

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Headrick¹ W11288² Prudence fn201NC
Transcribed by Will Graves 4/28/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: The handwriting of the scribe of this application is truly abominable and extremely hard to decipher. A great many (entirely too many) words could not be deciphered.]

State of North Carolina Davidson County formally part of Rowan: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions [indcipherable word or words, probably "November"] 1832

On this 14 day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open [court] being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Davidson now sitting Peter Hedrick a resident of said County aged about 71 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 and served as herein stated. He states that in the year 1778 to the best of affiant's recollection in the summer [?] of that year by order of General Rutherford Captain Hedrick raised a company of militia in the County of Rowan under a contract [?] having [indcipherable word] two years of that [indcipherable word] should be rescinded [?], that affiant joined this Company and did actual service for 12 months at least in field [?] or camp [?]. That during this period they marched against the Tories to Cane and Buck Creek in [indcipherable words] the Raft [numerous indcipherable words] engagement with the Tories in August or September 1779 under a [indcipherable word] that the Tories were completely routed the company was disbanded for the time being that [several lines of indcipherable text] – he substituted for one Philip Garner upon a 3 month tour in Rowan in a Corps of militia commanded by Captain Enoch that whilst in this service he marched with his company to South Carolina and was engaged [several indcipherable words in the affair at Moncks Corner in May 1780 as well as affiant can recollect part of which time he served in the Light horse under Captain [indcipherable name] commanded by Colonel [indcipherable name] [at this point I gave up trying to decipher this

¹ Name appears as Hederick, Headerick and Hedrick

² BLWt75050-160-55

application – I could make out odd words here and there but the text is, at least for me, largely indecipherable.]

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State of North Carolina Davidson County

Whereas Peter Hederick of the County and State aforesaid is in possession of a pension certificate from the War Department of the United States showing that he is entitled to receive \$80 per annum during his natural life bearing date the 14th of March 1834 signed by Lew Cass Secretary of War and it appears that the payment of his claim has been suspended from the 4th day of March 1835 for further proof in order to remove doubtfulness relative to his claim: Now to the end thereof the said Peter Hederick on this the 29th day of November's 1837 personally appeared with his testimony before me James Wiseman one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County and his affiants being residence in the County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on their oaths make the following affidavits as additional and supplemental testimony to be attached to his original declaration in order that his claim may be made more clearly and thereby reestablished to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832 for the relief of the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War. To wit.

George Hederick aged 76 years the 21 or 22 of next March doth certify that in the year 1780 the above named Peter Hederick substituted himself as a soldier in the Revolution in the place of Philip Garner out of the company of Peter Hederick Senior (his father who was then Captain) and met at Salisbury thence marched under Captain Enoch and in his company by the orders of General Rutherford for Charleston SC in order to be attached to the American or Continental Army who were guarding the city of Charleston from the possession of the British but before his 3 months tour had quite terminated or [word obliterated and illegible] at least within a very few days of it the said Peter Hederick had returned home from Charleston a distance of about 300 miles and stated that Charleston was taken by the British and that the reason why he was not taken prisoner that he was sent by his officers with a wagon to haul a load of provision, ammuniton &c and consequently was not in lines at the Juncture of the Americans or continentals being taken by the British. And at this period the said George Hederick further this certifies that his father Peter Hederick Senior (then Captain) received orders from General Rutherford to raise and callout his men who were Whigs and to meet him at Salisbury and the said Peter Hederick the above applicant went under the command of his father who was Captain in the light Horse and met at Salisbury according to the orders of General Rutherford thence under the command of General Rutherford he marched up into Lincoln County where they had a battle with the Tories which resulted in repulsing and dispersing a large number or band of Tories after which time they returned home and in less than a week he received a [indecipherable word] orders from General Rutherford to meet at Salisbury which he obeyed thence as I then understood they marched down the Yadkin River to the confluence of Rocky River with the Yadkin and after remaining in and about that section for sometime returned to his residence; and immediately Peter Hederick Senior Captain received again orders from General Rutherford to levee by draft a company of men to aid to propelled the forces of the British and Tories and his father Captain Hederick raise a number of men and Peter Hederick the foregoing applicant hired as a substitute in the place of John Sears for 3 months which tour he served out by and in accordance of General Rutherford's orders and in the next place the said Peter Hederick substituted for and in the place of John Frank for 2 months and perhaps he remained some longer under orders. And after an interval of sometime in the year 1781 the said Peter Hederick

volunteered and went to Salisbury and marched as I understood at that time under Captain Myrick Davis to join Colonel Morgan's Army and met a detachment of the Americans with 4 or 500 prisoners whom Colonel Morgan had taken at the Cowpens and then marched with and guarded said prisoners under control of the regular officers into the State of Virginia. The said George Hederick further states that the said Peter Hederick did serve to his personal knowledge under regular disciplined officers in the Revolution nearly the space of twelve months. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

Test: S/ James Wiseman, JP

S/ George Hedrick



James Smith of the County and State aforesaid aged 68 years next February doth hereby certify that he believes that he saw Peter Hederick the foregoing applicant marching under Captain Myrick Davis towards the South and that he understood that the said Peter Hederick was a considerable length of time a soldier of the revolution and served accordingly under proper officers and was a true [word obliterated and illegible] to his country's cause and that he ever has been reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution by those who knew him best. He further states that George Hederick the above affiant is a respectable person and that there is every degree of confidence to be placed in whatever he has stated and that I believe that he would not deviate from the truth for any reason or under any circumstance whatever. Sworn to and subscribed

S/ Jas Smith



David Lookabille³ aged 78 or 80 years of the County and State aforesaid certifies that he saltpetrer he Headrick the above applicant in actual service as a soldier of the Revolution under regular officers in South Carolina below Camden about 140 or 150 miles from his native residents and I further certify from my acquaintance with said Headrick of the then times and information that he was a faithful soldier of the Revolution for some considerable space of time. Sworn to and subscribed before made.

S/ James Wiseman, JP

S/ David Lookabille, X his mark

[fn p. 12: On October 26, 1855 in Davidson County North Carolina, Prudence Hederick, 74 on the 24th day of next July filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Peter Hederick who was a private in a company commanded by Captain Peter Hederick and Captain Lopp; that she married him on the 7th day of March 1806; that they were married by William Ward Esquire; that her name prior to her marriage was Prudence Grist; that her husband died December 17, 1844 and that she remains his widow.]

³ [David Lookebee \(Lookinbee, Lookabill\) R6439](#)

[fn p. 15: On February 4, 1858, in Davidson County North Carolina, Prudence Hederick, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that her husband was a soldier in a company commanded by Captain Lopp and Captain Peter Hederick (her husband his father) and reciting the facts set forth in her application for her bounty land entitlement.]

[Note: in other documents in the file, the widow signs her name Barbara Prudence Hederick]

[fn p. 189: marriage bond dated February 18 1791 issued in Rowan County North Carolina to Peter Hedrick and Peter Smith conditioned on the marriage of Peter Hedrick to Barbara Myers.]

[Note: the typed summary of this applicant's file contains the following description of his services claimed in his application:

"In the summer of 1778, while residing in Rowan County, North Carolina, Peter Headrick, Senior, was ordered to raise a company of militia in that County, which company was to serve whenever necessary, during a period of two years. Peter Headrick, Junior, enlisted in his father's company and served at this time for at least one year: the service was against the Tories and they had one severe engagement with them in August or September, 1779, place where said engagement took place, not stated: afterward, while the company of Peter Headrick, Senior, was out of service for the time being, Peter Headrick, Junior, enlisted, served as a private in Captain Enoch's North Carolina Company, marched to South Carolina, and was in the battle of Moncks Corner: a part of this service was rendered under Captain N. Kepar and Colonel Mebane in the North Carolina Troops: dates of this service are not given: he returned to North Carolina, again joined his father's company and served against the Tories in Rowan and adjoining counties, dates of service not given: in February, 1781, the company was disbanded for a few weeks, and Peter Headrick, Junior, was a part of the company, was detailed to guard some British prisoners taken at the battle of the Cowpens and marched with some prisoners to the state of Virginia, where he joined his father, Captain Headrick, who had been forced to flee from North Carolina, and had taken refuge in Virginia: while he was residing in Virginia, Peter Headrick, Junior, was engaged at Staunton in 1781, hauling forage for one month and for 2 months was engaged in hauling to Philadelphia. Peter Headrick, Junior, stated that his entire service amounted to 2 years and one month\""]

[Facts in file: the soldier married March 4, 1797 in Rowan County Barbara Myers; there is no further data in regard to her; he married March 7, 1806 Prudence Grist, who was born July 24, 1782; her sons are referred to but knows names of a former husband is shown in the names of her sons are not given; she was allowed a pension under application dated February 4, 1856; she died September 8, 1862 at the home of her son Peter Headrick, Junior in Davidson County North Carolina; Peter was 47 years old in 1868 and still resided in Davidson County North Carolina; George Hederick lived in Davidson County North Carolina in 1836 and is said to be the son of Captain Peter Headrick; George Hederick is said to have been born March 21, or 22, 1762; the soldier had a nephew Philip Headrick, his parents on not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1835 47 months 21 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]