

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Henry S1767

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County: SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of said County now sitting John Henry a resident of the County of Jefferson aforesaid and State of Tennessee aged Seventy-one 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: That he the said John Henry at the age of sixteen years volunteered first for the term of three months to wit on the \_\_ day of \_\_ in the year 1777 (the month and date not recollected) in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Abraham Linkhorn [Abraham Lincoln] and Colonel Harris as Commandant against the Dollway [Delaware?] Indians, that he entered the service at Bucks Gap on the Shenandoah River in Rockingham County from thence he was marched to the South Branch of the Potomac River, then to the Monongahela River, then to the Ohio River and crossed it, where he was engaged for some time in building a Fort, thence he was marched to the Muskingum alias Tuscarora River, where he was kept employed in building a Stockade Fort at which place the term of service expired for which he volunteered, and he returned home, together with the whole company.

And afterwards to wit the precise day & date this deponent does not recollect, he entered the Service of the United States as a Substitute for a man by the name of Rafe Laverty and was attached to a Company commanded by Captain William Smith at Harrisburg in the State of Virginia, thence I was marched to Tigers Valley [Tygart Valley], thence to Buckhannan [Buchanan], thence to the West fork, where I acted as a guard until the expiration of the 3 months when I was discharged.

And afterwards to wit on the \_\_ day of \_\_ the day & date this deponent does not recollect – having no record in which he could refresh his recollection he volunteered & entered the service of the United States against the British and attached himself to a Company under Captain George Baxter & commanded by Colonel Nall [perhaps, Col. William Nolle or Nail] & Major G. Hamilton [Gawen Hamilton], at Harrisburg in the State of Virginia, thence he was marched to Richmond, thence across James River, thence to Edwards Nose [?]<sup>1</sup>, at the great bridge Swamp, where he was stationed within three quarters of a mile of the British post, where he was engaged

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<sup>1</sup> *None*

in several small skirmishes with the ~~Indians~~ British, thence he was marched to the Qurak [?]<sup>2</sup> Mills, where he was discharged having served three months, making in all nine months, that he has served as a volunteer & substitute in the service of the United States; This declarant further states that he never received a discharge for any of the services above stated.

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

The following questions & answers are made by the Court now in session to wit

1. Where and in what year were you born

Answer, I was born May [indecipherable] 17[indecipherable]<sup>3</sup> in Rockingham County Virginia

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

Answer, I have a record of my age, it is in my own possession.

3. Where were you living when called into Service, were you drafted, or did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer, When I was called into service I lived in Rockingham County State of Virginia – I was out on two campaigns as a volunteer, and one as a Substitute for Rafe Laverty

4. Question where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

Answer Part of my time in Rockingham County Virginia, and the residue of my time in Jefferson County Tennessee where I now reside –

5. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served.

Answer. My first campaign against the Dolloway Indians, general McIntosh – Colonel Harris – and Captain Abraham Linkhorn. The Second as a Substitute under Captain William Smith – the Third – Colonel Nall, Major G. Hamilton & Captain George Baxter.

6. 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 did not receive a discharge from any person for the services I rendered –

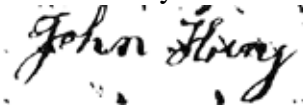
7. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior, your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I know of no person except my brother Hugh Henry, that I can prove my services by, and as to my character for veracity &c I could mention sundry persons, but I wish those persons appointed by the Court now in Session – which will be shown by an affidavit hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Joseph Hamilton, Clerk

S/ John Henry



[Hugh Martin and John McCampbell were appointed by the court and gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Jefferson County

<sup>2</sup> Qurak  
May 10, 1766

<sup>3</sup> May 10, 1766?

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared Hugh Henry aged sixty years before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting for Jefferson County and made oath in due form of law that John Henry whose signature appears to the foregoing declaration, is his brother, that they both lived in the State of Virginia, at the same time, and the above declaration being read to him, this Deponent saith that the services therein mentioned was performed by the said John Henry at the time and in the manner therein described.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & date above written.

S/ Hugh Henry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Henry". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]