

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Henley [Henly] VAS1493

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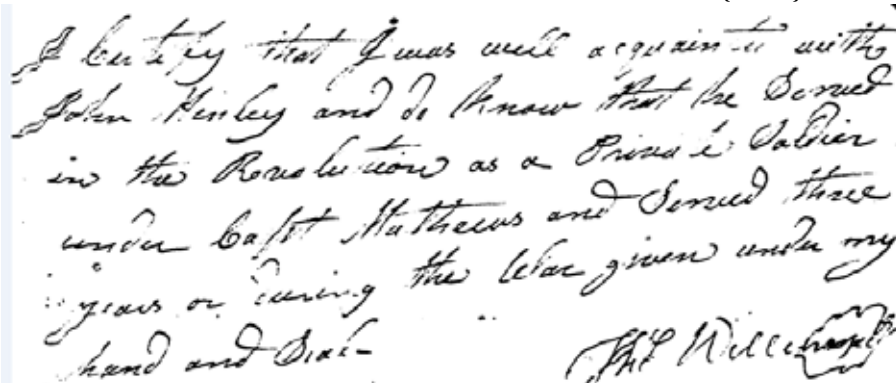
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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Certify that I was well acquainted with John Henley and do know that he served in the Revolution as a Private Soldier under Captain Matthews and served three years or during the War. Given under my hand and seal.

S/ Thos. Williams {Seal}



I certify that I was well acquainted with John Henley and do know that he served in the Revolution as a Private Soldier under Capt Matthews and served three years or during the War given under my hand and Seal.

[Attested June 30, 1832 in Norfolk County Virginia]

Petition for Bounty land

John Henley – Soldier – Continental Line

This soldier's name is on the Army Register – He received the sum of £15 – the balance of his full pay as soldier.

One credible witness proves that John Henley enlisted & served for three years, in the Continental Army. He appears to be entitled to land.

If your Excellency should allow bounty land it ought to be for a service of 3 years as Soldier in the Continental line.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith, Commissioner &c
April 18th, 1834

To his Excellency
Governor Tazewell

Princess Anne County to wit

Personally appeared before me Jonathan Hunter a Justice of the Peace for the said County Thomas Bonney who made oath that John Henley was a Soldier of the Virginia State line during the War of the Revolution and was in service three years and was Honorable discharged, and I certify that Thomas Bonney is worthy of credit. Given under my hand this [illegible] day of February 1832




S/ Jon Hunter, JP

I Thomas Bonney¹ of Princess Anne County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Henley of said County. I recollect distinctly of his enlisting in the regular service in the revolutionary war about the year 1777 he went from this County to the North I understood from him when he came home which was after the siege of York, that he held the office of Sergeant whilst he was at the North. I know he enlisted for three years and he did not return home within three years, from the time he went away. I saw him frequently after he came home and conversed with him about the war. I lived about six miles from him he was raised in the County where I was born and raised at. I had frequent opportunities of seeing him after he came home from the North. I was in a volunteer company with him after he came home. I was not in the regular service myself. I am now drawing sixty dollars per year as a pension for my services in the revolutionary war. As witness my hand and seal this the 5th day of June A.D. 1832

S/ Thomas Bonney, X his mark

[pp 9-10: last will and testament of John Henley of Princess Anne County Virginia; he names wife Francis [sic, Frances]; grandchild Jennet Henley daughter of William Henley to whom he leaves a Negro woman named Rose; son Johnson Henley to whom he leaves a Negro woman named Sarah; to his afflicted daughter Polly Henley he left a Negro man named America; son Edward to whom he left his plantation where he now lives together with his son's choice of the testator's guns; son James to whom he left one Negro girl named Judah and he to have second choice of the testator's guns. The will was probated in Princess Anne County Virginia July 7th, 1817.]

[pp 12-15: Power of attorney dated January 19, 1832 signed by Johnson, Edward and James Henley

Johnson Henley 
Edward Henley 
James Henley 

¹ [Thomas Bonney S6688](#)