

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Record of William Heth BLWt1064-500

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[Cover sheet]

Va. Heth, William B.L.Wt.1064-500 Colo.
Issued Feb. 9, 1798
No papers

[This file contains the standard response letter to an inquiry regarding this veteran in which the absence of papers relating to the claim is attributed to the burning of the War Office.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do certify that Colonel William Heth is entitled to such proportion of land as is allowed by law to an officer of that rank who has been in service of this state on Continental establishment from June 75 – agreeable to the certificate filed in this office.

Given under my hand at War Office this 7th of November '82

S/ William Davies

The image shows a handwritten certificate in cursive script. The text of the certificate reads: "I do certify, that Col William Heth is entitled to such proportion of land as is allowed by law to an officer of that rank who has been in service of this state on Continental establishment from June 75 - agreeable to the certificate filed in this office." Below this, it says "Given under my hand at War Office this 7th Nov. 82" followed by the signature "William Davies".

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 9-page file by Heirs

Having married one of the daughters of Colonel William Heth of the Revolutionary Army, who is one of the Heirs and devisees under said Heth's Will; I hereby authorize John G Mosly to present to the Executive of Virginia the claim of my wife for whatever Additional Land bounty may be due on account of Colonel Heth's services in the Revolution; and to look into the Papers, now on file in the Executive Department so as to enable him to ascertain what may be due – May 12th, 1838.

S/ Richard Lorton [?]



Council Chamber 10th December 1783

I do certify that Colonel William Heth is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Colonel of the Virginia Continental line for military service from June 1775 to May 21st, 1783.

Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

Two warrants one 1000 acres and the other 6777 acres issued to Colonel William Heth on the 20th day of December 1784 (Wts [Warrants Numbered] 2166 & 2162)

A true copy from the records of the Virginia Land Office

Dr. The United States inAp [?] with William Heth Co.

1782	To pay as Colonel from Jany 1 st to Dec. 31 st	900	By two Months pay	150
			By J. S. Sent for Clothing	<u>22.68</u>
		<u>900</u>	Balance due	<u>707.22</u>
		\$900		\$900—

1783	To pay from 1 st Jany to May 1 st	300	By four Months pay received	300
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To five year full
pay in lieu of
half pay

Sworn to the 29th November 1784

Will. Heth

Settled

Dec. 1st 1784

By Certificates 4500

See account for travelling expenses entered under this letter by himself

The above is truly copied from Andrew Dunscomb's book of Settlements

Given under my hand at the Alters Office Richmond this 14th day of May 1838

To the Executive of Virginia

I beg leave respectfully to represent to your Honorable body, the Claim for Additional Land bounty for Richard Lorton and his wife Mary, who is the daughter and devisee of Colonel William Heth (or whose Revolutionary services this claim is pressed) and for the others interested –

The authority is herewith filed under which I act.

Enclosed is the Register's Certificate showing that Colonel William Heth was allowed Land bounty for a service "from June 1775 to May 21st 1783,["] and that he received in December 1784 two Warrants making 7777 acres that being for a service of seven years; and that on the 10th July 1810 the Representatives of Colonel Heth received 926 acres, that being for a Service of Ten months – So that, the Land bounty already received was for a service of seven years and ten months – the Vouchers &c are not to be found in the Executive office on which their allowances were made, but it [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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filed – By this it will be seen that Colonel Heth's services commenced in June 1775, and ought to have extended to the 3rd of November 1783, making from the 1st of June 1775 to the end of the War (3rd November 1783) (to which period he served & got his Commutation pay) Eight years, five months & three days, which is the exact period of services, if I have made no mistake –

From this, it appears that the Heirs of Colonel Heth are now entitled to an additional allowance for seven months & three days – The Certificate of the Auditor shows that Colonel Heth received his Commutation pay and of course was entitled to receive until the end of the War –

In conclusion it is most respectfully submitted, that the allowance all to be for a service from the 1st of June 1775 to the 3rd of November 1783 deducting what he has received.

With great respect

May 14th 1838

S/ Jno. G. Mosly