Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Magert¹ S1850 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: August Sessions 1832

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in open Court Henry Magert [indecipherable word or abbreviation]² a resident of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee aged 71 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 July 7th 1832 [sic, June 7th 1832], that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that in the year 1780 or 1781 he substituted in the room of Philip Kite in Rockingham County in Virginia who was drafted for two months and marched under Captain Koker [or Koken] Major Hambleton & Colonel Noll to Portsmouth in Virginia he remained there some days and from there marched low down in North Carolina, from there he was marched into South Carolina near Camden from there he was marched back and crossed James River at Sandy Point, where he remained some days expecting a battle with the British where he was discharged by Captain Koken, whether his discharge was written or verbal he does not now recollect and returned home after having been in the service going and returning altogether about 3 months.

He states that shortly after he returned home from the Tour above stated, he was drafted in Rockingham County Virginia to go against Cornwallace [Cornwallis] to intercept his march to Albemarle where there were some British prisoners stationed and he was marched near Richmond where he was discharged by Captain Beasley or Captain Fraser [?] which of the two he does not now recollect as he was out in the service under both of said Captains one immediately after the other he thinks he received a written discharge, he states that immediately after his return home after having served about two months in said Tour he was again drafted in said County for two months and placed under one of the other of the above named Captains but which of the two he does not now recollect, he does not recollect the names of the officers as he was young and inexperienced, he states that he was marched on to Yorktown and remained there until within three of [or] four days of the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when his time of service expired and he was discharged by which either of the two above named Captains he was under he believes his discharge was in writing, he states that he was in actual service said Tour 2 months and in traveling to and from York Town home in all amounted to over 3 months: he states that the first Tour he served was in a skirmish with the Tories and British in where 2 of the Americans were killed, he also states that Cornwallis' Army were cannonading York Town for

¹ His name is spelled Henry Maggert on one of his pension certificates and Henry Magert Sr on another.



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some days, but there was no particular engagement during my stay at that place. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He states that he has no documentary proof by which he can establish his said service, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

S/ Henry Magert Sr., X his mark [John Anderson & Lewis Foust gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Sullivan County: On this 26 day of January 1833 personally appeared before me [illegibly faint name] one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County, Henry Maggert, Sr. an applicant for pension, and in order to remedy the objections to his said declaration which are designated in red ink on the foregoing brief as Nos. 5 & 17 and made oath that under the several engagements set forth in his declaration he served in the whole nine months, including the time going & returning to & from the places to which he marched in the Revolutionary War and eight months exclusive of said travel – That he was born in the County of Shenandoah State of Virginia on the 24 day of March 1761. That he has record evidence of his age in his possession. That his recollection is good as to the officers under whom he served though he may have confounded the different officers & not assigned them the proper Tour, being very young & inexperienced at the time of performing his said service. He recollects that Colonel Washington was in command at York Town and a French commander also. That John Anderson Esquire & Lewis Foust citizens of his vicinity all well known to him & have proved his veracity, as also the neighborhood reputation of his services.

S/ Henry Maggert, Sr., X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]