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REMARKS ON ANDREW REAM, REVOLUTIONARY PENSIONER

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Among the Revolutionary pensioners of Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, Pa., were Andrew Ream and Henry Ream of Reamstown.

In Captain Smuller's muster roll for the year 1778 Andrew Ream was an ensign, a commissioned officer who carried the flag or ensign of his company, now known as the color-sergeant. In this same company at the same time was Andrew Ream, Sr., a second class and Andrew Ream, Jr., an eighth class. One of these Andrew Reams was a drummer and served as such in the battle of Monmouth, N. J. His drum used in this battle is on exhibition in the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, Pa. In this same company in the year 1779 the three Andrew Reams were still members of the same company with the same rank as in the previous year. Either in the latter part of 1779 or early in 1780 Andrew was promoted from ensign to Captain. In the muster roll of Captain Andrew Ream's company of 3rd Battalion, Lancaster County Militia dated Reamstown, Dec. 20, 1780, the name of Andrew Ream again appears in this same company as an 8th class. In the muster roll of Captain Ream's Company for Dec. 10, 1781 we again have the name of Andrew Ream as a second class and an Andrew Ream as an 8th class. In this same company for 1782 with Andrew Ream as Captain we again find the other two Andrew Reams occupying the same positions as 2nd and 8th class. In the muster roll of this same company for July 3, 1783, we again find the three Andrew Reams occupying the same positions as in 1782. I am not able to say which of these three Andrew Reams was the pensioner but it is fair to presume that it was Captain Andrew Ream.

In Captain Smuller's muster roll for the year 1779 we find the name of Henry Ream as a rank and file. In Dec. 20, 1780, he was a Lieutenant in Andrew Ream's Company. He held this same position in 1781, 1782 and 1783. In 1786 he was a Captain in the 4th Company, 5th Battalion Lancaster County Militia. In 1790 he was Captain of 7th Company 2nd Battalion Lancaster County Militia. In 1795 he was Colonel of 7th Regiment Lancaster County Militia.

Henry Ream was born at Reamstown in 1759 and died there in 1840. He was a prominent man among his people at Reamstown and upon one occasion rescued two young white girls whom the indians had stolen and carried away quite a distance from their homes. He returned them to their families and after these girls grew to womanhood he (Henry Ream) had the pleasure of meeting one at a public gathering at Philadelphia. Both were greatly pleased to have this opportunity of renewing their acquaintance and she appreciating what he had done for her proposed that they dance together which offer he gladly accepted and was carried out amidst the applause and appreciation of all present.

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