

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Love S8856

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State of Virginia Southampton County

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County aforesaid presiding – Henry Love a resident of the parish of Nottoway in the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid aged seventy-seven 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 entered the service from the County aforesaid State aforesaid as a militia man under the command of Jesse Whitehead a Captain of militia for the County aforesaid and march [marched] direct [directly] for Norfolk¹ from the County of Southampton arrived there while the place was smoking from the late Burning of the Town and served in that Tower [tour] of Duty six weeks the same was marched from Southampton – under the command of Captain Joshua Nicholson to Portsmouth in Virginia and served six weeks again, he served again about the same time under Captain Edmund Tyler at the same place & for the same term of service from the County aforesaid. That during the whole war he was in service about half the time either being called out – or as a substitute, that he all the time resided in the County & State aforesaid as his home, That he was during the war in the engagement at Petersburg [April 25, 1781] under the command of Captain Samuel Kellow [Samuel Kello?], Major Decloman [Christian Charles de Klauman] commanding the Regiment, That he marched through the Counties of Southampton, Surrey, Sussex, Prince George, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Nansemond, Isle of Wight, Norfolk, James City, & Charles City that he was on his way to join the Army at York Town when Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] to the American Army, That he never had any written discharge it not being customary to give them to the militia and was under the command of Captain Jesse Whitehead when he was on his way to join the Army at York – & was ordered to McKeys [Mackey's] Mills to cut & saw timber for the use of the siege at York. That he entered the service & served under the command of Jesse Whitehead, Joshua Nicholson, Major Decloman, Captain Rodgers and many others not recollected.

That it is impossible for him at this remote period to state the particular terms of service or all the commanders and officers he served under that the following certificates of John H Pond,² John Pledger³, & Elias Love⁴ – will prove the correctness of his statement so far as he is

¹ Norfolk was burned January 1 1776 by forces under the command of John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of Virginia.

² [John H. Pond S18165](#)

³ [John Pledger S8676](#)

able from recollection to detail it. That he substituted for John Dolls [?], Lawrence Joyner & many others.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ Henry Love, X his mark

Virginia South Hampton County SS

Personally appeared before us Nicholas M Lebrell and Thomas Preston —two of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace for the County of Southampton John Hawkins Pond of the said County & is alive Love who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that they were in several tours of duty with the said Henry Love – That they were together at the Battle of Petersburg – That they together at Norfolk & in Nansemond and were together at Mackey's Mills when Cornwallis was captured at York. That they have heard the declaration within stated read & believe it to be strictly true as far as stated. Given under our hands and seals this 27th day of [written over and illegible] 1833.

S/ N. M. Sebrell, JP

S/ Thos. Preston, JP

[Simon Murfee, a clergyman, and John Denegru gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The amended declaration of Henry Love

The declarant says that tis impossible for him to particularize with more certainty the periods of the war at which he served he always served as a private. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

He was born in the County of Southampton in the year 1756 has resided here ever since, has no record of his age – was living in Southampton when called into service and never lived anywhere else never received any written discharge from service – that tis impossible for him to say when he was at a particular place that any certain time unless it was in pressed on his mind by any engagement or some other impressive circumstance. That he is confident he was at least half the time of the revolution in service as a drafted man or substitute and he thinks from the best of his recollection he served about 12 months as a substitute & about 2 years in different tours when called out.

Sworn to & subscribed before me a justice of the peace for the County of Southampton this 6th of July 1833

S/ Jere Cobb, JP

S/ Henry Love, X his mark

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nt [statement?] of Henry Love's Services as a private in the Revolution

Duration of each term of engagement	Place where duty performed & with what Corps &c	Called out by authority & whether in Field &c	In civil employment or not
Six weeks	Norfolk & suburbs with militia	By authority	In no civil employ
Six weeks	Portsmouth Virginia	With militia called	In no civil

⁴ [Elias Love S18092](#)

		out by authority	employ
Six weeks	Portsmouth	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employ
Six weeks	Sussex	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	Babbs old Fields Nansemond County	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employ
Two months	Petersburg, Richmond & up the country	With militia & regulars called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	Portsmouth	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	At Meads Mills in Nansemond County	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	At Cabin Point & on James River	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	On Black water River & scouting about in Isle of Wight County watching the enemy	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	In Smithfield in Isle of Wight County	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	At Mackey's Mills in Isle of Wight	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Six weeks	At Grays Mills near Suffolk	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment
Four & five weeks	at Mackey's Mills & on James River	With militia called out by authority	In no civil employment

The applicant cannot state from lapse of time & infirmity different periods at which he performed the above service he cannot remember the names of all of the captains he served under nor all the places he served at he states that he never served in Garrison and cannot consequently [?] particularize his service further than above stated & as previously stated in his former declaration, he hereby relinquishes every claim or title to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Rolls of the agency of any state.

Amendment to objections to interrogatories

1. 2. & 6 the declarant states he was born in the year 1756, has no record of his age, (but knows by a person born on the same day whose age was set down) never received any discharge from service.

S/ Henry Love, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me a justice of the peace in & for the County of Southampton this 12th day of November 1833

S/ Jere Cobb, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.77 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months & 16 days in the Virginia militia.]