

Pension Application for Henry Frank

S.10700

Virginia SS.

I Hugh Holmes a Judge of the General Court of the state aforesaid and residing in Westchester do hereby certify that Henry Frank of Jefferson county in said State personally appeared before me and declared on oath that he was a soldier in the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War that he enlisted the first of November 1778 for three years and served that period in the company of Capt'n Bartholomew VanHeer's Light Dragoons Continental line generally employed as life guard to Genl Washington & other General officers and was discharged honorably by Capt'n VanHeer 20th Oct 1781 at Camp York as will appear lay the discharge enclosed and the applicant is in [?] circumstances and stands in need of his country for support and has offered the affidavit of Conrad Creamer who served in the same corps also enclosed from which declaration & testimony I am [?] that the said Henry Frank did serve as aforesaid [?] the Revolutionary War against the common enemy and further that he is in needy circumstances. Certified under my hand this 3rd day of April 1818 and the seal of [?] County. H. Holmes

Letter in folder dated June 21, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of your ancestor, Henry Frank, of Jefferson County, Virginia (now West Virginia), who received a pension on account of his services.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10700, based upon the military service in that war of Henry Frank.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Henry Frank are not shown.

Henry Frank enlisted at Fredericksburg, New York, November 1, 1778, served as a private in Captain Bartholomew VanHeer's Company, Continental Light Dragoons, was in the battle at Stony Point and at the siege of Yorktown and was discharged October 20, 1781, discharge signed by Captain Bartholomew von Heer at Camp York. Soldier stated that he was employed frequently as life guard to General Washington and other general officers.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 3, 1818, while residing in Jefferson County, Virginia (later West Virginia).

In 1820 he was residing in Smithfield, said Jefferson County, and gave his age as sixty-three years. He then stated that he had no family residing with him.

The soldier died February 12, 1831, place not shown.