Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Henry Emerson W4949 Nancy Emerson VA
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State of North Carolina } Mecklenburg County }

On this 25th day of February, in the year of our lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, personally appeared in open Court, for the County aforesaid, being a Court of record, "Henry Emerson" aged about sixty three years, resident in the County of Mecklenburg, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his Oath declare, that he served during the revolutionary war, as follows, That he enlisted in the State of Virginia, Caroline County, about the year 1778 [sic] under Captain Oliver Toals [sic: Oliver Towles], Mordecai Buckner Colonel, in 6th Regiment of Virginia – and served six years, and was discharged at the old nation Ford [Nations Ford of Catawba River near Rock Hill], in South Carolina, that he was in the Battles, at Trenton [26 Dec 1776], at Princeton [3 Jan 1777], at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], at Germanton [soc: Germantown 4 Oct 1777], at Mulmouth [sic: Monmouth 28 Jun 1778], at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse 15 Mar 1781], and the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]. And I do solemnly sware that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and subscribed. That he has a wife, aged 55 years

1 Bed and furniture value
1 Loom
9—
1 Spinning Wheel
9 Hoggs value
9 ploughs value
2 Axes 1 Mattock, 2 Hoes

\$40—
9—
4
5—
5.50
\$69.50

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On this 8th day of December AD 1843 personally appeared before me John Sloan one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, Nancy Emerson a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836.

That she does not know of her own knowledge every service rendered by her husband Henry Emerson during the war of the Revolution, she has frequently heard him say and she fully believes it, that he was in the battles of Germantown – Princeton – and at the storming of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] – besides other small skirmishes. That she was married to her said husband while he was in the service of his country. This she recollects distinctly from the fact that he was compelled to leave her but a very short time after they were married, and go upon the discharge of his duty as a soldier – and was not finally discharged until some six or twelve months afterwards. She was at the time of the marriage, about

the age of sixteen years, and being young and inxperienced at the time, knew nothing of the particular service performed by her husband except by his own declarations. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Emerson on the 10th day of January A.D. 1781 – that her husband the aforesaid Henry Emerson died on the 5th day of September 1842 all of which will appear by reference to the enclosed record taken from the family Bible, which is the only record in her possession. And that she has remained a widow ever since that period.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before John Sloan Chairman Nancy herXmark Emerson

NOTES: The family record referred to in Nancy Emerson's declaration is transcribed below.

Henry Emerson. Born The 7th of December 1758

Nancy Emerson Born The 18th of October 1765

Henry Emerson and Nancy Neal were married in Warren county state of N. Carolina in the year 1781 the 10th of January

Henry Emerson died September 5th 1842 aged 84 years