

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Durham Heath VAS1473

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

Report upon the Petition of the heirs of Durham  
Heath, a soldier of the Continental line, for bounty  
land for his services

To Governor Tazewell

Sir,

This soldier's name has not been found on the Army Register, either of the Continental or State line.

It does not appear, that any soldier, named Durham Heath, has received bounty land for his services.

The following facts have been proved by the testimony of living witnesses – to wit – That Durham Heath of Prince George County & State of Virginia enlisted as a Soldier in the Continental service, in the old war against Great Britain, in the year 1776, for three years – that he served the said term of three [image of this page cuts off at the bottom thereof]

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afterwards returned home, where he died. The witness who testifies to these facts says – that he was intimately acquainted with the said Durham Heath, both before & after the war, and was present when he enlisted with Captain Bullard (or Buller) Claiborne.<sup>1</sup> (See the affidavit of Littleberry Eppes Tatum, a respectable witness)

Another witness has proved that Durham Heath enlisted and served for 3 years, in the Continental Army, during the War of the Revolution. (See the affidavit of Sarah G Williams, also a respectable witness.)

The above are all the facts, having a bearing upon this Claim, which I am able to report. [The image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point but it is clear this is the report of John H Smith, Commissioner &c rendered to Virginia Governor Tazewell]

State of Virginia Prince George County to wit

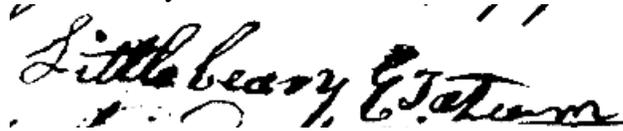
Personally came before me James W Bilsches acting Justice of the peace for said County & State, Littleberry Eppes Tatum of said County, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that Durham Heath of the County & State aforesaid did enlist as a soldier in the Continental Service

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<sup>1</sup> An officer named Buller Claiborne served as an officer (Lieutenant promoted to Captain) in the 2nd Regiment in Continental Line, Virginia quota; Claiborne later became aide-de-camp to General Benjamin Lincoln.

in the old war against Great Britain, that he enlisted about the first of September 1776 under Captain Bullard Claiborne of said County & State, for the term of three years after serving the above term he enlisted during the war, perform said service and returned home where he died. This deponent states that he was present when said Durham Heath enlisted, was intimately acquainted with him before, and after the War, & that he knew of no other person of his name nor does he believe said Heath ever received any pay for his services. Sworn to & subscribed for me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1834.

S/ Littleberry E. Tatum



State of Virginia Prince George County to wit

Personally came before me Thron Gee an acting Justice of the peace for said County Sarah G Williams who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that she was well acquainted with Durham Heath, that he was an enlisted Soldier in the Continental service in the war against Great Britain that he enlisted for 3 years, that he served the 3 years, this deponent states she does not know what Regiment said Heath was in nor the Colonel nor General he was under but well recollects he enlisted and went into said service that she never knew of any other person of the name of Durham Heath and to the best [of] her knowledge said D. Heath went to the North.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 7<sup>th</sup> of August 1834, this deponent states that she is 75 or 6 years of age.

S/ Thron Gee, JP

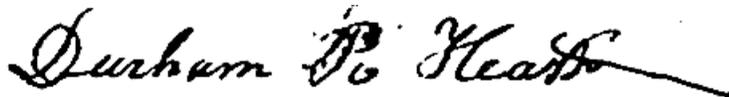
S/ Sarah G Williams



To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned Heir of Durham Heath begs leave respectfully to present his Memorial for Land Bounty to the Executive of Virginia, and in support thereof to submit the following Statement. That your Memorialist is the son of Durham Heath, Deceased and is now a citizen of Virginia living in Elizabeth City, that he enlisted in the County of Prince George and State aforesaid, that he enlisted under Captain Bullard Clayborn in the Continental Service in said State, that said enlistment took place in 1776 in the month of September, that he enlisted then for the term of three years and served the same, after which he enlisted for during the war and served until the end of the war, returned home. Your Memorialist verily believes themselves entitled to Bounty Land for the services of said Durham Heath aforesaid and are more induced to this conclusion from the reports of others than from any knowledge they themselves possess on the subject, they therefore believe that if the claim can receive the advantages of an investigation by the Commissioner appointed therefore that it will be fully shown, & I respectfully asked that my case may be considered and that such a disposition may be made thereof as that right and justice may be done

S/ Durham R. Heath



[Acknowledged in Elizabeth City County, Virginia November 19, 1834]

[This file contains another Memorial substantially identical to the one above except that this one lists the following as the heirs and memorialists: Richard Heath, son of Durham Heath; Rodrick Heath son, Durham R. Heath son, William Jones in right of his wife (not named)]

Petersburg Virginia

This day came Richard Heath of the Town aforesaid before me Daniel Lyon Ald [Alderman] of the Town aforesaid who being duly sworn saith that himself Richard Heath, Rodrick Heath and Durham Heath Brothers and Sons of Durham Deceased and Elizabeth Sarah Heath, Sarah Chappel Jones formerly Heath daughters of said Durham are the only heirs of said Durham this deponent further states that he has no doubt of the truth of the evidence given in favor of Durham Heath's services.

Sworn under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> December 1834

S/ Daniel Lyon, Alderman