

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Henry S2611

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[Note: The images of this file posted on Fold3.com are poor and, in the case of the veteran's second declaration, totally impossible to read. I've done the best I could transcribing the original declaration. HeritageQuest.com has a very slightly better image of the veteran's original application. I used it to make the transcript of the original application. Use with caution.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County

This 14th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 Hugh Henry a resident of said County personally appeared before me Henry Frey an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Robertson & duly commissioned and qualified to act as such & administer oaths, aged Eighty-two years old & being duly sworn according to law upon his oath makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 for the benefit of the soldiers of the Revolution – declares that he was born in the County of Pittsylvania in the State of Virginia & entered the service of the United States in the spring of 1777 and volunteered in a company commanded by Captain John Donelson [John Donaldson, Dollison] as a Lieutenant in his Company for six months service & marched from Pittsylvania, joined the command of Colonel Evan Shelby, the father of Isaac Shelby who commanded at Kings Mountain, in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians in Georgia & State of Tennessee & continued in service for some months until after the making of the treaty of Holston when I was marched back home & were discharged but I am wholly unable to specify the precise time I was in service but believe nearly the whole time had expired and after that he again volunteered in the service of the United States to march into the Western country on a tour of service the time not recollected under the command of Captain Thomas Dillard as a private soldier & acted as Sergeant in the Company – he does not recollect the time of marching from Pittsylvania but recollects that the company reached the place then called Boonesborough on the Kentucky River on the 6th day of March 1778 & continued there until they went to the falls of the Ohio which they reached on the 24th day of June & then descended the River in boats until they passed the mouth of the Tennessee River, where they left their boats & crossed the Country & went to the junction of the River Kaskaskia & the Mississippi & took possession of the town situated in the forks of the River, which was then called Oakhaw [Cahokia?] town as he recollects & this armed the troops & took the Governor prisoner, whose name I believe was Roseblock [Philippe-Francois de Rastel de Rocheblave]¹ & kept him in custody until we reached Louisville & from

¹ Rocheblave was taken at Fort Gage on June 28-29, 1778

Louisville we returned home under the command of Captain Montgomery, who succeeded to the command of the company after Dillard resigned – the said Montgomery did not return all the way with us & I am unable to say at what point he left us – I do not recollect the time I reached home but recollect that Frost had come before I reached home & that the people at home were digging potatoes when I reached there – that he believes he received written discharges but is not certain & if he did he has lost them – that he has no written evidence to prove any of his services – that he had a commission in the first campaign which has been long since lost – that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services except his brother David Henry² who performed in company with him both tours of duty & whose affidavit accompanies this declaration – that both of them removed from Pittsylvania in the year 1780 to the present State of Tennessee where they have resided ever since in the same neighborhood except a short time they lived in Kentucky.

That he is not on the pension roll of any State or of the United States or any agency of any state – that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension from the United States except the present one and under the act of 1832. Sworn to & subscribed the day & date first above written.

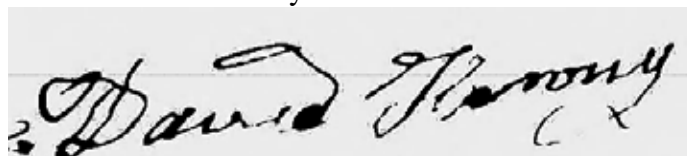
S/ H. Frey, JP

S/ Hugh Henry, X his mark

State of Tennessee Robertson County: SS

David Henry a citizen of Robertson County aged (80)⁷⁹ Eighty years appeared before me Henry Frey an acting Justice of the peace as aforesaid & being duly sworn according to law makes oath that he is the brother of the applicant Hugh Henry for a pension, that he has heard the preceding declaration read & that he was in both the campaigns specified therein with his brother Hugh, went into the service with him & continued with him in the service & returned with him from the service & that the several facts stated in said declaration are true to the best of his knowledge & belief.

S/ David Henry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Henry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Richard Pepper, a clergyman, and James Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[pp 15-18: there appears to be another lengthy document given by the veteran but the images of it as posted on Fold3.com. are completely illegible. If anyone has a transcript of this documentation, we would appreciate having it posted in this database.]

[Facts in file: veteran died April 17, 1834; there is reference in the documentation to another brother named Isaac Henry deceased as of 1832 who served in the tour in 1778; otherwise, there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$115 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant for thirteen months in the Virginia service.]

² FPA S2287 transcribed and posted in this database March 16, 2014