

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Menefee W18504      Mary Menefee      f57VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves      5/23/13

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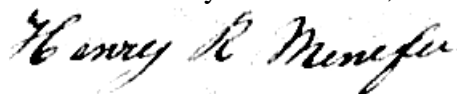
State of Virginia Rappahannock County to wit

On the first day of June 1840 personally appeared before me Henry R. Menefee Justice of the peace of the aforesaid County Mary Menefee aged seventy-nine years a resident of the aforesaid County & State of Virginia 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 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 and the act explanatory of said act, passed March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1837: That she was married to Henry Menefee a Sergeant of the revolutionary war who was enlisted by Captain John Roberts and marched to Albemarle barracks to guard the prisoners: served two tours of duty in the militia, and was at York Town at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Menefee on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year 1786, and that her husband the aforesaid Henry Menefee died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1831; and that she was a widow on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836, and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Mary Menefee, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ Henry are Menefee, JP



[William J Menefee, clerk of the Rappahannock County court, attested the above document.]

State of Virginia Rappahannock County: SS

On this 22 day of July 1840 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County, Mary Menefee a resident of the said County aged seventy-nine years 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows:" That she is the widow of Henry Menefee deceased; who enlisted under Captain John Roberts in Culpeper County State of Virginia late in the year 1778 for the term of \_\_ years and served as an orderly Sergeant in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor which was stationed at Albemarle Barrox [Albemarle barracks] in the State of Virginia – where the said Henry Menefee acted as orderly Sergeant for the space of 14 or 15 months, at which time he obtained leave of absence by furnishing a substitute, that her said husband subsequently served 3 tours in the militia as he frequently informed her during his lifetime, during one of which tours he was at the siege of York when Cornwallis surrendered. She further declares that she was married to the said

Menefee on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1786, that her husband the aforesaid Menefee died on the 26 day of August 1831. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794, viz.: at the time above stated.

S/ Mary Menefee, X her mark

[p 12: On August 25, 1840, Joseph Corbin of Rappahannock County Virginia gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that he, the affiant, was the fiddler at their wedding in 1786; that the veteran and his wife had 8 children; that in 1818, the veteran had a substantial estate valued at least \$30,000.]

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State of Virginia Rappahannock County: SS

This day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for said County George Mozingo<sup>1</sup> aged seventy-nine years and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with Henry Menefee deceased a revolutionary Soldier and Mary his wife who was Mary Roberts who was raised and lived till her marriage within three miles of this deponent till she was married to the said Henry Menefee deceased and that he the said deponent and Henry Menefee enlisted under Captain John Roberts in the Continental line in the latter part of the year 1778 to guard the prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia and the said Menefee was Sergeant in Captain Roberts Company and acted as Sergeant all the time he remained at the Barracks which was about 15 months when he furnished a substitute and returned home and after he returned he served 2 tours of duty in the militia one of them was at the siege of Yorktown in Virginia at the surrender of Cornwallis as he frequently saw him during the siege and this deponent says he was well acquainted in the country and that he knows of no other Henry Menefee that was in the Continental Army but the above and further this deponent saith not.

This August 28, 1840.

S/ George Mozingo, X his mark

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State of Virginia Rappahannock County: SS

This day personally appeared before me John R Wood a Justice of the peace in and for said County Henry Menefee Senior aged eighty-six years and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he was intimately acquainted with Henry Menefee a revolutionary soldier and Mary his wife who was Mary Roberts, that he lived a neighbor to the said Menefee before he was married which marriage took place in February 1786 day of the month not recollected, that in the year 1777 he and the said Henry Menefee served a tour of duty together of 3 months in the militia to the North and after they came home the said Henry Menefee enlisted in the year 1778 under Captain John Roberts in the Continental Army to guard the prisoners at the Albemarle Barracks in Virginia. After staying there about 12 or 15 months he was discharged by furnishing a substitute as he always understood and verily believes. After he returned home he served 2 tours of duty in the Militia one of them at Yorktown Virginia at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and that he lived a neighbor to him until his death which took place in 1831, that he and his wife Mary lived together till his death and raised 8 children to be men and women, that the said Menefee had in his possession in the year 1818 and the state worth at least \$30,000. That this

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S5783

deponent says he was well acquainted in the County and that he knows of no other Henry Menefee who served in the Continental Army, but the one above and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Henry Menefee Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Menefee Senior". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

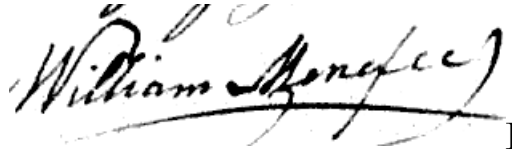
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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1785, in the name of Henry Menefee, as a Soldier of Infantry for £46.17.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to F. Strother and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1840.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[p 21: Colonel William Menefee, 72, testified in Rappahannock County Virginia that he was well acquainted with the veteran; that he was at the wedding of the veteran to Mary Roberts in February 1783 and that the veteran died in 1831. His relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Menefee". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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Personally appeared before me, Major John Roberts<sup>2</sup> of the County of Rappahannock and State of Virginia, and being duly sworn deposeth and says that Henry Menefee was enlisted by him, that the said Henry Menefee enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in pursuance of said enlistment in the latter part of the year of 1778 or early in the year of 1779 and continued in service about 12 months or perhaps longer, at which time he was discharged by furnishing a Substitute; owing to his ill health & during the time of his service he acted as Sergeant to his company, as will appear by the muster Roll annexed<sup>3</sup> to this affidavit which I have found in my possession. Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1840 and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Jn<sup>o</sup>. Roberts late Capt.  
in the War of the Revolution

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<sup>2</sup> [John Roberts W2347](#)

<sup>3</sup> See [B120](#)

*Widow's Certificate  
in the War of the  
Revolution*

[attested August 28, 1840 in Rappahannock County Virginia]

[Note: Facts in file: Widow died September 22, 1840; the veteran and his wife had 8 children whose names are not stated in the file documentation.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia service; 9 months as a private and 12 months as a Sergeant.]