

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Read W5679

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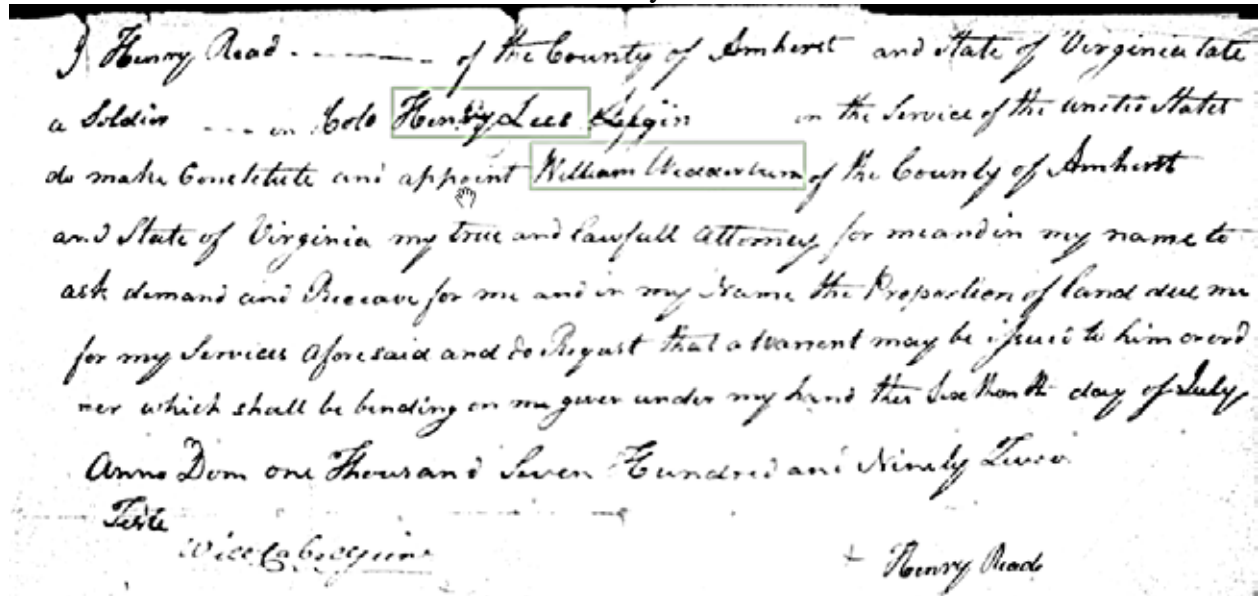
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I Henry Read of the County of Amherst and State of Virginia late a Soldier in Colonel Henry Lee's Legion on the Service of the United States do make constitute and appoint William Wedderburn of the County of Amherst and State of Virginia my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to ask demand and Receive for me and in my name the Proportion of land due me for my Services aforesaid and do Request that a Warrant may be issued to him or order which shall be binding on me. Given under my hand this 16th day of July A.D. 1792.

Teste

S/ Will Cabell Junr

Henry Read



A handwritten document in cursive script, likely a pension application. The text reads: "I Henry Read of the County of Amherst and State of Virginia late a Soldier in Col. Henry Lee's Legion on the Service of the United States do make constitute and appoint William Wedderburn of the County of Amherst and State of Virginia my true and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to ask demand and Receive for me and in my name the Proportion of land due me for my Services aforesaid and do Request that a Warrant may be issued to him or order which shall be binding on me given under my hand this 16th day of July Anno Dom one Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two". At the bottom, there are two signatures: "Will Cabell Junr" on the left and "Henry Read" on the right.

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State of Virginia Amherst County to wit

On this 21st day of March 1839 personally appeared before me John D Davis a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Mrs. Betsy Read aged 75 years a Respectable Resident of said County, 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 Henry Read deceased (of then Amherst, now Nelson County Virginia) who was a private in the Revolutionary war – in the Virginia Continental line as will appear by the certificate of balance of pay due him up to the first of January 1782 he being the only person on

the Register of that name. That her husband Henry Read entered in the service of his Country as a Regular soldier at the age of sixteen – and thinks he first enlisted in Philadelphia (in this she may be mistaken). That his Captain was named Rodolph [Michael Rudolph] – that he was at the battles of Monmouth and [June 28, 1778], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] to the North – which she thinks was in the early part of the War – that he was taken prisoner she believes at Germantown – and remained a prisoner 8 or 9 months – that he escaped from the British, she thinks at Amboy and Joined the Regiment again – that while in the northern service she thinks he was under the command of General Washington. That her husband afterwards joined the southern service – part of which service was in Lee's Cavalry – that Clement Carrington and George Carrington she has heard her husband speak of as being Officers in the same service that he was – believes one was General and the other a Colonel or Captain – that her husband assisted in conveying Clement Carrington off the field of battle – he being so badly wounded he could not walk – that her husband was at the battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] in a place called Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six May 21 – June 19, 1781] and that at the close of the War her husband was in the Georgia service – and that about 30 years ago he received his land warrant for his Revolutionary services – And the said Patsy Read, further declares that she was married to the aforesaid Henry Read on the 9th day of January 1784, from the best calculation she can make – She having No family record in of her marriage or births of her children – that her oldest daughter (Mrs. Mitchell) that is living and which was her 2nd child, is 53 years old in June next – That her husband the aforesaid Henry Read died on the 2nd day of March 1814. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but that the marriage took place previous to the 1st day of January 1794 – as will more fully appear by the proof annexed – that she was married to the said Henry Read in said County of Amherst, now Nelson County Virginia by the Reverend Martin Dawson – and that she has remained the widow of said Henry Read ever since his death as aforesaid to the present time.

S/ Betsy Reed, X her mark

S/ Tarply Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year above written.

S/ John D Davis, JP

[f p. 7: On April 4, 1839 in Nelson County Virginia, Mary Purvis, 71, gave testimony that when she was 15 or 16 she was present at the marriage of Henry Read a revolutionary soldier to Miss Betsy Gregory, now his widow; that the marriage was in the month of January 1784 in the then County of Amherst now Nelson by the Reverend Martin Dawson. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[f p. 11: On March 21, 1839 in Amherst County Virginia, Tarply Mitchell gave testimony that he became acquainted with Henry Read and his wife Betsy 30 or 31 years ago; that he married there oldest daughter, Polly, their 2nd child; that he has been married to Polly Read his present wife about 31 years; that on his family registry his wife is recorded as having been born in June 1786 which he is inclined to believe is correct; that he and his wife had children over 30 years of age.



Tarply Mitchell

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the cavalry of the Virginia line.]

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The [Virginia State library](#) online digital collection of documents relating to the bounty land claims made against that state, contains the following documents pertinent to this veteran.

The affidavit of Henry Read now a resident of the County of Amherst, State of Virginia, taken in the said County of Amherst this 17th day of February in the year 1807.

This Affiant deposeth & saith, that sometime about the month of August or September in the year 1778, he enlisted as a common soldier, under a certain Henry Lee, then Colonel of a Troop of Horse, that he remained in the said Lee's Corps until the end of the War, at which time he was discharged at George Town in the State of South Carolina, which discharge he has since lost, the said affiant positively avers that he has not received any compensation either in Land or certificates for his services. He further states that he enlisted in the Town of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey, and that he engaged 2 continued during the War, and further this affiant sayeth not.

S/ Henry Read, X his mark

It appears by the books in this Office that a Certificate issued on the 31st July 1783 for thirty-seven pounds 12 shillings in the name of Henry Read for his services as a soldier of Infantry in the Virginia line on Continental establishment.

Aud's Officer  
5th of March 1805

S/ S/ Sheppard