

SERVICE

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Sparks, Henry
Lucy

R 9,959

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State of Kentucky
County of Cumberland

On this 7th day of January - 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Circuit Court now sitting Henry Sparks a resident of the said County and State aged 79 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say he mustered into the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the month of April as well he now remembers in the year 1778 as a private soldier and drafted Militia man under Captain James Clark - upon a six months tour - that he underwent with his company at the Court house in Madison County, in which County he resided at the time he entered the service as aforesaid - that there was another company rendezvoused at the same time and place under Capt. Richard Tracy - that the two companies came under the command of Col. James Barbour and were marched by him from their place of Rendezvous and joined a Brigade under the command of Genl. Edward Stevens of Culpeper County, Virginia and the whole of the force thus marched into S. Carolina in the vicinity of the Cheraw hills - that they remained in North Carolina till the expiration of their tour of six months as aforesaid that during said time the ~~disorderly~~ ^{disorderly of that climate} ~~disorderly~~ made ~~an~~ ^{an} appearance in the Army and killed ~~and~~ ^{and} a great many of the soldiers - that there was not much over one half of the two companies that went from Madison County of which this declarant was one were alive at the termination of their said tour of six months having fully and faithfully served the said he was discharged

verbally and returned to his residence in Madison County where he lived when he mustered into the service as aforesaid.

He further states and declares that he on the day of March 1786 according to his best recollection he again mustered into the service of the United States in the war of the revolution as a private soldier being a drafted militia man upon a tour of three months under the command of Captain Edward Serrell. That he rendezvoused upon this tour at a ford on the Rapidan River. That there was a full regiment of militia rendezvoused at the same time and place including this declarant's company and Col. James Barlow took the command of them. That from their said place of rendezvous they were marched towards the Chickasaw Bay in order to meet and repel some British troops who were landing from vessels in Virginia and after they had marched some distance on their route they received intelligence that the British had reembarked and left the coast and they returned to Madison County and were kept in readiness during the whole period of their said tour to march at a moment's warning to any point where their services might be required but they were not afterward marched from the said County till the expiration of their period of service and when ~~his~~ ^{his said} tour of duty had expired, he this declarant was again verbally discharged and returned to his home in the said County of Madison where he resided when called into service upon this last tour.

He further states and declares that from the great lapse of time his old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear directly and positively as to dates or particular length of time which he served but from his best recollection he served ~~at~~ ^{the} not less than nine months as a private militia soldier in the revolution viz: five months under Capt James

Clarke and three months under Capt. Edward Loring at the times above stated - He further states that he has no documentary ~~whatever~~ evidence whatever of his said services and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his said service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State in the Union.

I Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Henry V. Sparks

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the above applicant.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Outspurger and State of Virginia on the 16th day of June 1783 according to the best information which I have on the subject.

2^d Have you any record of your age; and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at home in my Bible.

3^d Where were you living when called into the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in the County of Madison & State of Virginia at which I entered the service upon each of my tours and continuing in Madison County until 1795 when I moved to the County of Franklin & since from thence I moved in 1800 to the place where I now live and have continued there ever since.

4th How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was a drafted Militia man upon each tour of duty which I performed.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served, direct Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I do not recollect that there were any regular troops
with Genl Stevens. I recollect to have seen upon that tour
Genl Stevens, Col. Barbour, Capt Clarke under whom I served
we marched upon that tour into North Carolina and there
served till the expiration of the tour and thus returned
at the crossing of ^{the} river the name of which I have
forgotten at a ford called the broad ford (upon the
return of the troops) Bartlett was in pursuit and came
up just as the troops had effected a passage across
the river - upon this tour great mortality prevailed in
the army from ~~the~~ ^{disease} ~~disease~~ - upon the second tour
I served only in the single Militia Regiment of which
Col. Barbour had the command. I recollect Capt
_____ of that regiment besides my
own Captain.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service,
and if so, by whom was it given and what has become
of it?

Answer. I never did receive a discharge in writing
from the service.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are
known in your present neighbourhood, and who can
testify as to your character for veracity and their belief
of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I will name Thos V Bruce, John Smither
& John Brown

as persons of my neighbourhood to whom I am known.

Livorn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Henry Spruhs

We Thos V Bruce a clergyman residing in the County
of Owen and State of Kentucky and ~~Henry Spruhs~~
& John Brown residing in the same County
and State hereby certify that we are well acquainted with

Kentucky 7538

Henry Sparks
of *Over 10* in the State of *Kentucky*
who was a *private* in the *company* commanded
by *Captain Clark* of the *Regt* commanded
by *Col. Barbour* in the *1st*
and for *some months*

Inscribed on the Roll of *Kentucky*
at the rate of *30* Dollars *per annum*
to commence on the *1st* day of *March*, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the *25* day of *April*
1883 and *Henry's* Son *R. M.*
William G. Sparks

Arrears to the *1st* of *March* 60.00
Semi-ann. allowance ending *Sept* 15.00
\$75.00

{ *Revolutionary Claim,* }
{ *Act June 7, 1832.* }

Recorded by *Daniel Bryd* Clerk,
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Elizabeth Sparks was Born
September 23th Day 1777.

James Sparks was Born
December 11th Day -- 1779

Anthony Sparks was Born
January 7th Day -- 1781

William Sparks was Born
February 5th Day -- 1785

John^{mo} Sparks was Born
August 11th Day -- 1787

Mary Sparks was Born
December 14th Day -- 1790

Elizabeth Sparks was Born
September 11th Day -- 1792

State of Kentucky }
Gavin County } Feb

On this 29th day of May 1839 personally appeared before me William H. Smith a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Miss Lucy Sparks widow of Henry Sparks deceased aged 78 years who being duly sworn doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed July 1836

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Lucy Sparks
widow of Henry Sparks

She states that she is the widow of Henry Sparks who was a participant in the revolution and who was sentenced under the law of the 7 of June 1822. She states that she was married to the deceased Henry Sparks in the year of 1776 in the County of Tennessee State of North Carolina and that in the fall of the year 1778 she thought that her husband was drafted and went into the service of the United States for a term of three months. She thinks, but does not know under what officer he then does she know the Regiment to which he belonged. She further declares that during the war he lived three towns of duty but from old age and a consequent

top of Memory she cannot positively state the
length of each term of duty, nor the regiments to
which he belonged. But states that her husband
died in his life time (make a declaration of his service
to the War department and obtain a pension there-
on) and she believes that said declaration is
now on file at the local office which will give
a full detail of the service of her husband and
prays the same may be made a part of this
declaration as her memory from the ravages of
time is very imperfect. She states that she was married
to Henry Sparks early in the year of 1776 and
she remained the wife of the aforesaid Henry
Sparks until the 14th day of August 1836 when her
husband departed this life since which time
she states she has remained a widow to the
present day as will appear from the following
affidavit. She further declares that from old
age and bodily infirmity she is unable to
rede to town to make the declaration in
open Court. She states that she was born in Va.
in the year of 1760 or 1761. But she has no
record of her age. She states she moved to Ky
a bout 40 years ago and that she now lives
in Owen County Ky on the Ky River. She fur-
ther states that during the last year she
sunk down to the lower part of Ky.

that she is unable to appear in open Court
to make her declaration I further certify that
Alexander Sparks who made the above affidavit
is a reputable man and his statements may
be relied upon given under my hand as
a Justice of the peace in and for Owen
County this 27th day of May 1839

A. W. Smith, J. P. O. C.

I Nathaniel M. Bacon Clerk of the County
Court of Owen County certify that Alexander A.
Smith whose name appears to the above certifi-
cate is a Justice of the peace in and
for Owen County and one of the Judges of
Court of which I am Clerk and the signature
purporting to be his is genuine and that full
faith and credit is and ought to be given
to all his official acts In testimony where-
of I have hereunto set forth my name and
affixed the seal of my office this 3rd day of
June 1839. N. M. Bacon Clerk

Respectfully
Your Servant
N. M. Bacon

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office,

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Sir,

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules, and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: {) You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of Henry Thacker Owen Co
Kentucky

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and rank of the Field officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
Apr 1778	6			Priv	Gen. Ed. Hume Col. Jas. Barbour Capt. Jas. Blair	79 years Madison Co. Va.	Traditionary
Mar 1780	3			"	Col. Jas. Barbour Capt. Ed. Fennell		

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

February 8, 1939.

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BA-J/CO
Henry Sparks
R.9959

Mrs. Milo Easton
219 Barker Avenue
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Madam:

The data which follow were obtained from papers in pension claim R.9959, based upon service in the Revolutionary War of Henry Sparks.

Henry Sparks was born June 16, 1753, in Culpeper County, Virginia. Names of his parents are not shown.

Henry Sparks enlisted ^{sometime in} April 1778, while a resident of Madison County, Virginia, and served six months as private in Captain James Clark's company, Colonel James Barbour's Virginia regiment. He enlisted in March 1780, while still a resident of Madison County, Virginia and served three months in Captain Edward Terrill's company, Colonel Barbour's Virginia regiment. He returned to Madison County, Virginia.

In 1795, Henry Sparks moved from Madison County, Virginia to Franklin County, Kentucky, and in 1800 moved from Franklin County, Kentucky to Owen County, Kentucky.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed January 7, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Owen County, Kentucky. He died August 14, 1836.

Henry Sparks married early in 1776, in Culpeper County, Virginia, Lucy (surname not shown). She was born in 1760 or 1761, in Virginia. The names of her parents are not shown.

The names and dates of birth of children of Henry and Lucy Sparks follow:

Elizabeth	born	September 23, 1777
James	"	December 11, 1779
Anthony	"	January 7, 1781
William	"	February 5, 1785
Thomas (?)	"	August 11, 1787
Mary	"	December 14, 1790
Reubin	"	September 30, 1792 (?)

In 1839, Lucy Sparks, soldier's widow, was a resident of Owen County, Kentucky.

In 1836, one John Clark, aged seventy-two years, made affidavit in Christian County, Kentucky, that he witnessed the marriage of Henry Sparks and Lucy Sparks and that after their marriage Lucy went to his (John Clark's) father's house and remained there until her husband returned from the Revolutionary War. No relationship to Lucy is shown, nor is relationship shown to the Captain James Clark under whom Henry Sparks served. In 1839, one Alexander J. (or J) Sparks made affidavit in Owen County, Kentucky, that Henry Sparks died August 14, 1836, his relationship to the family not shown.

In order to obtain the date of last payment of pension and the name and address of person paid you should write to the Comptroller General, General Accounting Office, Records Division, this city, and cite the following:

Henry Sparks
Certificate #7538
Issued April 25, 1833
Rate \$30.00 per annum
Commenced March 4, 1831
Act of June 7, 1832
Kentucky Agency.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator.