

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Henry

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[original spelling and punctuation retained]

A Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

State of North Carolina
Haywood County

Court of pleas and
quarter Session Dec term 1832

On this the 2 day of January AD 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions John Henery a resident of the County of Haywood and State aforesaid aged 76 years at the 15 day of April next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed the 7 of June 1832 I was living in the State of South Carolina in York district and entered the service of the United State[s] in the year that General Gat[e]s was defeated named [?] Camdon [Note: the battle of Camden was August 16, 1780, but the battle of Briar Creek related next was in March 1779.] I think that it was about two month before the battel that I joined the army under the command of Major Francis Ross there was no Captain that I recollect but I was commanded by Lieutenant Kirkindal march[ed] by them from york district S Carolina by way of Ninety Six but now called Cambridge to Augusta and their joined General Ashes [John Ashe's] headquarters the day after we joined headquarters we marched down towards Savanah in Coln Neals [Thomas Neel] redgment who was at home sick as I was informed and while we was reconnoitering the british army the [sic] fell in upon General Ashes army and defeated them¹ and when our redgment return[ed] to our encampment we fell in amongst the British army who was encampted upon the ground taken from the american army we were taken prisoners near the half of our redgment after Sum firing which was the next night or the night following the defeat of Brier Creek after being scatered for sum days we gathered ourselves together at General Williamson [Andrew Williamson's] head quarters & was then marched aganst the Creeke Indians who had taken the forte fulson [?] on the littel agitchey [Ogeechee?] but the indians had Left the forte and burnt it before we had the arrived their but we followed the Indians for between two and three days and their we came up with them and had an engagement in which we whiped them [Oconee or Little Spirit Creek], Major Ross [Francis Ross] was mortally wounded then and deyed of his wound after giting into hed quarters after we returned to General Williamson's hedquarters I was discharged by a Mr Martin was [sic] was a nephew of Maj Ross according the dying request of Maj Ross I was drafted this touer for three month and served out my time my discharged has been lost. as soon as I got home the [w]hole country was infested with tories and the British army who was commanded by Captan Dunlap [James Dunlap] & Haack [Christian Huck] I went on forthwith as a volunteer and joined general Rotherford [Griffith Rutherford's] army in what is now called Lincoln County N Carolina but was Called Trion [Tryon] at that time in the month of June 1780 I was command[ed] by Coln Bratton [William Bratton] and Capt John Moffitt [John Moffett] in general Rotherfords [Rutherford's] army and we was encampted the night before the battel at Ramsours Mill² not exceeding eight miles from the Battel ground and cam[e] up after the battel was over and fell in with the victorious troops in persute of the dispersed Tories after we had assisted in bur[y]ing the dead after pursuing the enemy to the Cherokee ford of Broad River and not coming up with them we turned about to go home and after going about 7 miles I was taken prisonir by 27 or 30 tories. I was carried by them to Coln Forgasons [Patrick Ferguson's] Hedquarters and then put in Irons and taken to ninety six and then put in Jail and then remain[e]d untill after Forgason defeated [Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780] and then take[n] to Charleston 26 or 28 of the prisonors chained together and marched in that situation then I left Ninety Six about the 20 day October and then remained in Charleston as a prisonor untill about the fifteenth day of January 1781. then I was exchanged and went home I was from home about eight

¹ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

month[s] after geting home I lay sick about six or seven weekes and as soon as I got abel to git about their was an election called for to elect a Captain and I was elected Captain of a company of Militia in the month of Februa[r]y 1781. I was then drafted and commanded a company under Coln William Bratton and march[ed] down near where Columbia stands and formed an headquarters on what is Called Lower Seder Creek but sum called it Marshalls Creek and remained ther one three month touer and ther was discharged I received my discharge from Coln Bratton but I have since lost it & shortly after I got home Coln Bratton assigned me the command in that section of the state to keep the Tories down I remained in that situation until peace was maid marching about in South Carolina and sum times in N Carolina driving the tories from the Fruntiers I was in the services of the United States as a Captain from Februa[r]y 1781 untill after the British Armies left the United States I received no discharge when peace was maid I [k]now of no person living that I can prove my services by only what I can prove by David Russel esq Abraham Enlow esq who are living in Haywood County N Carolina Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declaims that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State Sworn to and Subscribed this day and year aforesaid

in open Court this 2nd day of Jany 1833
Robert Love Clk.
Jno B. Love DC

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John (X) Heney [sic]
mark

Question first

Q.1/ Where and in what yeare were you born

A/ I was born in Mecklingburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County N Carolina about 10 or 12 miles from Charlott on the 15 day of April 1757

Q2/ Have you any record for your age and if so where is it

A My age was recorded in my fathers family bible but I hant saw it in 30 years but I have it read

Q3/ Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

A/ I was living in yorke district South Carolina when called into the services of the United States and since the war I moved from there to Buncomb [sic, Buncombe] County N Carolina and now live in Haywood County N Car

Q4/ How were you called in to services were you drafted did you volunteer or ware you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

A/ The first tour I was drafted for 3 month[s] The 2 tour I was a volunteer and the 3 tour making my first tour as a Captain I was drafted and after I got that 3 month tour I was just ordered by Coln Bratton to Keep a Scouting Company to keep to [sic] Tories down

Q5/ State the names of som[e] of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served sutch Continental and Militia Redgmt[s] as you recollect and the general Circumstances of your services

A I was Commanded by a Coln Hammon [probably Leroy Hammond] once a few days General Ash [sic, John Ashe] General Williamson I was with sum time

Q6/ Did you ever receive a discharge from service and if so from whom was it given and what has becom[e] of it

A/ I have recd 2 discharges one from a M Martan the Nephew of Major Ross who di[e]d of his wound recd at Generals[sic] Ashes defeat at Brier Creek [Note: as stated in the testimony, Major Francis Ross died after an engagement known as Oconee or Little Spirit Creek] who was his clerk as he could not writ[e] an[d] his dying request was that his men Should be discharged by Martan my Volunteer touer I got no discharge being exchanged my other discharge I recd from Coln Bratton as a Captain

Q7/ Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it given and what has becom[e] of it

A I was Commissiond by Coln Bratton and after that expir[e]d I agane Commissioned by Coln Love [probably Andrew Love] but they are both distroyed and lost

Q8/ I am acquainted with David Russell esq & Abraham Enloe esq who know me and can testify as to my caractor for verasity and David Russell who [k]nows that I was in the services as he saw me when I was a prisoner and Mr Enloe who knew that I was in the services also and as he knew the fact can speake with certanty

Certificate

We David Russell residing in the County of Haywood and Abraham Enloe residing in the same do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John Henry who has sworn to and subscribed to the above declaration that we believe him to be 74 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolutionary war and that we concur in that belief for we have a knowledge of him being in the Services when we were Boys Sworn to and Subscribed that day and year aforesaid

Sworn to in open Court
(signed) Robert Love Clerk
(signed) John B Love DC

(signed) David Russell
(signed) Abraham Enloe

Supplemented 12/18/15 by Will Graves

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And [sic, An] amendment to the Declaration of John Henry made in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832 allowing pensions to the Soldiers of the revolution (objection 12)

The reason that the certificate of a Clergyman was not obtained was that it was thought most advisable to send the certificate of David Russell Esquire & Abraham Enloe Esquire as they can testify not from information but from having a personal knowledge of his Services.

As to the 6th interrogatories as to the discharges given me I cannot give any other account of my Discharges that I have given in answer to the interrogatories –

As to the 5th Objection – Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace &c John Henry who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his knowledge & recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following Grade one year and seventeen days as a private and fifteen months I served as a Captain making two years and three months seventeen days in all and for which services I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed this the ___ day of June 1833
S/ John Henry, X his mark

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York District South Carolina March 2nd 1802

I do hereby Certify that Captain John Henry [sic] was a Captain in the Regiment which I formally Commanded and lived from a youth in the Compass of my knowledge until he left this Country, he always supported the Character of a good citizen and an honest man and left the State without any known Blemish.

S/ William Bratton

York District South Carolina March 2^d 1802
I do hereby certify that Capt John Henry
was a captain in the Regiment which
I formerly commanded and lived from
a youth in the company ^{of my} knowledge
until he left this country, he always
supported the Character of a good
Citizen and an honest man and left
the State without any known blemish
William Bratton

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North Carolina Haywood County

This day personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County David Russell and Abraham Enloe who being duly sworn make this additional affidavit to the one already made by them.

We are required to state expressly what we know relative to the commissioning of John Henry as Captain in the war of the Revolution we do not have anything more than what was said at the time of the war and since as we were both young & small between 10 and 15 years of age and we further state we lived in the same neighborhood of Captain John Henry and the company was called Captain Henry's company & he was called Captain Henry by all the neighbors and it was then understood & has ever since been understood that he was a Captain and we do believe that he was a Captain as he has stated in his declaration all our information detained [sic, obtained] from the common neighborhood report and understanding we have heard men of the first respectability say that he was Captain & the additional certificate of Colonel Bratton is transmitted in addition to what we have stated & in confirmation of our recollection. We further state that Mr. Henry departed this life on the 27 of December 1833.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 of April 1834

David Russell
Abm Enloe

S/ Francis McGee, JP

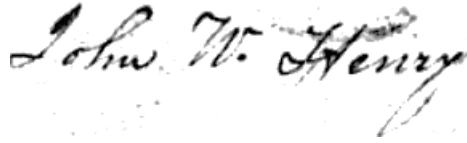
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North Carolina Macon County

This day came John W Henry before me John Tatham Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions and made oath in due form of law and saith that John Henry his father departed this life

on the 29th day of December 1833 and further his mother the wife of John Henry Deceased is living whose name is Mancy Henry [?] and that James W Gwin has [one or more indecipherable words] is the Agent for my father before his death and now is for my mother trying to obtain my father's pension. Sworn and subscribed before me this 20th day of August 1834

S/ John W Henry



S/ John Tatham, Clk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$93.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private & Captain in the North Carolina militia. His final pay voucher was issued November 19, 1834 in the amount of \$263.02 being the amount due for 33 months and 25 days pension paid to his widow Mary Henry from March 4, 1831 to the day of his death on December 29, 1833.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to John Henry⁴

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3538

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[No.] 286 = [Book] I

Mr. John Henry his Account of 243 days Militia Duty Amounting to £34.14.3 ¼

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 23 September 1784 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 286 Book I by Virtue of an Order from John Henry

S/ John Moffett



New acquisition South Carolina

January 21st 1785

Gentlemen – You'll please to give an Indent to Colonel John Moffett for the amount of my Public account having Received the full Consideration of it from him and you Will oblige your humble Servant

S/ John Henry

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

⁴ This is the same man as [John Henry S6992](#)



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State of South Carolina to John Henry
for public services done

At Expedition to Brier Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]

under command of Captain McCullough 55 days

as Horseman at 20 S [20 Shillings old SC currency]

per day Under command
of Captain Moffett

55.00

1780 the 22nd June Enlisted

as Horseman and Continued

until 27 of December

188 days at 20 S per day

188

243 £ Total

Currency

Sterling

£34.14.3 ¼

South Carolina Camden District } Personally came John Henry Before me this Subscribing
justice and made Oath as the law directs, that the above Account against the State of South
Carolina is Just and true as it stands stated, Sworn to this 13th May 1783

S/ M. Henry, JP

To the amount of 243 £ Currency

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 286 Book I dated September 23rd, 1784 in the amount of
£34.14.3 ¼]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent]