

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Heath S10829

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Virginia Hardy County Sct.

On this 21st day of May personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of the County aforesaid, now sitting, William Heath, a resident of the County of Hardy & State of Virginia aged seventy-five 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 & served as herein stated.

That he was born in the year 1758 at Fort Pleasant in the County of Hampshire.

That he has a record of his age in a family Bible at his house in Hardy County.

That at the time he was called into service & since the revolution he resided & still resides in the said County of Hardy.

That he was drafted for a six months tour – and served as a volunteer for a three months tour – he was drafted in the company commanded by Captain John Harness – & volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Richardson.

That he was acquainted with General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] & Captain Prathers who were regulars & also Colonel Gibson [probably John Gibson] who he believes was a regular. That he does not recollect the numbers of any of the Regiments.

That he was drafted he thinks in June 1778 & marched from Hampshire County Virginia across the Allegheny mountains in company with several other companies whose names he is unable to recollect, the officers were captains that they rendezvoused at the mouth of Big Beaver on the Western bank of the Ohio River in the State of Pennsylvania & returned home on the 24th day of December 1778 – in the six months tour.

That he volunteered in April 1781 & went against the Tories in the Western part of Hampshire County Virginia which tour ended in July 1781 making the three months.

That he was not engaged in any battle.

That he does not recollect to have received a written discharge – That he was discharged in the Indian Country.

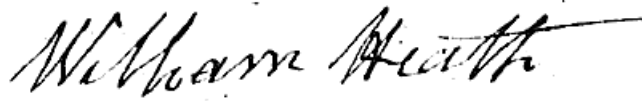
That he is acquainted with Doctor Jacob Fisher, Peter Hutton, Jacob Yoakum, Isaac Vanmeter, Jacob Hutton & John Yoakum who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution.

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

And further this deponent saith – that he is unable to obtain the certificate of a clergyman required by the war Department as he is not acquainted with anyone who can give the requisite affidavit.

Sworn to, & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Heath

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Heath". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William Heath".

[Jacob Fisher, & Jacob Yoakum gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court propounded to the said William Heath the interrogatories prescribed by the war Department which were answered as follows.

Answer to first I was born at Fort Pleasant in the County of Hampshire in the year 1758.

Answer to 2nd. I have a record of my age in a family Bible now in my residence in said County at Hardy.

Answer to 3rd. At the time I was called into service & since the Revolution I have resided & still reside in the County of Hardy.

Answer to 4th. I was drafted for a six months tour & volunteered for another three months tour.

Answer to 5th. I was acquainted with General McIntosh & Captain Praiters [sic] who was Regulars – the Regiments I do not recollect.

Answer to 6th. I do not recollect having received a written discharge.

Answer to 7th. I am acquainted with Doctor Jacob Fisher, Peter Hutton, Jacob Yoakum, Isaac Vanmeter, Jacob Hutton, & John Yoakum who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]