolutionary war, before our last Circuit Court, he said Daniel could have stated in addition to his testimony 10 taken down in writing, and should have stated if inquiry had been made of him, the firm conviction on his the said Daniel's mind, that the said John Henry Lamountain was at Guilford and about a year afterwards at Salisbury, where witness was stationed, known as an enlisted soldier in and belonging to and serving with a Regiment of horsemen from Virginia commanded by Colonel Lee: that he, said witness, is fully confirmed in this belief, as said John Henry Lamountain when with a detachment of said Regiment of Horse at Salisbury, sometime after the battle at Eutaw Springs informed this witness of the fate of some of his particular acquaintances who belonged to the same Regiment, and witnessed verily believes it was in Colonel Lee's Regiment, the said John Henry Lamountain served.

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 9th day of November 1832

S/ John Collins, JP

S/ Daniel Strother, X his mark

⁵ [Henry Bedinger S8059](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]