

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Huffman S5580

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State of Virginia, Pendleton County

On the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the County Court of Pendleton now sitting, Henry Huffman a resident of said County in the state of Virginia, aged 75 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as is herein stated.

He was born in the County of Rockingham Virginia in the 1757 and he entered the service of the said County on or about the 8th of January 1778 as a substitute in the room of John Armentrout a private who had been drafted to perform a tour of three months against the Indians on the frontier settlement in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Robert Cravens. He was marched with said company to Tygerts Valley [sic, Tygarts or Tygart Valley], where they were stationed in a fort at or near where the Town of Beverly now stands in the County of Randolph Va [now in West Virginia]. He entered in that neighbourhood assisting to guard the settlement their against the Indians until the expiration of three moths term of his service, when he was discharged; and Captain Cravens [probably Robert Craven] immediately proceeded to raise a Company of Volunteers to serve for the term of Six months in the same service into which Company he (Huffman) volunteered. After serving in the same neighbourhood about three months, the company was sent home and them ordered to equip and clothes themselves and prepare to march immediately to join the forces under Genl. McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] then about to undertake an expedition against the North Western Indians and the British fort at Detroit. He remained at home about two weeks engaged in preparing for McIntosh's Campaign; and marched again sometime early in the month of July 1778 under Captain Robert Cravens, Lieutenant William Herron [William Herring] & Ensign George Mallow, Capt. Benjamin Harrison and Major William ~~Old~~ Crawford also accompanied and commanded the Battalion or Regiment to which his company was attached. They were marched down the south Branch of Potomac to a place near the Maryland line where they were joined by a body of Militia of Hampshire [County, now in West Virginia] and perhaps the adjoining Counties under the command of Colonel Vanmetre; From there the two Battalions or Regiments crossed the Allegheny Mountains and at the Monongahela River near Pittsburg [Pittsburgh], they were joined by and placed under the command of Colonel Campbell, who he supposed was an officer in the Regular service, as he

sometimes wore a Red Coat. From thence they were marched to the Ohio River which they crossed at the mouth of the Big Beaver, and on the opposite shore they joined the forces under Genl. McIntosh, the commander in chief of the expedition. At this place he assisted to build Fort McIntosh and when, in about three weeks, the Fort was nearly completed a Garrison was left there under Col. Campbell and the remainder of the Troops both Regular and Militia were marched to the Tuscarora River a short distance above its junction with the Muskingum; there they built another fort called Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens]. After it was completed and a garrison left there the Winter coming on and their provisions nearly exhausted; it would seem that the expedition against Detroit was abandoned. The remainder of the Troops were marched back to Fort McIntosh where they arrived sometime on December 1778. About three days after their arrival there the company of Captain Cravens in which he had continued to serve during the whole of the time was paraded at the For McIntosh and discharged. The other companies of Militia having as he believes been all discharged a day or two before.

He immediately set out together with the balance of Capt. Cravens Company on their return home, and reached his place of residence in the County of Rockingham early in the month of January 1779 having served under the last engagement as a volunteer fully nine months, and under the first engagement three months making in all twelve months service during which time he suffered almost incredible hardships in consequence of want of provisions and having to make his way home from Fort McIntosh in the Ohio to his residence in Rockingham in the depth of Winter and through an almost uninhabitable wilderness. The names of the only regulars offices which he can now recollect in addition to Genl. McIntosh the commander are Colonels Campbell, Broadhead [Daniel Brodhead], Crawford and Morrow. Those officers he served with and believes they were from Pennsylvania, and belonged to the Regular Army, but the names of the regiment he cannot now recollect, nor does he know whether they were State Troops or Continentals but thinks they were the latter. He has no documentary evidence of his service never having received a printed or written discharge but believes he will be able to prove nine months service by Henry Mallow¹ of this County who served with him during all of that tour. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in the pension roll or the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Henry Huffman, X his mark

I Henry Mallow do solemnly swear that I am well acquainted with Henry Huffman above named and that I of my own personal knowledge having served with him all the time am positively certain that as regards his engagement of nine months as stated & described by him in his declaration is correct for at least seven months & perhaps nine, that I served with him during the whole of the time that Captain Cravens company was stationed in Tygart Valley three months and afterwards in the Campaign of Genl. McIntosh which occupied as near as I can recollect at least Six months more from the time we marched from home until we returned making the time as stated by Huffman as near as I can remember at least nine months or probably more during which time we marched across the Ohio, and built Forts McIntosh & Lawrence, and I as further certify that I believe the said Huffman to be 75 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that I concur with that opinion and also believe he served three months tour

¹ [Henry Mallow \(Mallows\) S45892](#)

as he states in addition to the seven or 9 months, which I served with him. Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Henry Mallow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Mallow". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

I do hereby certify that Henry Huffman whose Declaration for a pension is on this paper, is a reputable & honest farmer with those who know him, his Oath has full credence, his Services is within my Knowledge, except the Macintosh Campaign (the length of time) & I doubt Mr. Mallow the witness, has not been misunderstood in taking down his Testimony, when he speaks of seven or nine months, Mallow is a highly respectable men for truth & veracity.

January 10th 1833

S/ Wm McCoy

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]