

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Collins Flagg W10996 ¹

Rachel Flagg

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South Carolina Charleston District: SS

On this twenty second day of August A.D. 1838 personally appeared before the Honorable Thomas Lee Judge of the district Court of the United States Rachael Flagg -- now aged Eighty years and Six months, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of Dr. Henry Collins Flagg, who was a deputy Apothecary General in the Revolutionary War, through the whole of which he faithfully served: coming home from the West Indies, for that purpose, at the commencement of the troubles, and she believes his duties were faithfully performed -- That a part of the time he served in Georgia, and was at the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779], and as she has always understood, was the Surgeon who attended Count Pulaski, who was wounded in one leg at that Siege. That Dr. Henry Collins Flagg was also all the time at Charleston, while it was besieged [March 29-May 12, 1780] by the British in the same capacity, constant at the lines and nearly killed more than once; he was an acquaintance of the venerable Dr. William Read of this place, who is well known to the War department served during the War in the medical staff & who kindly contributes his name in the aid of this application. For further and minute particulars as to the services of Dr. Henry Collins Flagg rendered his Country -- this deponent would refer the Officers of the War department to its own Records -- as some land had been given to the doctor.

She further declares, she was married to the said Dr. Henry Collins Flagg on the 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1784, that her Husband, the aforesaid Dr. Henry Collins Flagg died on the first day of April 1801; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated.

City of Charleston August 22nd, 1838 I Thomas Lee District Judge of the United States for South Carolina do hereby that Mrs. Rachel Flagg Widow of the late Dr. Collins Flagg being unable from age and infirmities to attend in open Court did in my presence this day swear to the foregoing declaration and subscribed her name thereto

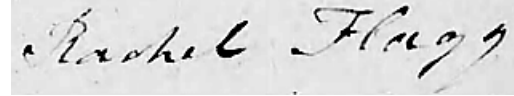
¹ BLWt775-400—Surgeon Issued Feb. 25, 1800, No Papers

The reason there are no surviving papers relating to this bounty land claim is that the War Department was destroyed by fire in 1800 and all pension and bounty land records predating that fire were destroyed.

Sworn to before made this 22nd of August A.D. 1838

S/ Thos. Lee, Dist. Judge

S/ Rachel Flagg

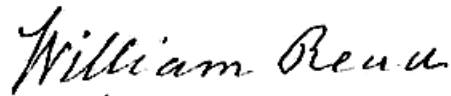


I certify that it was about the time of the Battle of Kings Mountain and General Greene's advance to the South -- that I first saw Dr. Henry Collins Flagg -- he was introduced to me, his having been a Surgeon of a New England Regiment, he subsequently was promoted to the Rank of Deputy Apothecary General and served under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] in Georgia: Dr. Flagg served to the end of the War; he was a member of the Cincinnati Society: whereby his Rank and services were duly acknowledged.

The above sworn to before me this 24th of August 1838.

S/ Thomas Lee, District Judge

S/ William Read²



Physician & Surgeon to the late Army of the revolution

The following is a true Copy of the Register of St. Michael's Church Charleston

"Henry Collins Flagg and Rachel Allston, were married by the Rev. Dr. Purcell in St. Michael's Church on the 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1784, to wit – 5th December 1784."

I William W. Spear depose & say that I hold the office of Assistant Minister to St. Michael's Church Charleston South Carolina & that the above is a true extract from the Records of said Church, with the exception above named, certified by me.

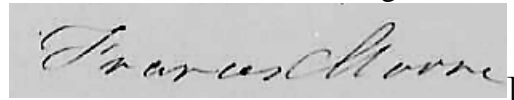
S/ William W. Spear

Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Catholic Church

Sworn to before made this 22nd of August 1838

S/ Thomas Lee, District Judge South Carolina

[p 8: Frances Moore of Charleston testified that she is the cousin of Henry C. Flagg; that she was acquainted with Mrs. Rachel Flagg who died December 27, 1839 in Charleston, SC; that Henry C. and Rachel Flagg had only two children, namely Henry C. Flagg of New Haven, Connecticut and Eliza M. Wigfall of Charleston, SC—her testimony was given April 2, 1844.



[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending December 27, 1839 when she died.]

² [William Read S4766](#)