

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Henry W7714

Mary

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: SS

On this 7th day of October 1845 personally appeared before me Jonathan Merrell a Magistrate and one of the Judges of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County of Buncombe Mary Henry a Resident of said County aged seventy-three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions 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 Joseph Henry who served as a private Soldier, a Wagon Master and as a Commissary, although at different periods in the Army of the Revolution. That he entered the Service of the United States in Lincoln County North Carolina as a private at what precise date she does not recollect to have heard him say or whether he was drafted or volunteered into that service She cannot recollect to have heard him say but she does recollect to have heard him say that at some of his subsequent services he was a volunteer how long he served the first Tour she does not know, she thinks 3 months, she recollects he afterwards served as Wagon Master, how long he served in that capacity she does not recollect to have heard him say, though Immediately after he ceased to act in that Capacity he served as Commissary and that he remained in that service until the close of the War how long that was she cannot State though she has often heard him say that he was in the Army pretty much all the time after his first entering the service until the close of the War further fax Respecting his Services she cannot state, as her said husband was much in public business all the time after her marriage to him until his death and did not talk very much about his Revolutionary Services. She Recollects to have heard him say that he served under Captain Guilkey [sic, Gilkey? or Gilky?] And the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Hamrite [sic Hambright?] and he often spoke of Colonel Hampton, and of his being in the service, though whether as his commander or not she cannot Recollect. She has heard him say that he was in the battle at Whitsons Mills [sic, Wetzel's Mill?] And at Guilford Court House

[March 15, 1781]. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Henry in Lincoln County North Carolina on the 17th Day of May in the year 1792 And that her Husband the aforesaid Joseph Henry died in Buncombe County North Carolina on the 22nd day of September 1816. That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 that he has at the time above stated. That she is now a Widow and has not married since the death of her said husband. She further declares that she has a record of her said marriage and of the ages of her Children which he believes to be in the Handwriting of her husband the aforesaid Joseph Henry and which is extracted from her family Bible and is hereunto annexed – And she further Declares that the Reason why she has not applied for her pension before this time is that she has been advised that it could not be obtained unless he could prove her husband's Services by living Witnesses and not knowing of any such witnesses she despaired of ever obtaining anything, but recently being advised that there are living witnesses by whom her husband's services can be proven in part and that the balance might be established by the archives in the executive Departments, she now makes the present Declaration hoping to obtain what in right she believes she all to have.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day & date above written.

Attest: S/ J. Merrell, JP

S/ Mary Henry, X her Mark

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State of North Carolina Catawba County: On this 19th day of May 1846 personally appeared before me Jacob Helderman a Magistrate in and for the County aforesaid Abraham Forney¹ a citizen of said County & a Pensioner of the United States at the Rate of \$144 per annum and after being duly sworn doth upon his oath make the following Statements.

That he was personally acquainted with Joseph Henry the Husband of Mary Henry (formerly Mary McCashland) now Residing in Buncombe County in this State & who is an applicant for a Pension, and that he was so acquainted with the said Joseph Henry in the years 1779, 80 and 81. That he then resided in this County and during that time Rendered a great deal of Service in the war of the Revolution, though never having served anyone Tour of service immediately with him the said Joseph Henry, he cannot describe any one Tour of his service, he knows a good portion of his services was rendered as commissary he further states that he the said Joseph Henry received his Indents for his services about the same time he received indents himself. The amount of Indents he the said Henry did receive however he is not now able to state though they were a considerable amount.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above.

S/ A. Helderman, JP

S/ Abraham Forney, A his mark

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State of North Carolina McDowell County: This day personally appeared before me Thomas Ledbetter an acting Magistrate in and for the County aforesaid James Ownbey² a Citizen of said County and a Pensioner of the United States and after being duly sworn doth upon his oath declare that early in the month of December in the year 1779, he entered the service of the United States as a Soldier of the Revolution under one Captain Robert Gilkey for a Tour of 3 months, and was marched to Charleston South Carolina there served out his said Tour of 3 months and was regularly Discharge. He further declares upon his oath as aforesaid, that Joseph

¹ [Abraham Forney W3976](#)

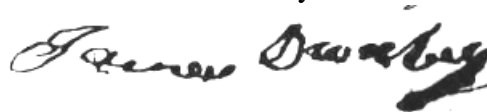
² [James Ownbey \(Owenby\) W3712](#)

Henry formerly of Buncombe County North Carolina who departed this life in the said County of Buncombe about 25 or 30 years ago leaving his wife Mary Henry a widow whom he now understands is an applicant for a Pension – entered the service at the same time as Wagon Master under the Command and control of the same said Captain Gilkey and that he the said Joseph Henry, served out the same Tour of 3 months in the said Capacity of Wagon Master and was discharged at the same time that he himself was Discharged.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of November A.D. 1845

Attest S/ Thos. Ledbetter, JP

S/ James Ownbey



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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: SS

On the 8th day of October A.D. 1845 Personally appeared before me George Debord a Magistrate in and for the County aforesaid Jesse Palmer³ a Citizen of said County a Revolutionary Soldier and formally a Pensioner of the United States But whose Claim stands now Suspended or rejected Affiant does not know which and after being duly sworn doth upon his oath declare that sometime in the month of January 1780 or '81, he having been previously drafted marched in the services of the United States to head quarters near Charlotte in Mecklenburg County in this State and upon arriving at that place, he met with Joseph Henry formerly of this County & who died in the County about 25 or 30 years ago leaving his wife Mary Henry a widow who now resides in this County and who is an applicant for a Pension and after meeting with the said Joseph Henry there, he and this affiant were both joined to the same Captain's Company were made messmates and served side-by-side throughout one whole 3 months Tour During which time they marched from headquarters to Beatties Ford on the Catawba River where they came near to the British they then marched backwards and forwards through the Country they sometimes pursuing the British and the British sometimes pursuing them until at length they met at a place called Whitson's Mills [Whitesell's or Wetzels Mill, March 6 1781], where they had a Scurmage [scrimmage] with the British in which the Americans were forced back by the superiority of the British numbers some short time afterwards they met again at Guilford Court House in the month of March when they had another engagement with the British some few days after which the said Joseph Henry and himself were both Discharge from the Service having served out his said Tour of three months. This Affiant then returned home where he remained until the latter part of the month of September next ensuing at which time there was a call in his neighborhood for volunteers he then volunteered and entered again into the service was marched to the place of rendezvous at one Alexander's in Lincoln County North Carolina where he again met with his old friend the aforesaid Joseph Henry, who was then acting as commissary to the Army, how long he had been there this Affiant knows not nor how long he Remained there or continued to act in that Capacity as he himself was marched off down the Country leaving the said Joseph there, and he does not recollect ever afterwards to have seen him, until after peace was declared. Soon after which the said Joseph Henry and himself settled in Lincoln County North Carolina within about twelve miles of each

³ [Jesse Palmer W5482](#)

other frequently seen each other and remained to be well acquainted with each other until the decease of the said Joseph Henry which took place about the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above

S/ George Debord, JP

S/ Jesse Palmer, O his mark

[fn p. 3: family record:

Joseph Henry & Mary McCashland was married the 17th of May 1792

John Henry was born on Wednesday the 13th of November 1793

Joseph Henry was born on Sunday night the 28th day of August 1796

Nancy Henry was born between 4 and 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning the 14th of December 1798

James Henry was born between 5 & 6 o'clock on Saturday morning the 24th of January 1801

William Henry was born 3 o'clock on Thursday morning the 9th of June 1803

Farmer Henry was born on Tuesday the 27th of May 1806 between 11 & 12 o'clock in the morning.

Farmer Henry died on Friday the 3rd of June 1808 about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

[fn p. 9: On April 1, 1851 in Henderson County North Carolina, Alexander Henry, 42, filed a claim as the son and heir of Mary Henry, deceased, widow of Joseph Henry, a soldier of the revolution; he states that his mother died May 8, 1848 without ever having obtained a pension and being survived by the following named children: Nancy, who intermarried with William Gudger; James Henry and this present applicant, the only surviving children and heirs at law

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Henry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Henry".

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 2 years.]