

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Varner S4701

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State of Tennessee, Green [sic, Greene] County

On this 21st day of May 1833 before me the subscriber one of the acting Justices of the peace personally appeared Henry Varner a citizen of said County & State aged 92 years who was first duly sworn by me, and in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of 7th June 1832 made & subscribed the following declaration on oath, that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and Served as herein stated to wit, that in the year 1780 in the Spring thereof (being a resident Citizen of the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] State of North Carolina) in the spring of said year this declarant volunteered to perform a tour of duty in the militia for three months enrolled under Captain Cox [Israel Cox] & rendezvoused at Salisbury – was under Colonel Lop¹ and was marched to come[?] against the Cherokee Indians & in a battle there and served out his three months for which he engaged, was discharged by Captain Cocks [Cox] and returned home.² On his return home he again enrolled himself as a volunteer under Captain Cocks, for a four months tour, was put under Colonel Lop, and marched to Cross Creek in the State of North Carolina and was in that vicinity until the expiration of the term, was in and out [of] engagements whilst on said campaign, at Cross Creek against the Tories, was discharged by Captain Cocks & returned home but has lost his discharge, that he served in the two tours seven months in the revolutionary war for which he claims a pension, that he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to establish the actual Service, but that John Love & Watson Dudley of his vicinity or persons known to him and by whom he can establish reputation of service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. That there are no resident minister is of the Gospel in his vicinity by whom he can establish the facts requested by the War Department and that from age and bodily infirmity is unable to attend the Court in order to have his claim made out therein that he was born in the City of Baltimore of Maryland in the year Seventeen hundred and forty four [?] could be five or some other number—it run off the page, should be 'one' if he was 92 years old when he made the declaration in 1833.]

S/ Henry Varner, X his mark



¹ Possibly a reference to then Capt. John Lopp who later served as colonel of the Rowan County militia At the time of the Cherokee Expedition of 1776, however, Lopp was a Captain in the Rowan militia regiment commanded by Col. Matthew Locke and Col. Francis Locke.

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

Sworn to & Subscribed before the undersigned a Justice of Greene County this 21st of May 1833.

Test: S/ Jacob Stephens

Justice of peace

Green County

[William Love and Watson Dudley gave the standard certificate of reputation for veracity, age and belief of service.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]