

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Story S32537

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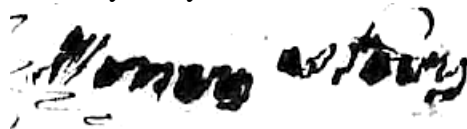
State of Alabama, Greene County

On this 20th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Anderson Crenshaw, judge of the circuit court of the County of Greene aforesaid, now sitting, Henry Story, a resident citizen of sick County of Greene, aged 75 years the first day of June last past, 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, A. D. 1832. That on the best information he can get he was born in the year 1757 on June the 21st in the state of South Carolina and in what is now termed Newberry district and that about the first of June or July 1776, a fortification was erected at his father's (George Story) in what is now termed Spartanburg District in the said State of South Carolina for the purpose of protecting and defending the whites against the massacres of the Indians. About the time said Fort was erected, this deponent states that at about the age of 16 or 17 years he volunteered as a private soldier under the command of Captain Robert Faris and served under him as such about one year, part of the time at the Fort at his father's, George Story's, sometimes on scouting parties and finally was marched to Jamison's Fort about 30 miles distant from the Story's Fort. After remaining there sometime, he was removed to the treaty at Seneca Old Town which was and what is now termed Pendleton District as well as he remembers, where he was discharged. The next service he entered was in the spring of 1778 as a volunteer under the command of Captain Matthew Patton, who belong to Colonel John Thomas' Regiment for the purpose of defending the whites from the Indians as aforesaid. He joined the service at Story's Fort where he first entered the service. From thence he, with the rest of the corps, were marched through South Carolina to the Oconee River and the state of Georgia near the place then called Phillips Old Fort in which neighborhood he remained until he was discharged, having served out the tour of two months and 10 days for which he entered. During the last service I acted in the capacity of Sergeant. In the early part of the spring of 1779, he entered the service as a wagoner under the command of Colonel Thomas Brandon and served in that capacity two months -- in the summer of 1779 (the same year) he volunteered as a private soldier and immediately attached himself to Capt. Blasingame's company in Major Travis' battalion and served about five weeks as orderly Sergeant, where the whole corps to which I belonged were discharged. In the latter part of November 1779 or first of December following, he volunteered as a private under the command of Lt. Means in the neighborhood of Story's Fort and marched to what was called the Ten Mile Branch, where he was attached to Captain John Thomas' company under the command of Colonel James Steen, where he was by Nicholas Curry (who was then issuing Commissary) appointed assistant

quartermaster and served in that capacity two months and 10 days when Colonel Brandon's which plus discharged. About the first of May 1780 he volunteered as a private soldier in Capt. Matthew Patton's company under the command of Col. Thomas Brandon & served from that time until the conclusion of the war as sergeant. He states that the battles or engagements of any consequence that he was in during the time of his service were the following: The Battle with the British & Tories at Musgrove's Mill [August 19, 1781] in South Carolina on the River called Enoree (spelled Inoree) under Colonels Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Clarke [Elijah Clarke]; at Ferguson's defeat at Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] under the command of Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Williams [James Williams] and Brandon; Also at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] on Tiger River under the command of Genl. Sumter (where the General received a wound in his shoulder); and at Col. Tarleton's [Banastre Tarleton's] defeat at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan]. This deponent further states that he was born in the state of South Carolina where you lived and remained a citizen of the same until the month of December 1817. He started to the state of Alabama and arrived at a place upon Canoe Creek, a branch of the Coosa River in said State of Alabama, on or about the 23rd day of January 1818, where he remained and made two crops, and in October 1820, he removed from the Canoe Creek to Greene County in the state of Alabama where he now lives and has lived ever since. He can prove actual service in the war by Col. Joseph Hughes¹ & Maj. Samuel Otterson.² He has a record of his age in the family Testament copied from a record kept by his Father in the family Bible. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Story



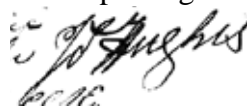
Attest: S/ James Yeates, Clerk

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Colonel Joseph Hughes being duly sworn in open court this 20 September 1832 deposeth & saith that he became acquainted with Henry Story, whose name appears to the above statement, at the Ten Mile Branch 10 miles from Charleston where said Story acted as quartermaster and has known him ever since. He states that he was in the engagements with said Story at Musgrove's mill, at Kings Mountain, at the Cowpens and he believes at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and that the said Story was in the service at other engagements and he believes that he was constantly in service from the fall of Charleston [May 12, 1780] til the conclusion of the war. He has no doubt but that he is the age he has presented himself to be and he believes him incapable of telling a lie and [is] fully worthy of belief.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Hughes



¹ [Joseph Hughes S31764](#)

² [Samuel Otterson S25344](#)

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Major Samuel Otterson being also duly sworn in open court saith that he has been intimately acquainted with Henry Story whose name is subscribed to the above application for a pension ever since said Story was a small boy and that he knows that he was in the revolutionary war and a good Whig in the service of the United States for several years, at least three or more years, but he was with him in the engagement at Blackstock's; he was with him in his father's Fort; at 10 mile branch and at many other places. That he has no doubt that his age is correctly stated and from his acquaintance with him he is fully convinced that his reputation for veracity is as good as that of any man. He in fact never heard it doubted.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Sam. Otterson



[Robert W B Kennedy, a clergyman, and Isaac C. Snedecor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

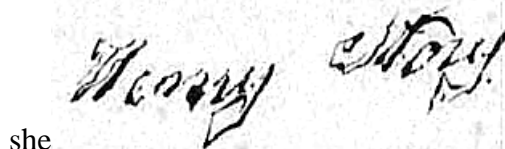
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The State of Alabama Greene County; To wit, Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Henry Story who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades: For three months I served as a private Soldier -- For two months I served as a wagoner, For two months and ten days I served as assistant quarter master, and I served three years and sixteen days as Orderly Sergeant and for which Service I claim a pension --:

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 27th day of May A.D. 1833

S/ H. L. Kinnon, JP

S/ Henry Story



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]