Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Brink W1375 Jemima Brink NJ Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of New York \ Ss

On this 6th day of October one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally Seneca County appeared before the Court of Commonpleas of the County of Seneca Henry Brink a resident of the town of Tyre in the County of Seneca and State of New York aged seventy two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred seventy eight according to the best of his knowledge recollection and belief – he then lived at Montague Sussex County, New Jersey and enlisted at that time in the month of February as he thinks in the Company of Captain Segon [sic: James, Cavalier de Segond] who commanded a Company of light infantry. He was attached to Colonel Dechair's[?] regiment in the Corps afterwards commanded by County Pulaski. The Corps to which he was attached marched with this declarant for the southern states and continued to march thro the southern Country that summer & the army lay that winter in barracks at Charlestown – the next fall he well remembers being in the battle at the siege of Savannah where County Pulaski was mortally wounded [9 Oct 1779] This declarant well rembers General [Benjamin] Lincoln who commanded the united forces engaged in the siege of Savannah. In County Pulaski's Corps he remembers Captain Bentla [sic: Paul Bentalou] or some such name who commanded a troop of Dragoons in Pulaski's legion He also remember Captain Frey who commanded a rifle Company. He enlisted as he understood at the time for one year but he afterward learned that he had enlisted for three years or during the war [see endnote] – He was however discharged in the Spring of the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty having served two years & some months. He received an honorable discharge but the same has been lost by time & accident. He has procured the affidavit of James Olds [sic: James Rolls, pension application R8968] made some years since for another purpose which is hereto annexed. He cannot now procure the said Olds testimony without great inconvenience. He knows Daniel Ennis of Owasco Cayuga County in the State of New York - that he has known the said Daniel Ennis since his childhood. He also knows Luther Bishop of Tyre in said County of Seneca who is his near neighbor and also Thomas [illegible] who is also his neighbor

[Liv]ingston County SS.

James Rolles of the town of Dansville in the County of Steuben and State of New York being duly sworn deposeth and saith that according to the best recollection of this deponant Henry Brink of the town of Tyer in the county of Seneca and State aforesaid enlisted in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight or seventy nine into the company of light Infantry commanded by Captain Segon for three years and during, and that said company aforesaid was attached to the Regament commanded by collonel Debose [sic: Baron de Boze]; and that said Regament belonged to the Legion commanded by Count Polasci – and this deponant further saith that he served in the same company Regament and Legion aforesaid with aforesaid Henry Brink for the term of three years and fore months, and that at the end of wich time he this deponant and the said Henry Brick were regularly and legally discharged from the service in the revolutionary army by General Decalne [possibly Baron de Kalb] then stationed near Trenton in the State of Newjersey and further this deponant saith not

Subscribed and sworn before me this forteenth day of May AD 1831

James hisXmark Rolls

NOTES:

A muster roll taken at Charleston SC on 27 July 1779 for the Second Company of Infantry commanded by Capt. James, Chevalier de Segond in Gen. Pulaski's Legion lists "Henary Brink" as a private who enlisted for one year on 15 Feb 1778.

On 7 April 1853 Jemima Brink, 77, applied for a pension stating that she married Henry Brink in Phelps NY on 15 Oct 1816, and that he died on 11 Jan 1841. John Brink, 51, stated that he had known Henry and Jemima Brink since 1814. On 5 April 1856 Jemima Brink applied for bounty land.