

Story of Henry Bolton from Ancestry.com

Henry Bolton and (his brother) Conrad Bolton were born in London, England. About 1757 Henry was born. Conrad about two years later. Henry Bolton enlisted in the Continental Army about 1776 at Haggerstown, Maryland, battery. Was wounded in the battle of Brandywine. Was shot in the hip which left him crippled for life and was carried from the battlefield on a cannon wagon. He was married twice and the father of twenty-one children. He enlisted through the direct influence of George Washington, who came to the barn where he was caring for the horses of a man by the name of Moore who he was bound out to. Washington wore a long coat and asked Henry if he would like to draw his own pay. (He) said, "I understand you are a bound boy and I see you take good care of the horses." His answer was, "I would like to, but Mr. Moore is very good to me." Washington said, "You come to my tent in the morning at nine o'clock and we will arrange it." Henry said, "Who are you?" He said, "George Washington. The boys will tell you where my headquarters are". So in the morning he went and was taken to headquarters where the guard asked Washington if he had an appointment with a young man at nine o'clock. He said yes. Just advised him to enlist and go back and take care of his horses till further orders. He was assigned to the artillery. He was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York. After the war he returned and worked for Mr. Moore. Was married while working for Mr. Moore then moved to ... (end of transcription).

Ref: A typed page stating: "BOLTON HISTORY. This was copied from information Grandma Lewis had copied from the Bolton history book that Uncle Will (?) Bolton had." Unknown where this book is available today (March 16, 1997).

Henry and William (Conrad?) Bolton started from England to America with their parents in 1751, or there about. They suffered ship wreck and Henry and William alone survived. They both enlisted in the U.S. Army. William was never heard of again by Henry. Henry ... (transcription leaves off here.)

Ref: Transcript from Francis Wright's copy of Mary Bolton's Family Bible.