

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Wray¹ W6380

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State of Virginia County of Campbell to wit

On this 13th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Campbell now sitting Henry Wray a resident of the Parish of Russell, County of Campbell and State of Virginia, aged sixty-nine 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 June 7th 1832. That I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that I first entered the United States service as a private in the militia of Virginia. That I was born and raised in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia, that I was drafted to enter the Army from the said County of Amelia about the first day of July 1780 for a three months tour; – Colonel Dicks [perhaps Alexander Dicks], Major Edmund Booker and Captain Rollin Ward [Rowland Ward] were officers at this time. Our Regiment rendezvoused at Cabin Point. There the Company was dissolved and detached to others. – I was attached to Captain Long's Company and Fleming Bates was our Lieutenant; From thence I was marched to Smithfield, thence to Suffolk, there Captain Long was promoted to be a Major and Fleming Bates Captain, thence I was marched to near Portsmouth and Norfolk where the British lay at that time. I was discharged on the first of October 1780 having served out my time for which I was drafted, to wit, three months as above stated. I received my discharge from Fleming Bates who was my Captain at that time – which I have lost. After returning home and staying a little while I volunteered and served a six weeks tour and was regularly discharged at Petersburg in Virginia, but I have forgotten all the officers names – at any rate, I cannot name any of them with certainty.

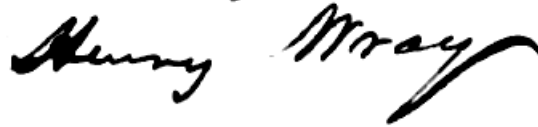
I returned home again, and in the year 1781 I was again drafted for another three months tour under Captain Mosely, Major John Overstreet, Brigade Major Benoney Overstreet, and General Robert Lawson. We were rendezvoused at Amelia Court House; we then marched to Richmond City in Virginia, thence to Bottom's Bridge, then we recrossed James River and at Jamestown and marched to Williamsburg ~~and thence to Norfolk Borough~~ and there staid until General Washington arrived and marched us to York town – Then I was sent out on horse guard with Lieutenant Glover and afterwards under a regular Captain whose name I have forgotten. We stayed at Yorktown until after the surrender of Cornwallis – The main Army marched off and left us at Yorktown my time was out, and I was regularly discharged by Lieutenant Glover; – which discharge I have likewise lost – This making in all that I served in the revolutionary war six months and six weeks. This last discharge took place in the last of October 1781. And I further declare that I have no documentary evidence in my possession, nor do I know of any

¹ See N. A. Acct. No. 874 No. 050 198—Not Half Pay Henry Wray

person living whose testimony I can procure to prove my service, except Henry Walthall whose certificate is hereto subjoined. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State whatever.

Signed and sworn to this day and year first above written.

S/ Henry Wray



Question by the Court 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born June 9th, 1763 in the County of Amelia State of Virginia

Question by the Court 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have the register of my age in my father's family Bible

Question by the Court 3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Amelia when called into service have since removed to the County of Campbell where I now live

Question by the Court 4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I Draft

Question by the Court 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the Question by the Court general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Lawson, Major John Overstreet & Brigade Major Benoni Overstreet were in command the principal Circumstances of my service are stated above

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from the first Tower [tour] from Captain Fleming Bates & 2nd from Lieutenant Glover they are both lost

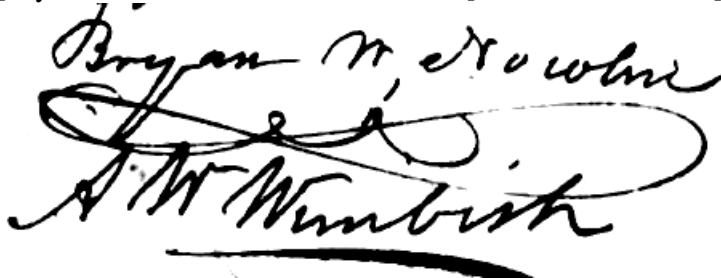
Question by the Court 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Captain Briant W. Nowlin & A. W. Wimbish live in my neighborhood.

S/ Henry Wray

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[Bryan W. Nowlin and A. W. Wimbish [Abram W. Wimbish] gave the standard supporting affidavit.

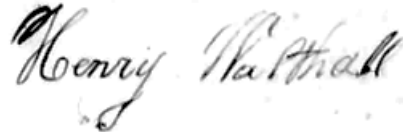


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I do hereby certify that in the year 1781 whilst I belonged to a horse Company in the service of

the United States then assembled at Amelia Court House in the State of Virginia under the command of Colonel Richard Jones that then and there a sham fight ensued by order of the Commandant and the Cavalry were ordered to charge upon the Infantry, which was done several times. That I have reason to believe Henry Wray who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration was in the ranks of said Infantry at Amelia Court House at that time and in the service of the United States. I have no doubt of the Revolutionary services of Henry Wray – and I believe him to be a man of truth and probity and that his statement all to the received with full faith and credit. Signed it Campbell Court House this 13th day of November 1832.

S/ Henry Walthall²

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Walthall".

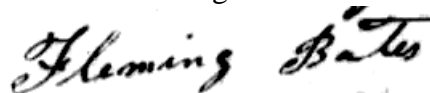
[f p 9: On August 8, 1842 in Campbell County in Virginia, Clarissa Wray, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Wray a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on May 10, 1784; and that her husband died October 20, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

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Virginia: Campbell County, to wit:

I do hereby certify that according to the best of my recollection said Henry Wray departed this life on the 20th day of October 1839 and that he left at the time of his death his widow Clarissa rate, who is still alive resident in said County, and that she has not intermarried but, continues the widow of said Henry Wray.

S/ Fleming Bates

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fleming Bates".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months & 12 days service as a private in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1836.]

² [Henry Walthall \(Walthal\) W3058](#)