Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Henry S8705
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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this the 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the County Court now sitting Joseph Henry a resident of North Carolina in the County of Buncombe aged between sixty-eight and seventy 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 June 7th 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. First entered under Colonel William Graham, Major John Carrooth [John Carruth?] and in Captain William Chronicle's Company in the year 1780 in June. Then under Captain Mattocks, Chronicle being advanced to Major and Carrooth to Lieutenant Colonel. Then Captain Mattocks resigned and he then became under Captain Samuel Martin. That he was drafted shortly after Ferguson's defeat in the fall of 1780 and became under the command of Colonel Francis Locke, in Captain Thomas Loftin's Company and James Robertson Lieutenant.

That he at the time of entering the service resided in the County of Lincoln in the State of North Carolina.

The first part of his service he was marched through your District in South Carolina and union & Rutherford Counties in North Carolina. He then after being drafted marched through Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan & Guilford Counties and was finally discharged on tar River in Guilford County in North Carolina and that he never was in any engagement.

He further saith that he did receive a discharge, signed by Thomas Loftin Captain and The same for a number of years but at length he has lost it

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court October 17th 1832

Test: S/ John Miller, Clerk by N. N. Woodfin, D. Clk

S/ Jos Henry

I Jesse Palmer¹ certify that I entered the service the 22nd day of January 1781 and shortly after that time I became personally acquainted with the Identical Joseph Henry who was then in the service in Captain Loftin's Company and had been there some time previous to my entering the service. And I recollect very well that he Joseph Henry was in the same company with myself and was discharged before I was which was shortly before the battle of Guilford.

S/ Jesse Palmer, X his mark

[John Clayton, Esquire and Andrew Willson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Buncombe County: County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions 1833

Joseph Henry appeared in open Court & made oath in due form of law in addition to his statement made on another part of this paper on his oath states that from the lapse of time & frailty of memory he cannot state precisely the times that he entered the service or was discharged but to the best of his recollection he first entered under Colonel William Graham in June 1780 shortly after Ramsour's battle which was as he recollects between the first & last of June 1780 & served 3 months as before stated. The second tour of service he believes to the best of his recollection commenced in December 1780 having been drafted some time before he was called to serve under Colonel Locke as afore mentioned when he served again 3 months at both terms of service he served in the Grade of a private.

Sworn to in open Court 31st of August 1833 S/ Jno. Miller, Clerk S/ Jos Henry

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ Jesse Palmer W5482