

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Penney (Penny) W26501      Mary Penney      f47SC  
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State of Ohio, Miami County} SS

On this tenth day of August in the year 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable George B. Holt President & his Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Miami County & State of Ohio now in session, Henry Penny [sic], a resident of Union Township of the County & State aforesaid, aged 77 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make & subscribed the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> in the year 1832.

That he is a native of North Carolina, but removed from that State to South Carolina when quite young where he continued to reside in Union County until about the year 1804 – that he entered the service of the United States sometime in the year 1778 under Captain Avery [George Aubrey], Major Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] & Colonel Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon] & continued in the service three or four months; that shortly afterwards he again volunteered & served under the same officers; through several different terms (his memory is so bad that he cannot recollect either the times at which he entered or the periods or terms during which he served – but that he is sure he was in the service more than two years as a volunteer; that he was engaged in several Battles, in one at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], where the Enemy were at first driven from their works, but having received reinforcement retook them; that he was engaged in the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]; that he was present at the siege of Ninety-Six [May 21-June 19, 1781]; & also when Charleston was vacated [December, 1782]. After the vacation of Charleston the Tories commenced burning Mills, & destroying the lives & property of those who favored American Independence, when Captain Avery enlisted a Company of Rangers for a term of six months he enlisted & served under him during that term; that in the year 1804 or thereabouts he left the State of South Carolina & went to Kentucky where he resided nine or 10 years, thence he removed to Union Township of Miami County & State of Ohio, where he has resided ever since; that he has no Documentary Evidence of his services; that he has no record of his age; that he knows of no person other than Ezekiel Farmer<sup>1</sup> whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service; that 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.

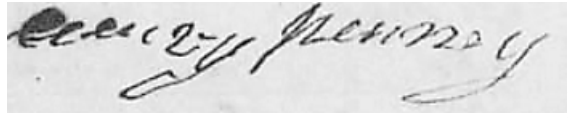
Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1833.

S/ John G. Telford, Clerk

S/ Henry Penney

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1 [Ezekiel Farmer S16112](#)



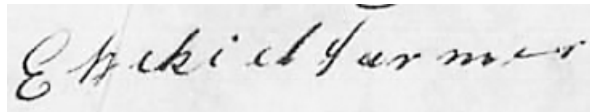
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State of Ohio, Miami County} SS Court of Common Pleas August Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court Ezekiel Farmer a resident of the County & State aforesaid, who first being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he has been acquainted with Henry Penny who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration from the time he was a young man; that he knows of his having served as a volunteer for some time during the Revolutionary War, but he cannot say how long; that this deponent served with the said Henry Penny at the Siege of Ninety Six & at the time the British vacated Charleston & afterwards as a Ranger; & that he believes the foregoing Declaration made by the said Henry Penny to be substantially correct.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1833.  
S/ John G. Telford, Clerk

S/ Ezekiel Farmer



[Amos Alexander, a clergyman and Ezekiel Farmer gave this standard supporting affidavit.]

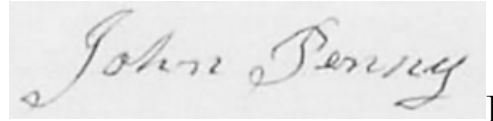
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State of Ohio Miami County} SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace in & for the County & State aforesaid Henry Penny, who, being duly sworn, deposeth & saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but, according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: That two years three months I served as a private in volunteer companies commanded by Captain Avery & Anderson. For six months I served as a private in a company of Rangers enlisted by Captain Avery (- my field officers were Major Jolly and Colonel Brannin -) & for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn & subscribed on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1833 before me  
S/ Geo. Kirfer, JP S/ Henry Penney

[p 4: On August 7, 1855 in Miami County of Ohio, John Penny, aged 75, made application for the pension due Mary Penny as the widow of Henry Penny, a revolutionary war pensioner; that Mary married Henry Penny on October 13, 1831; that Henry Penny died April 16, 1841. The applicant describes himself as the executor of the estate of Mary Penny.



[p 19: In the SC Comptroller's record of payments / indents in favor of Henry Penney. In it, the veteran is shown as receiving pay for 360 days of service in the horse under Capt. George Aubrey in Brandon's regiment.]

[Veteran died April 16, 1841, his widow, Mary, died December 20, 1853; they were married

October 13, 1831. Veteran lived in Darke County, Ohio when he died. Henry Penney had a son named John Penny who administered his estate; Mary Penney, the widow, was not the mother of the son, John; she had a son by a prior marriage, his name was Edward Givins.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]