

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Henry Delap S6793

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North Carolina

Rockingham County

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1832 personally appeared in a Court of pleas and quarter sessions holding for the County of Rockingham aforesaid Henry Delap Senior a resident of said County of Rockingham aged ninety four years in June last, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the spring of the year 1781 when a draft of militia in the County of Henry State of Virginia Deponent who resided in said County substituted and took the place of one Josiah Carter who was drafted for three months, that he immediately went into the service under the Capt. Haman Krite [sic: Haman Critz] who lived in said County of Henry and was marched through Virginia to a place called the Mobbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] and from thence to Johnsons old fields where he remained until the expired tour of the three months service. that during this tour of duty he was detailed and principally engaged in butchering for the troops under Thomas Low [Thomas Lowe, pension application R6488] acting as Commissary. That in consequence of this service he was but little at the point of rendezvous nor can he recollect at this advanced age and distant period the officers in command at the point of encampment. That upon being discharged he returned home and was very soon drafted from the County of Henry for the term of three months That accordingly he went into the service under Capt Swinfield Hill of the County of Henry State of Virginia George Waller Major, James Callaway Colonel that he was marched under said Command immediately to little york where he remained in service until the surrender of the british Army under Lord Corn Walles [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] that as in the first tour of duty deponent was most generally employed in butchering for the troops under Thomas Low issuing Commissary. He is unable to state the precise day of his draft or marching for the enemy, but thinks it [two illegible words] been in the latter part of August. That upon the surrender of the British force at little York he was discharged and returned home on account of sickness. That in addition to the above periods of service he states that previous thereto upon a requisition of Col Abraham Penn of Henry Virginia he volunteered under one Capt. Brice Martin to go against the tores [Tories] said to be collected in considerable number at or near the Shallow ford in the Couny of Sury cal [sic: probably Shallow Ford of the Yadkin River about 10 mi W of present Winston-Salem, then in Surry County, now Yadkin County NC]. That upon the call for volunteers deponent was told by the Colonel that it should be in lieu of a regular tour of duty against the British when in Virginia that he accordingly marched under said Capt Martin under the command of Col. Penn That he marched to the Shallow ford in said County of Surry and from thence to the Hollows [The Hollow on the waters of Ararat River] in said County and from thence was marched back and discharged That he was in actual service about seven weeks, but is now unable to say what length of time he was engaged to serve or whether there was any particular limit[?] to the service. He states that he has no written or documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any one now living except Thomas Low by whom he can prove the same or any part thereof. He relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity but the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of any state whatever.

The following interrogatories are proposed by the Court to Henry Delap an applicant for a pension under the act of 1832

Where and in what year was you born

Answer I was born in the County of King George State of Virginia on Jun 12 1738.

Have you any record of your age?

Answer I have none but suppose a record was made of it in the parish when I was baptised in the said Couny of King George

Where were you living when called into the service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute.

Ansr. I was first a volunteer against the Tories was afterwards a substitute for Josiah Carter & on my last tour of service I was drafted & resided in the County of Henry State of Virginia. State the names of some of the regular officers who were in the troops where you served such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I am unable at my great age to recollect or answer particularly these enquiries. When at York Town he recollects seeing Genl. Washington & the Marquis Lafayette that on his first tour of duty in Virginia he recollects seeing Genl. Wayne and his troops in the act of crossing the river Pamunkey [sic: Anthony Wayne, Pamunkey River, Jun 1781]

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it. Answer. I received a written discharge from Joseph Michaux principal Commissary in both the tours performed by me in Virginia I having as herein before set forth been attached to that service under the immediate Command of the said Thomas Low issuing Commissary. I believe that Michaux was attached to Genl. Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] brigade of Virginia Militia - both these discharges have been lost and are not now to be obtained As to his service against the Tories he received no written discharge but was merely dismissed upon his return by his Colonel

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief as to your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Ansr. Thomas Low and Wilson S Hill together with most of my neighbours will testify to my character for veracity and their belief in my having served as a revolutionary soldier

Henry hisXmark Delap Sen

Thomas Low certifies that he was acquainted with Henry Delap Senior in the war of the revolution that he well recollects that said Delap acted under him as butcher for the troops during two tours of militia - that he well remembers his being in the service at the Mobbin Hill & at Yorktown as stated by him but the precise length of his service he does not recollect. and the said Thomas Low and Wilson Hill of Rockingham County certify they are well acquainted with the said Henry Delap Sen that they believe him to be of the age stated The he is regarded as a man of veracity & believed to have been a soldier of the revolution by his neighbours in which opinion we concur. [signed] Thomas [page torn] Wilson S Hill

[Capitalization partly corrected]

State of North Carolina }

Rockingham County } February 28 1833

Henry Delap Sen. the applicant for a pension in the foregoing declaration appeared before me Jno. J. Wright a Justice of the peace of said county and after being sworn agreeable to law States that he positively served the two three months tours of duty mentioned in the aforesaid declaration except two or three days That he was discharged on account of being sick and that he believes the tour of duty of seven weeks was rendered in the service after the Tories and to the best of his recollection he thinks this tour of duty was at least seven weeks and further states that there is no clergyman who lives in his neighbourhood who has any knowledge of his services as a revolutionary soldier and he has knowledge of no other person except Thos. Lowe Sen who has certified that he has given a true statement of his age in the aforesaid declaration and that he has no other evidence but that stated in the declaration aforesaid. and to the best of his recollection he believes he has given a true statement of his services as stated & mentioned in this affidavit and declaration

Henry hisXmark Delap

NOTE: A note on Delap's pension certificate indicates that he died 4 Mar 1833.