

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Head S39680

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State of Maryland first Judicial District, to wit, ss.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of may 1818, before me the subscriber, the chief Judge of the said district, personally appears John Head aged about sixty years, resident in Prince Georges County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the Untied States in the revolutionary war:” That he the said John Head enlisted in the year 1775 in the state of Maryland in the company of artillery commanded by Captain whose name he cannot now recollect the captain having left the company a short time after he enlisted, the names of the lieutenants were Smith and McPherson and continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the war of the revolution, when he was discharged from service in Annapolis in the state of Maryland, that he was in the battles of Monmouth, Guilford, the Eautaw Springs and at the seige of 96 [sic: Battle of Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778; Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781; Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781; Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the certificate from the register of the Land office of the Western Shore of Maryland by which it appears he was allowed land for his military services the certificate herewith returned mark T.J.

I Certify that it appears by the return of The Commissioners, that John Head late of Maryland Artillery, during the Revolutionary war, is entitled to Lot No 920 lying to the Westward of Fort Cumberland in Allegany county and containing fifty acres.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818.

John Brewer Reg't L office

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, } ss.

Hunterdon county, }

ON this second day of August eighteen hundred and twenty personally appeared, in open court of common pleas, being a court of record in and for the said county, John Head aged about sixty five years, resident in New Hampton in said county, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted in 1775 at Anapolis in Maryland in Captain Smith's company in Col Harrison's Regiment [see endnote] for three years, afterwards enlisted again in the same company for five years or during the war – that he was at the battles of Monmouth, Guilford, Eutaw springs and the seige of 96 and was discharged a the state in Annapolis at the end of he war – he served in Captain Smith's company of artillery in the Maryland Regiment And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. to wit

on corner cupboard	\$6.00}	
Pots kettle pails & dishes	15.00}	Amot. forty two
Two pigs	2.00}	Dollars 20 Cents
Bed & bedding	5.00}	

Debts due to him                     $\frac{14.20}{\$42.20}$

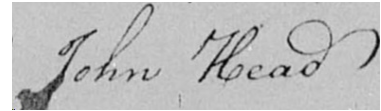
He is indebted twenty dollars.

He further says he has no family except himself & wife (who is not healthy) that he has followed school keeping when he can get a school, but from his age and infirmity he cannot pursue it so as to get a living – pension certificate No. 1820 of the Maryland Agency.

Sworn to, and declared, on he second day of August 1820                    John Head  
before George Rea

New Jersey  
County of Hunterdon ss.

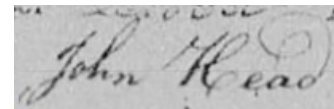
On this eighth day of November 1820, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said county of Hunterdon personally appeared John Head who, on his oath, declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captain Smith in the regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the state of Maryland from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the state of New Jersey where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be there payable, in future.



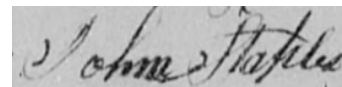
STATE OF Pennsylvania } ss.  
County of Northampton }

I, John Head aged seventy two years, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that about or in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six I enlisted or entered the service as a private for the term of “during the war,” in the first regiment, commanded by Colonel Howard [John Eager Howard of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland Continental Infantry Regiment] and afterwards served in the aforesaid regiment under the command of Colonel Howard and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the same regiment, commanded by Colonel Howard of the Maryland line; and when I was a private That my discharge was lost thirty years ago or upwards, while travelling through different parts of the Country in the Capacity of a Schoolmaster.

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever: [Power of attorney follows]                    IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my Hand and seal, this first day of October A.D. 1828



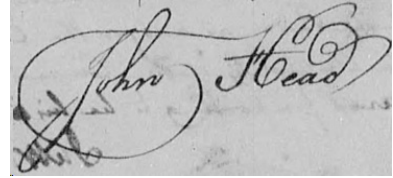
I, John Staples [pension application W4518] aged Seventy four years, do, upon oath, declare that I have been long acquainted with John Head who has subscribed the above declaration in my presence, and well know that he is the identical person he therein represents himself to be; and further, I know, or do believe, that he did perform the military service therein stated, having served in the same Company with him during a part of the war.



Northampton County, towit.

On this third day of November, Anno Domini 1825, Before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Northampton aforesaid, personally appeared John Head, who on his Oath, declared that He is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Capt. John

Smith, in he regiment Commanded by Colonels Harrison and Howard, in the Service of the United States; that his name was placed on the Pension roll of the State of Maryland, from whence he removed to the State of New Jersey, that on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1821, at his request He was transferred from the Roll of Maryland to that of the State of New Jersey; and from thence he has removed about four years ago to the Borough of Easton in the County of Northampton aforesaid in Pennsylvania, that He now resides in the said Borough, and where he intends to remain until his death, and wishes his Pension to be there made payable in future for reason that He will be able to receive the same more easy from the Bank of the United States at Philadelphia. That He was also notified from Parr[?] or Hunt, the Cashiers of the Trenton Bank N. Jersey by Letter dated Sep. 21 1825 that the Sec'y. of War directed him to give him notice that He must get himself Transferred, as will more fully appear by the Letter herewith forwarded.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Head". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a large initial "J" and a decorative flourish at the end.

NOTE: Col. Charles Harrison's regiment of artillery was actually from Virginia.