

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Henry W428

Elizabeth Henry

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Session
A.D. 1832

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for Lincoln County, James Henry a resident of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina aged 79 [could be 75] 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 provision made by the Acts of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year __ under Captain James Duff, Major Williams, Colonel Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in the South Carolina Continental line – & served fifteen months. He was at the Battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] received a written discharge from General Sumpter about five miles from Nelsons Ferry Tuskan Swamp [Tearcoat Swamp?]. He also served as a volunteer in the militia service under Captain John Barber, Colonel Thomas Neal [Thomas Neel] for the term of three months & marched to Cross Creek or the Cape Fear River in North Carolina & he also served three months under the same Captain in the Regiment of Colonel Graham –

He has lost all his written discharges or had them burned up in his house – & has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services except a certificate dated the 6th of September 1782 – which he had taken in order to obtain his standing in the Church of the Presbyterian order & enable him to get his children baptized –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Test S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Henry, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Session A.D.
1833

On this _ day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court James Henry aged eighty years before the [undeciphered word] of the Court aforesaid & made the following statement

amendatory of the within declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted as he believes in the Army of the United States sometime in the latter part of the year 1775 under Captain Duff as before stated, that the reason of the date or to the time of his enlistment being left blank in the former declaration was on account of the omission of the person who wrote it – that he has been informed [one or more indecipherably faint or illegible words] that it was an omission of his – though he does not pretend to be precise as to the time of his enlistment. That he was born in Cumberland County Pennsylvania in the year A.D. 1753 ^{seventeen hundred fifty three} that he lived in Tryon County now Lincoln County North Carolina when he entered the Service where he has lived ever since & where he now lives. That he has a record of his age which is a copy from an old Bible of his father. That he was acquainted in addition to those stated before with Adjutant Raddan [?], Captain Brown, Colonel Moultrie [William Moultrie] of the Artillery – General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], Colonel Williams, Colonel Neel, That he received a written discharge which was burnt in his house.

[Several words or figures undeciphered]

That he is acquainted with William J Wilson Esquire & Lawson Henderson who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his service in the revolutionary war – that there is no clergyman now near here, whose certificate he can procure as the pastor of the church to which he belongs lately died & there is no other near him with whom he is well acquainted. That he is unable to write on account of palsy.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Henry, X his mark

[William J Wilson & Lawson Henderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To all whom it may Concern

We whose names are hereunto subscribed Inhabitants of Head Waters of Crowder Creek Certify that we have been acquainted with the bearer hereof James Henry before the commencement of the present War with England until the present, he was early Declared Friend to the United States and Manifested the same by his Voluntarily turning out under Colonel Thomas Neel against our Enemies at the [undeciphered word] Camps. Also with Colonel Graham [William Graham of the Tryon County NC militia] against the Tories at Cross Creek. Also he served [undeciphered words] in the Regular Army under Colonel Sumpter all which Towers [tours] we have Reason to believe he performed from the Good will to the welfare of the United States & not by Compulsion. As to his Moral Conduct he is an honest Sober inoffensive man as far as Ever we know or have ever heard of.

Certified under our hands this 6th day of September 1782

S/ John Barber, Major

S/ James Wilson, S/ [several illegible signatures], S/ Francis Adams, S/ Jonathan Gullick, S/ John Gullick, [a large number of illegible signatures], S/ William Adams, S/ James Ramsey, S/ John Baird, S/ John Calch, [illegible signature], S/ Wm Berry

[p 11: On November 16, 1845 in Marshall County Tennessee, Elizabeth Henry, filed for a Widow's pension as the widow of James Henry, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$70 per annum; that she married him May 11, 1780 and that he died February 28, 1841. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Russell; the children of the veteran and his wife were as follows:

William Henry born April 4, 1781

Jane McIntyre or "Ganany born May 20, 1782 in Lincoln County North Carolina married February 15, 1810, James Mitchell, born November 9, 1780, and moved with him to Tennessee

Hannah Henry born January 20, 1785

James Henry born March 21, 1788; in 1846 he was living in Marshall County Tennessee where he had brought his mother Elizabeth Henry

Elizabeth Henry born March 2, 1790

Matthew Henry born April 6, 1792

Polly Henry born August 29, 1794

Enos Henry born September 9, 1796

John Henry born October 1, 1798

Resign Henry born August 15, 1800.

The following additional family information is also shown in the file but the relationship to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated:

Eliza Russell born November 27, 1810

Nancy Smith born January 13, 1812

John Carson born December 31, 1813

Betsy Caroline born November 3, 1815

James Henry Newton born October 22, 1817

Joseph Henry born May 17, 1819; died December 11, 1819

Eli Harvey born April 9th, 1821

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 21 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]