

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John G. Heard R4822

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State of Georgia Walton County: Called Special Inferior Court November 18th 1845

On this 18th day of November 1845 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Inferior Court in and for the County of Walton State aforesaid the same being a Court of record John G Heard (originally afterwards called John Heard and subsequently John G Heard) a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty-one years on the 12th of November next according to his statement and which the said Court believes judging from his appearance who being 1st 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 in his 17th year of age and done service in the War of the Revolution under the following named officers as herein stated viz.

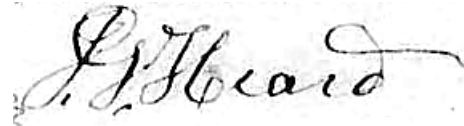
According to my understanding and belief I was born in Columbia County State of Georgia on the 12th day of November 1763 and was named John Garmany¹ Heard by my Parents and they removed to Wilkes County Georgia when I was quite small and settled on Fishing Creek on which he erected a grist mill and about the Commencement of the Revolutionary War he erected a Fort known by the name of Heards Fort on Fishing Creek and a guard was there stationed. I done Service in guarding and defending and scouting when circumstances required my aid until the month of December 1779. I then enlisted for eighteen months under Captain John Stewart, Lieutenants Baldwin & Smith which Company was known and distinguished by the name of Georgia Rangers or Riflemen and on the condition of my enlistment I was to receive a Bounty of Land for my term of enlistment and was not to go on duty out of my native State. On my first enlistment I was conveyed to Stewart's stationed near the Junction of the Long Creek on Broad River where I received my enlistment bounty money furnished with a rifle and other equipments for duty and was engaged from December 1779 until May following in Scouting through the adjacent Country and during the time were stationed for a few days at Alexander's Station or Fort on Little River and at Gourd vine on Long Cane Creek But the principal part of the time at Stewart's Station. If I am not mistaken it was in May 1780 Captain Stewart's Company of Riflemen were ordered out on what was called the Florida Expedition And we then marched from Stewart's Station to Augusta from thence to a place on Brier Creek of notoriety (name forgotten) where we joined the Georgia Militia commanded by General Houston Consisting of the Richmond, Columbia and Wilkes Counties regiments and others Captain Stewart's Company was placed at the head of the Brigade under the command of Colonel Samuel Alexander. I was then under the command of Captain Stewart Colonel Alexander a militia officer in General Houston's Brigade and the whole Brigade marched via

¹ Could by "Garmary"

Savannah to a place called Midway near forty miles below Savannah there I was taken sick with some ten others of my Company and left under the care of a Surgeon (his name forgotten) and my Company continued their march to the Georgia Line as I was informed Captain Stewart was promoted to the rank of Colonel he died and Lieutenant Baldwin was promoted to the rank of Captain. Governor Telfair hearing of my situation sent and removed made to Savannah and in a few days procured a conveyance and forwarded me to Augusta where I was furnished with a conveyance to my Father's Fort in Wilkes County Georgia where I remained unfit for duty for some time. After recovering my health I returned to Stewart's Station and found my company there under the command of Lieutenant Baldwin who was then commandant of Captain Stewart's Company I again joined the Company and resumed my labors in Guarding, scouting and defending the Country from the ravages of the British, Tories and Indians until I served out my full term of enlistment of Eighteen months from the date or Soldier and was legally in Honorably discharged by (Captain) (or) Lieutenant Baldwin and In consideration of the Services aforesaid I received a Bounty of land consisting of 287 1/2 acres situated and lying on the Waters of Shoulder Bone Creek now Green County Georgia which said Land I transferred to James Hogg. It may be here necessary to explain for the Satisfaction of the Department that there was but one the other John Heard but myself within my knowledge. I never used my middle name (Garmany) until some 30 years past owing to the number of John Heards it was necessary for me to use the (G) in my signature which I have done only about 30 years. Consequently my name will appear [on] (your) Rolls John Heard.

I made application for a pension under the above named act of Congress of the 7 June 1832 in Morgan County Georgia and my Declaration forwarded by John W Porter and they [were] returned deficient I afterwards as I thought complied with the requisitions before a Court of Record in Walton County Georgia and my papers was forwarded by John P Lucas Esquire – my agent and the said John P Lucas died without giving me any information of my papers whatever I then made undoubted proof of my service as I thought which papers I now refer to if on file. I know of no person now living who could testify to my Service. Malakia Culpepper² was in the same Service in part with myself and I procured his affidavit which I presume is on file with my papers sent from Walton Court by Colonel Lucas I have no Documentary evidence of my Service and I do not know that the records of Georgia will furnish record proof. 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.

S/ J. G. Heard



[George W Malcolm, a clergyman & Nathaniel Studdard gave the standard supporting affidavit adding that they knew that John Heard did draw land under the lottery of lands provided for revolutionary soldiers in the state of Georgia.]

[Facts in file: f . p. 24: Richard Heard, the veteran's brother served as a Captain in the Revolution. Charles W. Heard, son of Capt. Richard Heard, was 64 years old in 1852 and living in Jackson County, Georgia.

The family record of the veteran contains the following data:

² [Malachi Culpepper R2566](#)

The veteran and Elizabeth his wife were married January 18, 1787
Margrett Forgason Heard, their daughter, was born October 30, 1787;
Son Barnard C. Heard was born October 16, 1789;
Daughter, Mary "Gernany" Heard was born January 18, 1792;
Son, William Brady Heard was born March 3, 1794;
Son, John Heard was born December 21, 1795'
Son, Stephen "Germany" Heard was born April 27, 1798;
Daughter, Elizabeth "Bradey" Heard was born August __ , 1800.

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Statements of John G Heard on Cross examination

That he is the Son of John Heard Senior was born 12 November 1762 has no record of his age moved to Wilkes County in his 12 year which was before the Revolutionary War commenced, his Father erected a mill on Fishing Creek Wilkes County Hostilities were then about commencing and his Father erected a Fort at his mill called Heard's Fort he done duty in guarding said Fort and scouting there about until December 1778. John Stewart came to said Fort enlisting man for the term of 18 months to be distinguished the Georgia Riflemen or Rangers and represented that all those and were of a certain age and measurement that were disposed to enlist would be paid \$15 Bounty Money in hand and a Bounty of Land would be allowed them in case they faithfully served out the time of enlistment. He (and others) proposed to enlist was measured under the Standard Accepted and received in hand there County pay \$15 marched to Stewart's Station on Long Creek in Wilkes County Georgia there was furnished with a Rifle Gun &c and done service under Captain Stewart Lieutenants Baldwin & Smith attached to no Regiment – until ordered on the Florida Expedition under the Command of General Houston the said Company of Rangers been was 1st Company of 1st Regiment of Brigade on reaching the Georgia Line Captain Stewart and his men refused to go further claiming their enlisted [to] act as Georgia Rangers and returned. At Midway on their return Captain Stewart died and 1st Lieutenant Baldwin was promoted to the rank of Captain marched back to Stewart's Station was engaged scouting and guarding the County – having no other civil pursuit – or occupation was engaged in no Battle Served out his term of enlistment was discharged by Captain Baldwin Commandant of Company which discharge is lost. And for the Services aforesaid received 287 1/2 acres of Land from the State of Georgia located on Rocky Branch the Head Waters of Shoulder Bone Creek which Land he sold [to] James Hogg. That he knew no person residing [in] Wilkes County Georgia by the name of John Heard who done service in the War of the Revolution other than himself – and Father that his father signed his name John Heard Senior and He John Heard Junior that his Parents as he always understood named him John Garmay Heard but he never used his middle name until he removed from Wilkes County since 30 years ago to the neighborhood where he now resides since which time he has been compelled [to use] his middle name to distinguish his name from others no documentary proof no record proof unless the Land Warrant issuing in his favor could be obtained and a Copy Deed to James Hogg from Clerk's Office of Green County.

[Transcriber's Note: this document is neither signed nor dated.]

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State of Georgia Wilkes County: This is to certify that John Heard hath steadfastly done his duty, from the time of passing an Act at Augusta, to wit, on the 20th of August, 1781, until the total

Expulsion of the British from this State; and the said John Heard cannot, to my knowledge or belief, be convicted of plundering or distressing the Country; and is therefore, under the said Act, entitled to a Bounty of 200 and 50 acres of good The land, free from taxes 14 years.

Given under my hand at Savannah, this 2nd day of February 1784

S/ Elijah Clark, Colonel

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