

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Rea W9246
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State of South Carolina, York District} SS

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before W. D. Martin Judge of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting, Henry Ray [sic] a resident of the State of South Carolina, in the District of York aged in his Seventy-Fourth year, 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 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the month of February in the year 1775 or 1776, under Captain Joseph Brown and Lieutenant Feemster that he went to Charleston and served in this Tour two months.

In 1778, was drafted to guard the frontier of the State of South Carolina against the Indians under Captain Saddler [Richard Sadler] and Lieutenant Wilson his service took place in the fall season of the year, and was out this tour two months.

In 1779, was drafted and taken to Orangeburg and lay there a considerable time under Colonel Thomas Neel and that Governor Rutledge [John Rutledge] and Colonel Senph [sic, Johann Senf] was there at that time, thence marched across Edisto with the intention of joining General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], an express had arrived that the British were pushing for Charleston, we then recrossed Edisto and marched immediately for Charleston in order to arrive there before the Enemy if possible and succeeded, and remained there as long as the enemy lay without the City, soon as the British left the City, we were then marched to Dorchester and joined General Lincoln Lieutenant Col. Watson [Samuel Watson] arrived in camp. Some time after this I came home, being out this tour about four months.

In 1780, volunteered in scouting parties to suppress the Tories, sometimes under Captain Jamison [James Jamieson], and sometimes under Captain Barnett [Jacob Barnett], and sometimes unofficered [sic], and continued in this Service about 11 months, during this 11 months tour we went to North Carolina and while there served under Col. Lock [sic, Francis Locke?] against the Tories in the forks of the Yadkin, and from thence to Ramsour's¹ under Captain Jamison of South Carolina.

Then volunteered and joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] at Haggler's Branch, thence sent in a detachment under Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] against Captain Hook [sic, Christian Huck] on Fishing Creek² – the next Battle was under General Sumter at the Hanging Rock³ next Battle under General Sumter at Blackstock's⁴ on Tyger River, in all about six months.

¹ Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780

http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

² July 12, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

³ August 6, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

In 1781, joined General Sumter's Army and marched to Friday's Fort below Columbia – about five weeks.

Next tour joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army at Burn [? or Burr or Brier] creek marched from thence to Orangeburg with the intention of fighting the British but Greene declined and withdrew, we were under Col. Moffett [John Moffett] and Lieutenant Hamilton sent by General Greene to Bigham [sic, Biggin] Church drove the enemy from that place, and was afterwards in the Battle at Wappoo's Bridge about two months. About the last of June 1782 drafted and entered the service under Lieutenant Woods and Captain Commandant William Hannah, and in this expedition he served two months.

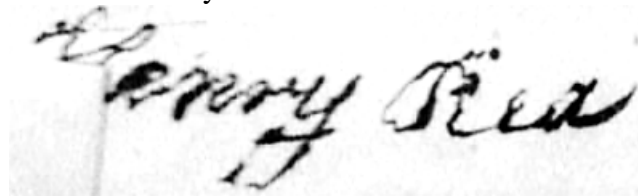
That during these different periods he was not stationed with any of the Continental troops, except a short time with General Lincoln and General Greene's Army near Orangeburg. That according to the best of his knowledge he was born in Ireland in the County of Antrim in the year 1758, and that he was living in South Carolina in Chester District when called into service, and have lived since the revolution in York District South Carolina and lives there at this time, and that he never received any written discharge for any of these services.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ A. McWhorter, C. C. C. Y.

S/ Henry Rea



[R. Y. Russell, a clergyman, and William Jamison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, York District

Personally appeared before me Captain James Jamison,⁵ Joseph Jamieson⁶ & Robert Wilson⁷ who being sworn say that they have seen the foregoing declaration of Henry Rea , that day were appointed with him in the revolutionary war with Great Britain also that they were personally acquainted with this service is generally as set forth in said declaration – and that they hesitate not to believe the whole services set forth in said declaration to have been rendered, and also that it is universally believed all acquainted with him and is so reputed that he was a soldier of the revolutionary war. -- Sworn to and subscribed 3rd day of October A.D. 1832

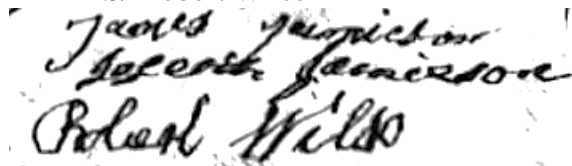
Before me

S/ William Jamieson, Q. U.

S/ James Jamieson

S/ Joseph Jamieson

S/ Robert Wilson



⁴ November 20, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁵ [James Jamieson S21839](#)

⁶ [Joseph Jamieson S9360](#)

⁷ [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

State of South Carolina, York District

The personal examination of Henry Rea made in open Court before the Honorable William D. Martin a Judge of the Court of sessions and Common Pleas at York Court House, October term 1832.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – To the best of my knowledge I was born in Ireland, in the year 1758

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

Answer – I have no record of my age

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 lived in Chester District South Carolina when called into Service. I have lived in York District South Carolina since the Revolution and Reside in the same at this time.

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 entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer, and Served generally as such during the war of the revolution, Sometimes drafted, but never a Substitute.

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 general circumstances of your service.

Answer – My officers were Captain Brown, Colonel Senf, General Thomas Sumter and others referred to in my declaration, to which declaration I refer for the General circumstances of my Services.

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 never Received any written discharge from the The service.

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 – I can refer to all who know me but would name in particular to Jos if Jamison and Captain James Jamison.

Sworn to & subscribed October 16, 1832 in open Court.

S/ Henry Rea

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Rea". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ A. McWhorter, Clk

State of South Carolina, York District: Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for said District Henry Rea who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade (viz.) for two years six months and seven days, I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the 23rd day of March A.D. 1833

S/ William Jamison, QU

S/ Henry Rea

[p 11: On March 24, 1843, Mary Rea, filed in York District South Carolina for a widow's pension stating that she married Henry on March 11, 1781 or 1782 and that Henry died on September 6, 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

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South Carolina, York District

Be it known that on the 5th day of November 1844 before A.S. Wallace a Magistrate in & for the District aforesaid personally appeared Robert Wilson a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States who being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with Henry Rea who was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States & who died in the 6th day of September 1842. -- he further states that in the service of the said Rea in the Revolutionary War commenced in 1777. -- That he was in the Stono campaign and fought at the war Battle of Stono (he thinks under command of Captain Robins of Chester District -- that he Rea went with deponent to Charleston and that the militia were discharged in two or three days after their arrival at that place that said Rea with nine other Whigs after the fall of Charleston rather than take British protection, fled, with Captain Jamison at their head to North Carolina, joined General Sumter and fought in the battles of Hanging Rock, Rocky Mount & Bratton's-- at the battle of Hanging Rock Captain Jamison was wounded and shortly afterwards taken prisoner by Cornwallis -- that Rea with a number of others joined Captain Barnet's company and were engaged in scouring the country for the purpose of keeping down the Tories -- that he was engaged in the battle at Blackstock's under the command of Captain Jamison who had recovered from his wounds and escaped from British custody -- he further states that he believes the said Rea was engaged in the battle at the Fish dam Ford and that the company of Captain Jamison under whose command Rea served was constantly employed in suppressing the Tories until the Edisto Campaign -- that the said Rea was engaged in the Battles of Orangeburg & Bigham [sic, Biggin] Church -- and that he believes the said Rea was constantly engaged in the service of his country from the time of entering said service until he was regularly discharged in 1781 and that he was under command of General Henderson at the time of his discharge.

Sworn & subscribed Before me.

S/ Robert Wilson

S/ A. S. Wallace, Magst.

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Sworn & subscribed before me.

S/ Joseph Jamison, X his mark

S/ A. S. Wallace, Magst.

Test: S/ Allen R. Jamison

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.10 per Annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months and 25 days in the South Carolina militia. He was originally pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum but reduced to \$46.10 per annum. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]