

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Hill S41639

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State of Ohio

Franklin county SS.

On this 10th day of May 1818 before me the Subscriber Associate Judge of the Court of Common pleas for the County of Franklin in the State of Ohio, personally appeared Henry Hill aged sixty seven years resident in said Franklin County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" That in or about the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven or seventy eight he enlisted for one year into a Company commanded by one Captain Spencer in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heth BLWt1064-500], in the Virginia line of Continental troops, then on Continental establishment – the No of said Company this deponent has forgotten, but he thinks the Regiment was the 7th Virginia Regiment. this deponent enlisted as before said at the Courthouse in Orange County in Virginia. This deponent was discharged at the expiration of the year aforesaid, but said discharge he has lost. After having served as a faithful soldier in the Company aforesaid for the year aforesaid, he enlisted some time in the year of our Lord 1780 into a company commanded by one Captain Craig in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell [probably Richard Campbell BLWt347-450] for eighteen months, in the Virginia line of Continental establishment. This deponent served as a good and faithful soldier in the Company and Regiment last aforesaid, for the term of eighteen Months aforesaid and was then honourably discharged from the service, as appears from said discharge, herewith enclosed. This deponent was in the battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], Ninetysix [Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], Chamblee [possibly Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], and some of less note. This deponent knows of no other evidence at present within his power to prove his services aforesaid. This deponent has never received any pension from the United States, and is now in reduced circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support

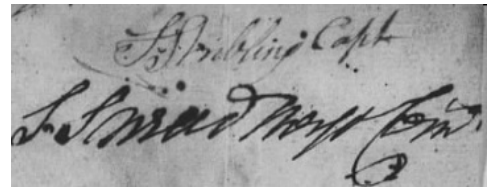
Henry hisXmark Hill

The Bearer hereof Henry Hill soldier of the 2nd Virginia detachm't. Capt. Stribling's [Sigismond Stribling BLWt2066-300] company having served Eighteen Months being the term for which he was engaged is hereby discharged from said detail in which we certify he hath behaved as a brave and faithfull soldier.

Given at Salisbury [NC] the 18 day Janry 1782

S. Stribling Capt

S. Snead Maj'r Com't. [Smith Snead BLWt2056-400]

A photograph of a document showing two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "S. Stribling Capt" and the bottom signature reads "S. Snead Maj'r Com't".

District of Ohio Franklin County SS

On this 13th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record (being such by a statute of the State of Ohio, and having Common Law Jurisdiction to an unlimited amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings) for Franklin County in the State of Ohio Henry Hill aged 69 years resident in Franklin County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in the 7th Regiment Commanded by Col Heath in the Company commanded by Capt Spencer in the Virginia line as declared in his declaration of the 10th May 1818 on which he received certificate of pension No 11619 and further testified here on oath as follows

“And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person for me in trust any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed Viz a title land to a quarter of a town lot

on which I have paid	\$80 —	
with a log house on the same worth	35 —	
one Cow and Calf	12 —	
one Catele[?]	1.00	
five chares	\$— 62½	
½ doz old [illegible word]	30	
½ doz [illegible word]	37½	
four bowls	<u>1.50</u>	
	95.80	[see below] Henry Hill {Seal}

Note by the Court

he is [undeciphered word] about one hundred dollars & there is about thirty owing to him

I Henry Hill pursue the occupation of husbandry and in light work can do near an half days in a day in heavy work not more than one forth of a days work in a day have rheumatick pains in my left knee. My family consists of me and my wife who is aged 54 years and is almost continually sick, is now, and has for one year been allmost all the time under the Care of physicians for whose attention the only furnature of any value I had is now under execution

Columbus, O. August 14, 1820

Mr Calhoun [John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War]

Sir I perceive by your return that Henry Hill a pensioner is stricken from the list. His schedule indeed exhibited a Lot on which he paid \$80.00 and owed 40, but the court estimated his lot at no more than \$15 the high price he gave arose from his ignorance in business Taking the courts estimate of his property and it amounts to less than \$70 dollars. The greater part of which he purchased with his pension money. his age 69. his wife all the time sick, no help; though not now a public charge, soon must be.

I as an individual of the court feel bound in private to declare the justness of our official opinion as to the real value of his property and can state with assurance that he is in circumstances of such indigence that the help of his country would be well applied

David Smith

Judge of Franklin county Ohio

[Note on pension certificate: “Reinstated July 21 1821 and sent as before.”]

NOTE: The 1830 federal census for Ross County, Chillicothe, OH lists Henry Hill, age 55-100, as head of a household of “Free Colored Persons” that also included 3 males under 10, 1 male 24-36, 2 females under 10, 1 female 36-55, and 1 female 55-100.