

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Lee S8833

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State of North Carolina, Rowan County: SS

On this twelfth day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law for Rowan County now sitting the same being a Court of Record: Henry Lee a resident of Rowan County aged Eighty years 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, 1832.

That he has no record of his age but believes that he was born in Portsmouth Virginia and removed at an early age first to Martin County on the Roanoke [River] North Carolina and was there when he entered the service of the United States as a Substitute for his brother who was drafted in Martin County and that he served as substitute three months in the company of Captain John Briant [John Bryant], under Colonel Whitaker [John Whitaker] as he thinks and believes and marched to the County of Sampson N. C. in pursuit of the Tories.

That he afterwards volunteered for three months in the light horse Troops at the Court house in Martin County in the company of Captain Elias Bryan under Colonel Jones [William Jones], General Whitaker. That he procured a discharge at the end of each tour of duty but has lost all except the one for this tour from Captain Bryan hereto annexed.

That afterwards the Militia of Martin County was arranged into four classes and he belonged to No. 2 a part of whom were called into service and when the company or class met to draw lots he volunteered to go and did not draw his lot that he marched to join General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army under Captain Briant and Joined General Greene's Army on Haw River on the High Rock Ford where Captain Bryan resigned and he was put under Captain Evans [James Evans] and was at the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781].¹ He recollects Colonel Linton [Lieutenant Colonel William Thomas Linton], General Butler [John Butler] and General Greene of the Continental Army who were at the Battle of Guilford.

That he removed after the war to Sampson County N. C. from thence he removed to Edgecombe County – and from thence to Rowan County about thirty-six years ago where he has resided ever since. That he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services. He refers to his neighbors Caswell Harbin and William Skeeks [?] who he believes are able to testify to his character and reputation.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State
Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.
S/ Hy Giles, CSC

S/ Henry Lee, X his mark

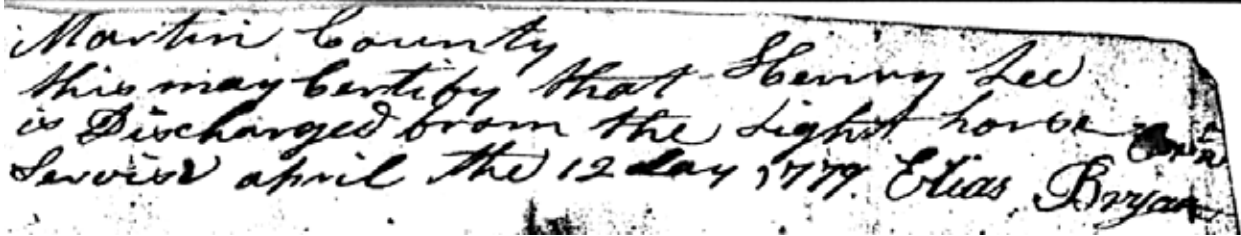
[Caswell Harbin and William Sheek gave the standard supporting affidavit in the absence of a regular clergyman.

C. Harbin
William Sheek

Martin County

this may Certify that Henry Lee is Discharged from the Light horse Service April the 12 day
1779

S/ Elias Bryan



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia cavalry.]