

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Trolinger (Trollinger, Drollinger) W4087 Mary f66VA

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On the 16th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law & Equity in & for said County in open Court now sitting, Henry Trolinger of the said County & State aged between sixty nine and seventy 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 the 7th June 1832: That according to his information, upon which he entirely relies, he was born in Orange County North Carolina on the 2nd March 1763; that his father emigrated to the western part of Virginia Montgomery County where he owned a valuable saltpeter [spelled salt petre] cave. In the year 1776 where this declarant was engaged under his father in the manufacture of gun powder, until the summer of 1779 when he was drafted as a militia man for a three month tour, & to find gun, horse & ammunition. He went into service under the command of Captain Abraham Trigg, and Joseph Cloyd as Major there was another company in this detachment commanded by Captain Parriss [perhaps, George Peary (also spelled George Pearis)]. Montgomery was then a frontier County in mountain Country in the Western part of Virginia. This declarant in the tour marched through a mountainous country in a south west direction for some time and joined Col Campbell [William Campbell] who had a small number of mounted militia under him. He took command of the whole, being about 400 strong; marched through the western part of North Carolina then to the Moravian Towns in said State where head quarters were established; making excursion from that point after the Tories, some of whom they whipped, others they hanged. From the Moravian Town they marched westwardly toward Morganton, where they left Col Campbell's command and the declarant with his detachment returned home, where he was discharged a few days after the expiration of his three month tour. The date of his discharge not recollected precisely. It was frosty weather & he thinks about the last week of October.

This declarant then resumed his former business of manufacturing powder for the Army until the succeeding spring. In the month of April 1780 this declarant was called on to serve against the Indians who were then doing much injury on the frontier. He marched under the command of Captain George Parriss to a Fort near New River about one days march from the residence of Declarant. Captain Parriss lived at the Fort, where a considerable number of the settlers had taken refuge. The service of the declarant with ten others was to guard the fort, & to keep watch for the enemy around & about the plantation while the hands were cultivating the crop. After the crop was sufficiently cultivated, Captain Parriss discharged

this declarant in the early part of July. His tour was something more than three months & the duty performed entirely on foot.

This declarant after returning home in a few days was again called into service under his former Captain Abraham Trigg, under whom he had marched into Carolina the preceding year. He cannot now distinctly recollect whether he went by draft or as a volunteer <sup>was he thinks</sup> <sup>by draft</sup>. The troops on this tour were to act against the British & Tories. The place of Rendezvous for some days was at the lead mines in Wythe County Va. Two companies on foot under the command of Captain Parriss & Trigg consisting of nearly 200 men, performed a most fatiguing march up the New River nearly to its source through a most rugged & mountainous country with the purpose of joining the residue of our regiment Commanded by Col Campbell but could not ~~from~~ effect a junction before the battle of King's Mountain. We were ordered to intercept a force supposed to be <sup>nearly</sup> 400 strong of British & Tories whom we met not far from the Yadkin River on what was called the Shallow Ford road. We met unexpectedly; hastily formed; the odds in numbers much against us, but having some as perfect marksman as any perhaps in the world. The commander of the enemy was immediately killed, five rifle balls having gone through him & his horse. The enemy fell back & formed again. After several rounds, the enemy fled & as this declarant understood dispersed, leaving sixteen dead on the ground & 10 or 12 badly wounded. On our side we had but to one killed & 5 wounded. The sword of the slain officer was a valuable one & was given to Captain Parriss, he being considered the best marksman in the engagement & also having received a wound in the engagement. We ranged about a few days chastising the Tories, and then returned home & were discharged sometime in the month of November.

This declarant cannot remember the precise length of the last tour though his impression & belief is that his active service in the three tours amounted to nine months & he thinks upward. He resumed his business of making powder, at which He sustained considerable loss by reason of receiving in payment Continental money which turned out to be of little or no value. In the spring of the year 1782, he returned to the County of Orange North Carolina where he has resided to the present time.

This declarant saith he has no record of his age, but from tradition, does not doubt it has been accurately stated. This declarant received no written discharge when he left the service after his respective tours. He knows of no person now living to whom he can make reference to corroborate his statements. None such lives, to his knowledge, in the portion of the Country in which he resides. This declarant further states that he is a descendent of German parents, and that the popular pronunciation of his father's name was as if spelled "Drollinger."

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 the day & year aforesaid.

S/Henry Trollinger, H his mark

Sworn S/ A. B. Bruce, CSC

[Gasper Long and Thomas Reeves gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p. 9: On August 20, 1847 in Orange County North Carolina, Mary Trollinger , 77, made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Henry Trollinger, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in 1789

in Orange County North Carolina; that her husband died the 29th of February 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16-17: family record:

Henry Trolinger son of Henry Jacob & Barbara Trolinger was born March 10th 1762

Mary Thomas his wife was born May 25th 1770

Married March 1789]

[Facts in file: Mary Thomas Trolinger, the veteran and his widow was the daughter of Griffith Thomas; there are no children named in the file. The veteran and his wife were married by the Reverend Mr. Norris.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1848.]