

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James Henry S16871

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State of Alabama
Tuscaloosa County

On this 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before Marmaduke Williams Judge of the county court for the county aforesaid now sitting James Henry a resident of the state and county aforesaid aged 72 years next April 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 under the following officers and served as herein stated.

That as a Volunteer he entered his first service in the year 177[] or '77 under Col Patrick Lockhart for three months, against the Tories on New River his residence at the time was Bottetourt [Botetourt] County Virginia, this expedition he performed by having some small skirmishes & taking some prisoners – preventing thereby their embodying it was understood the Tories would have been commanded by one McDaniel. - He was afterwards drafted for 4 months against the Cherokees under Col Christian [William Christian]. His Captain was his own father Andrew Henry _ his Lieutenant Ebenezer Titus Ensign William McBroom _ This service he also performed _ with however little fighting.

In October 1780 at Fincastle Bottetourt Court House Va. where with his parents he then resided he volunteered for three months under Captain James Robinson, James Lauderdale Lieutenant James Taylor Ensign – David Campbell Major they had no Colonel – they marched to Cowpens & joined General Morgan. – on the 17th January 1781 he was in the Battle of Cowpens, the militia commanded by General William McDowell – Before this service of three months was out, he was in a skirmish under Major Campbell at the Island Ford of the Adkin [Yadkin] River, in [another?] at Alley Mance [Alamance] still under Major Campbell, another at the Reed Fork these skirmishes took place while pursued by Cornwallis after the Battle of Cowpens they in their retreat joined General Greene at Caldwell's Mill. After this Cornwallis retreated toward Guilford Court House, & your affiants time being out, about this time they were crossing Dan River ____ In the mean time again affiants father Andrew Henry had been drafted for four weeks under Col Thomas Rowland Capt. David May – at Dan River your affiant took his fathers place & he went home during this service he was in the Battle of Guilford, after this he was discharged & marched home. If he ever got a written discharge

He was born in Pennsylvania about 60 miles from Philadelphia – at 5 years old removed to Virginia, to then Augusta county, afterwards Bottetourt. – After the war he removed to Tennessee, from Tennessee to this county about 13 years ago at which place he now resides.

From his Fathers Family Register, but which now he cannot procure, he born in the 1760[sic]. – He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

S/ James Henry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Henry".

[Robert Marsh, a clergyman, and James S. Blount give the usual supporting testimony]
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