Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Randolph S4038 Transcribed by Will Graves f42VA 6/6/12

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State of Tennessee Fayette County: On this 6th day of October 1832 at the house of Samuel Morgan, personally appeared before me Daniel Johnson an acting Justice of the peace of the County and State aforesaid Henry Randolph, a resident of said County (though late of Amelia County Virginia) aged seventy-five years the 18th day of January last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions may by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776, on the 3rd day of November at Portsmouth Virginia, with Captain William Grimes, of the 15th Virginia Regiment. That when said Regiment Joined the Army at Middlebrook New Jersey he was transferred to the Life Guard of General Washington, commanded by Major Caleb Gibbs, that there was a Captain Henry Livingston, and Lieutenants Benjamin Grimes and William Colefax [William Colfax?] attached to said life Guard, that he served in said Life Guard two years & six months and was Discharged by Major Caleb Gibbs on the 7th day of December 1779 at Morristown New Jersey. That he has lost or mislaid his Discharge —

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written

(Signed) Daniel Johnson, JP

(signed) H. Randolph

State of Tennessee Fayette County: on the 11th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court Colonel Philemon Holcombe of the State and County aforesaid (though late of Amelia County Virginia) aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Statement. – That he has been personally acquainted with Henry Randolph (the applicant for a pension in the affidavit to which this is annexed) about forty years. That he believes him to be about Eighty years of age, That said Randolph was always reputed and believed in his neighborhood to have been a revolutionary soldier, That he has frequently understood from said Randolph that he served two or three years in the Life Guard of General Washington, That he has frequently understood the same from others that were acquainted with said Randolph in the Army, among which was his own Brother Colonel John Holcombe, who was at the time mentioned a Captain in the 4th Virginia Regiment and subsequently Colonel of the 1st Regiment of General Lawson's Brigade of Virginia Militia. That he has frequently heard

said Randolph represented by those who were acquainted with him in the Army as a brave and daring Soldier, That said Randolph has ever been esteemed a high-minded, honorable man, though he has suffered for the last 5 or 6 years on the mental Infirmity, and That he does fully believe that said Randolph was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he has stated in his affidavit –

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid (Signed) Thomas C Hudson, Clerk

(Signed) Phil. Holcombe¹

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State of Tennessee Fayette County: On this 31st of January 1833 at the House of Samuel Morgan, personally appeared before me Daniel Johnson an acting Justice of the peace of the County and State aforesaid, Henry Randolph who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: For one-year and six months I served as a private Soldier. For two years I served as a corporal, which service was performed as follows: from the 3rd day of November 1776, until a very short period (not exceeding two months) after the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], he served as a private Soldier, he was then appointed corporal, and served as a corporal until he was discharged from the regular service on the 7th day of December 1779 – he afterwards served as a private soldier in Captain Robert Bolings Company of Horse, three months, he also served as a private soldier in Captain Epps Company of Foot, which he believes was a 3 months tour – and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ H. Randolph

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

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¹ Philemon Holcombe S4399