Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Henze (Hentze)¹ W3251 Margaret Hentze f89VA[PA]
Transcribed by Will Graves 3/18/14

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State of Pennsylvania Bedford County: SS

On this 26 day of October 1841, personally appeared before the Honorable Joseph S Morrison one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Please, being a Court of record in and for said County Frederick Hentze now a resident of Bedford Township in the County of Bedford aforesaid, aged between eighty-two & eighty-three 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States during the War of the Revolution and served in the Legion under the command of Colonel or General Armandi [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Roueire] who commanded the Legion, Captain Sharp [John Sharp] who commanded his company, Lieutenant Smith of Virginia, Ensign Schaffner and Major Schaffner [George Schaffner] and Adjutant Swartz (or Schwartz) [Godfried Swartz]. That prior to his engagement with General Armandi, he had been drafted into the Militia of the State of Virginia, in which he served a short period, when General Armandi came there and preferring service under him, he enlisted for during the War, and marched under him. From his advanced age and infirm health, he finds it difficult to remember the various facts connected with his services, such as the periods of his enlistment, the places and country through which he marched &c, he is able to state however, that he entered into the service in the State of Virginia in or someplace near Staunton. The length of his service was over three years, during which time he was in sundry engagements of which he recollects the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], and the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781], after which he was a considerable time engaged in guarding the prisoners taken at that place. That he continued in said service until (as he believes) the 13th day of November A.D. 1783 when he received a discharge at York in the State of Pennsylvania; which said discharge he believes is now at Richmond in Virginia, having been sent there by Ensign Schaffner, as he was informed. That after he was discharged he remained in York County Pennsylvania perhaps two or three years, during which time he studied divinity & told school – and that he has since then been engaged in preaching and teaching school and that his residence has been chiefly in Bedford County Pennsylvania where he now resides.

Affiant further states that he is now very infirm, and nearly blind, and that he is unable to attend Court to make this his application; and the reason he has not made it earlier is that it is but about two years since he was informed by [indecipherable name or word] of the act of Congress under which he now applies, and that from his general infirmity, and other reasons, he has not

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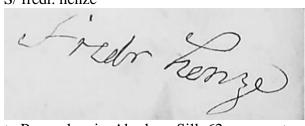
been able to make his application before this time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. S. Morrison

S/ fredr. henze



[p 14: On October 18, 1841 in Bedford County Pennsylvania, Abraham Sill, 62, gave a standard supporting affidavit and he added that he knew that the veteran had received a patent for 100 acres of land from the United States for his service in the revolution; that the patent was dated April one, 1808; that the veteran sold the land so patented to George Raighart for \$200.]

[p 15: On October 18, 1841 in Bedford County Pennsylvania, John Croyle, 53, gave testimony that he is well acquainted with Frederick Hentze; that Hentze was a minister of the Lutheran Church and as such Hentze perform the marriage ceremony between deponent and his wife Catharine Dybert; that Hentze told the deponent that he, Hentze, had received a patent from the United States for his services in the revolution; that said warrant had been sold to George Riechart.]

[p 4: Power of attorney dated April 7, 1818 by which Frederick Henze appointed his friend Christopher Hite as his attorney to receive the land warrant do you him for his service in the revolution under Brigadier General Armandj [sic]. He signed this document

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State of Pennsylvania Bedford County: SS

On this 17th day of January 1843 personally appeared before me Joseph S Morrison Frederick Hentze a resident of Bedford Township in the County aforesaid aged eighty-three years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath state and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of Congress passed 15 May 1828, that under the impression of the act of June 1832 was for his full benefit, he made a declaration for the benefit of said act, in which service and the proof of the same, was fully set forth, and according was pensioned under said act 7 June 1832 at the rate of \$80 per annum, which he is now in the enjoyment of on the Pennsylvania Agency. Having understood that the act 15 May 1828 was for his further benefit by the pension commencing 3 March 1826 and to continue at the rate of \$80 for during life, wishes now to relinquish for the Act 1826, and he further declares; at the end of the war he was discharged as a Soldier from General Armand's Corps at York in Pennsylvania, the particulars of his service is fully set forth in his late declaration to which he refers; That after the war he received his gratuity of \$80 and bounty land from the United States, and 200 acres from the State of Virginia. Now the object of this declaration being made, is in order to obtain the benefit of the act 15 May 1828 and there by the payment of \$400 from the 4th of March 1826 to the 4th of March 1831 when his present pension

commenced.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me S/ J. S. Morrison, Associate Judge S/ Fred henze

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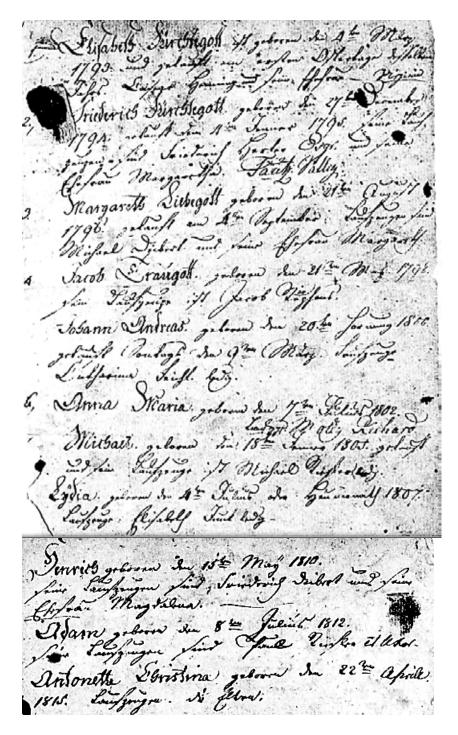
State of Pennsylvania Bedford County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 26 day of June A.D. 1843, before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County, personally appeared Frederick Henze a Soldier of the Revolution who having been duly sworn according to law doth say That he never had any knowledge of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, granting pensions to Officers & Soldiers of the Revolution; nor did he know anything of any subsequent act to that effect until he heard of the act under which he now receives a pension and that he did not know of that until several years after its passage. That he does not remember what his circumstances were in 1818 & subsequent to that period for many years and cannot therefore say whether he would have been prevented on that account from receiving a pension if he had applied, but to the best of his knowledge he never heard of the law of 1818 until he heard it spoken of today nor did he ever know that could get a pension until he applied for the one he now receives.

Sworn to & subscribed this 26 of June 1843 before me S/F. Mason S/Fred. henz [sic]

[p 21: On February 5, 1848 in Bedford County Pennsylvania, Margaret Hentze of Union Township in Bedford County, aged 71 years last December, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Frederick Hentze who was a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that she married him sometime in the beginning of May in the year 1792; that he died April 6, 1844; that the marriage took place at Middletown, Maryland and was performed on a Tuesday by the Reverend Mr. Hale in the presence of John Foust; that the paper attached to her application is the correct and regular record of the births of their children kept by her husband and made as and when the children were born. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 17-18: family record in German?



[p 19: translation of above:

Elizabeth Fuerchte Gott was born on the 4th day of March 1793 and was baptized in the same year.

Frederick Fuerchte Gott was born on the 27th day of December 1794 and was baptized on the 4th day of January 1795 witness Frederick Haerle Esquire Margaret Fautz Salley

Margaret Liebgott was born on the 21^{st} day of August 1796 and was baptized on the 4^{th} day of September of the same year witnesses – Michael Diebolt and Margaretta Jacob Liebgott was born on the 21^{st} of May 1789 witness Joseph Steinfaur

John Andrew was born on the 21^{st} day of February 1800 was baptized on Sunday the 9^{th} of March – same year Witness Lutheiner Laecht

Anna Maria was born on the 7th of February 1802, witness Molly Richard

Michael was born on the 18th January 1805 – baptized – witness Michael Stearnfout

Lydia was born on the 4th of July 1807 or thereabouts witness Elizabeth Fieldrick]

[p 34: On June 28, 1848 in Bedford County Pennsylvania, Joseph B. Ake, Esqr. Gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with the family of Frederick Hentze, a revolutionary war soldier; and with Margaret his wife; that the affiant knew their children who were the following: Elizabeth, Frederick, Margaret, Jacob, John Andrew, Anna Maria, Michael, Lydia, Henry, Adam & Antionette Christina

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

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

This is to certify that Frederick Hentze a private in the Grenadiers in the *First Partisan Legion* under my Command, has served faithfully & bravely to this Day, is hereby discharged from the service of the *United States*, in Pursuance of Orders received from the Commander in Chief, bearing Date the third instant.

I further certify that [inserted language too faint to discern] having been [inserted language too faint to discern] is intitled [entitled] by the Resolution of Congress, of the 13th *February*, 1779, to the Benefits that have been, or hereafter shall be, granted by the said State to the Noncommissioned Officers and Soldiers of the said Line.

Given under my Hand and Seal at *York Town*, this 15th day of *November*, 1783

Armond Marquis de la Rouerie [Charles Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouerie] Entered in the Books of the Legion Attest

S/ Godfried Swartz

Adjutant of the Legion

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Adjutant of the Legion.

Brigadier General