

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Heath VAS1472

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned Heirs of Abraham Heath begs leave respectfully to present their Memorial for land bounty to the Executive of Virginia and in support thereof to submit the following statement that your memorialist all of the Brothers, Sisters and Nephews all of the State of Virginia Prince George County that he served in the Continental service against Great Britain enlisted in the fall of 1776 the first enlistment was for three years which time he served some short time after he enlisted for during the war Captain Raines was his Captain and under Major Call and Colonel Bannister – to the best of his knowledge does not know the Regiment he was in that he remained in said service to the North and that said Heath died before the conclusion of the war nor do we believe said Heath has received Compensation for said services, your Memorialists verily believe themselves entitled to land bounty for services rendered by Abraham Heath aforesaid and are induced to this conclusion more from the reports of others than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject they therefore believe that if the claim can received the advantages of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefore, it will be fully shown; & they respectfully asked that their case may be considered and that such disposition may be made thereof as that right hand justice may be done. Signed this 18th of November 1834,

[indecipherable first name]¹ Heath widow of Joel brother to Abraham

Herbert Heath Brother to Abraham Heath

Jones Heath do

John Heath do

Durham Heath Nephew in right of William Heath Deceased

Nancy Heath widow of William Heath brother to [illegible]

Came before me and subscribed to the above memorial the day and date above.

S/ Jeremiah web, JP

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Report upon the claim of the heirs of Abraham Heath, Soldier of
the Continental line, for bounty land for his services –

To the Governor,
Sir;

I have not found the name of Abraham Heath on the Army Register of the Continental line; nor on any other of the Army documents.

Eburn [?] Heath was a soldier of the Continental line, a certificate issued in his name, for £15.17.4 the balance of his full pay &c; which certificate was delivered to Colonel Cropper – December 1, 1785 (See Army Register of the Continental line.)

The Petitioners have filed the affidavits of four persons, which appear to have been hastily or imperfectly [?] taken. Jeremiah Scoggins – Thomas Butler – Herbert Heath – and Pattey Butler were the witnesses whose statements are relied upon.

The facts which have been proved by these witnesses are – that Abraham Heath enlisted in the fall of 1776 in the Continental service for 3 years and served the full term of said enlistment – that he afterwards enlisted for the war, and (3 witnesses say) died before the end of the war – that he was [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point] [next page]

If on this state of facts, it should be thought proper to allow the claim, a question will arise – whether it should be allowed for a service of 3 years – or for the war?

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith Commissioner &c
July 1, 1835

N. B. it does not appear that any soldier named Abraham Heath has received bounty land.

State of Virginia Prince George County: Personally came before me ~~Jeremiah Scoggins~~ Thomas Butler & Herbert Heath who being duly sworn deposed and saith that Abraham Heath enlisted in the revolutionary war against Great Britain for three years that he enlisted sometime in the fall of 1776 in the Continental service that he served the three years and then enlisted during the War these deponents State they were well acquainted with said Abraham Heath that after the three years service he returned home and on furlough and returned to the Army where he died these deponents state they do not know the Regiment he was in nor the officers he was under that they know of no other person of the name of Abraham Heath nor do they believe that said Heath ever received any compensation for said services. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July 1834.

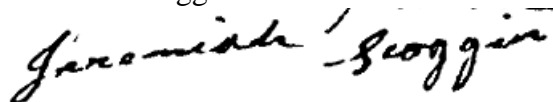
S/ Thomas Butler, X his mark
S/ Herbert Heath, X his mark

State of Virginia Prince George County to wit

Personally came Jeremiah Scoggins of said County who being duly sworn deposed and saith that Abraham Heath of Prince George & State aforesaid enlisted in the revolutionary War against Great Britain in the Continental Army for three years and served out said term soon after which he said Abraham Heath enlisted for during the War that his services was in the North that Captain Riens [sic] was Captain he was under Major Call (& Colonel Bannister was his Colonel to the best of his knowledge) – he does not know what Regiment said Heath belonged to this deponent states that said Heath died before the Expiration of the War he states that he has just reason to believe said Heath never received pay for the above service nor does he know of any

other Person in said service of the name of Abraham Heath but the above named Heath. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th of September 1834

S/ Jeremiah Scoggin



State of Virginia Prince George County:

Personally came before me Patty Butler who being duly sworn deposed and saith that she was well acquainted with the following persons and knows of there being in the revolutionary War (viz.) Daniel Lee formerly of the County of Prince George & State aforesaid was a regular Soldier in the Continental service for three years and enlisted sometime in the year 1778 & served until his death also Frederick Spires was an enlisted [soldier] in 1777 for the term of three years and continued in the said service until his death, also John Leath of the County and State aforesaid enlisted in the Continental service for three years was enlisted for three years or during the war and continued in said service until his death, also Mitchell Harvel of said County and State enlisted as a soldier in the Continental Service against Great Britain for three years after which said Harvel enlisted during the war & that sometime in the second term of service he died. Also Abraham Heath of the County and State aforesaid was an enlisted soldier in the Revolutionary [war] for the term of three years after the expiration of which service said Heath enlisted for during the war – also this deponent states that said Abraham Heath was enlisted in the fall of 1776 that she was well acquainted with the above revolutionary men as stated above that they were her neighbors and does not believe that they ever received any compensation for the above services. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 8th of July 1834.

S/ Patty Butler, X her mark

State of Virginia Prince George County: to wit

Personally came Herbert Heath of the County and state aforesaid before me Hardiman Webb a Justice of the peace for said County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn saith that himself Herbert Heath, Jones Heath, Nancy Heath wife of William Heath, Wilmoth Heath wife of John Heath, Joel Heath & Wood Heath are all the living Heirs of Abraham Heath deceased formerly a soldier in the Revolution he further States that he fully believes the testimony made of his services are Just and true. Sworn to this 28th January 1834

S/ Hardiman Webb, JP

S/ Herbert Heath, X his mark