



While living with his father in the section of Ninety Six District South Carolina which became Spartanburg District, **Henry Petit** volunteered in 1776 to take his father's place to help build a fort which became (Colonel William) Wofford's Fort. Henry worked for about four months under Captain James Wood to complete the place of refuge from Tory and Indian attack.

On 24Oct1832 in Rutherford County NC, Henry Petit applied for a Revolutionary War veteran's pension (FPA W5528). His deposition described the service of a young militia volunteer in the upstate of South Carolina.

After Wofford's Fort was complete, **Henry Petit** was a militia volunteer deployed for various local defense missions. In 1780, he was the "express" (messenger) to Colonel Charles McDowell in Burke County NC requesting reinforcements. Henry then proceeded to the battle at Musgrove's Mill under Captain James Smith. Upon his return, he joined Captain Henry Whitaker's company. They joined General Thomas Sumter in the battle at Blackstock's. Next Petit was with Captain Trammel under Colonel Edward Lacey in capturing Tories around upstate South Carolina. They joined General Daniel Morgan at Grindal Shoals and scouted Union District meeting Morgan again at Thicketty. On 17Jan1781, Petit was **wounded in the thigh** during the Battle at the **Cowpens**. Upon recovering, he joined Captain William Smith in whose company Petit was in various confrontations reclaiming South Carolina from British and Tory control.

“In fact, for me to undertake to give in detail my service during the Revolutionary War is not in my power but one thing I do well know that from sometime of the Summer 1776—to the end of the War I was engaged in the defense of my Country. I then lived in the hottest part of the Tory Country on the Indian Boundary and a great place for the British to assemble. **We that belonged to the Liberty party were compelled to be in readiness at all times. We were hunted after as for the Doe in the Woods.** I am Wounded. I am Old. I am Infirm and in want of something to sustain me for the services I rendered my Country in the Revolutionary War. “

“I was born in New Jersey (?) on the Schuylkill River in 1763.” Petit married Ann Pool 07Oct1783 in Spartanburg District SC. They had ten children. Henry died 12Oct1838 in Rutherford County, NC. Henry Petit, Jr in Gilmer County GA claimed unpaid pension amounts due to his deceased father and mother.

Major William Smith and Anthony Crocker gave eyewitness testimony to Petit’s service accounts. The federal pension file contains SC Comptroller certificates that Petit was paid for service under Captain William Smith in Sumter’s regiment of state troops and for militia service in Roebuck’s regiment.

