

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Heard W4229

Elizabeth

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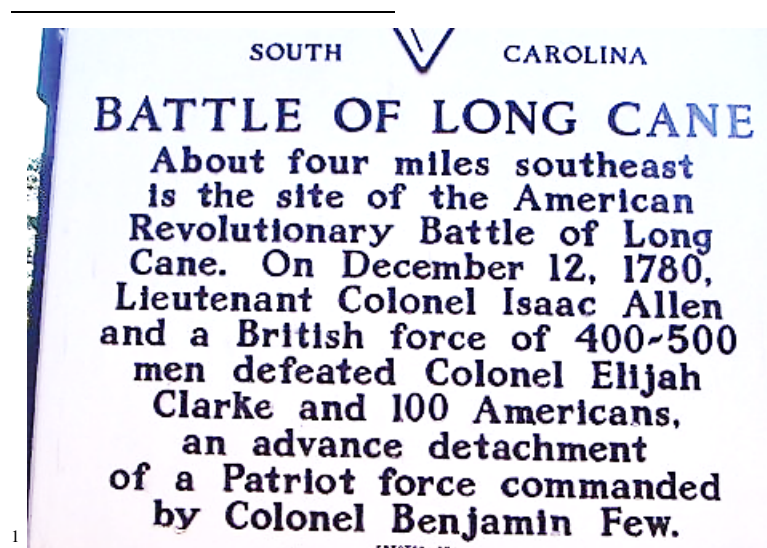
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Special Court

Georgia Jackson County: SS

On this eighteenth day of November 1844 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County of Jackson State of Georgia, Charles M Heard a resident of said County and State aged fifty-six 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an "Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": that he is a son of Elizabeth Heard deceased, the widow of Richard Heard deceased, who was a Captain in the service of the United States against Great Britain during the Revolutionary War, that his (this deponent's) father was a citizen of Wilkes County Georgia at the time he entered the service – and agreeable to his best information and belief, his father served as Captain for a time not less than three years beginning in the year 1779 or 1780 and was Captain of a Company from Wilkes County Georgia at the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779] under Colonel M. Williamson [Lt. Col. Micajah Williamson], at the siege of Augusta [May 22-June 6, 1781] in the same Regiment, at the battle of Long cane [December 12, 1780]¹ under Colonel E. Clark and at the battle of the Dogwood Spring in Wilkes County against the Indians – and this deponent thinks that he has heard his father say he was at the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] in North Carolina [sic South Carolina] – he further says that he has

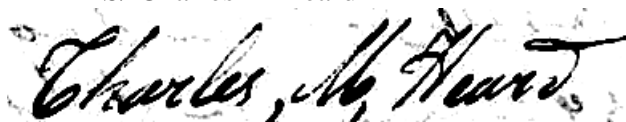


no other written or documentary proof at this time showing the service of his father then the several letters from Colonel Clark and various receipts for bounty herewith transmitted – all of which letters and receipts were in possession of Captain Richard Heard at the time of his death and have been in the possession or knowledge of this deponent ever since – that the said Richard Heard died on the 6th day of October 1817 leaving his widow Elizabeth, who remained unmarried, and survived till the 3rd day of September 1840 on which day she the said Elizabeth Heard died.

He further declares that the said Elizabeth Heard (formerly Elizabeth Coleman) was married to the said Richard Heard on the ___ day of ___ 1780 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 namely at the time above stated, near Washington Wilkes County Georgia and that he does not know of any record of such marriage, as the Statutes of Georgia did not at that time require the record of marriage license –

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on this the 18th day of November 1844 before
S/ Middleton Witt, JIC

S/ Charles M Heard



[f p. 16: Note: the following appears to be a list and summary of documents removed from this file:

"Richard Heard
wid—Elizabeth
Ga. W.4229

An ordered to rendezvous at Henry Duke's old place in order to repair to General Twiggs' Camp at Bryan's Creek, dated October 1781 & by E Clarke

Order to meet at Joshua Sanders dated December 7 1781, signed E. Clarke, Colonel;

Order to impress horses dated March 7, 1782, signed E Clarke, Colonel;

Order to have company, horses and 60 days provisions ready to march September 10, dated August 25, 1782, signed E Clark;

Order to meet at widow Patton's on the 15th instant, dated September 7, 1782, signed J Cunningham; By order of Command^t;

Order to March November 1 to Richard Wood's Plantation on Pistol Creek (mutilated – no date or signature)

Order to meet at Beards on the 30th instance, to assist General Wane [Anthony Wayne] who has crossed the River, signed E Clark.

Receipt for bounty land for service in Colonel Clark's Regiment of Riflemen dated July 30, 1782 signed William Newberry;

Receipt for service in the same organization dated July 30, 1782, signed James Steelman;

Receipt for service in same organization dated September 10, 1782 signed John Cates

and receipt for service in the same organization dated December 15, 1782 signed John Cole have been removed from this claim in order that they may be sent to the War Department. S. C. A. Jan. 12, 1911.]

[f p. 3: Register of family:

Daniel Coleman Heard the son of Richard Heard & Elizabeth his wife was born February 21st,

1785 [f p. 36: affidavit that Daniel C. Heard died November 6, 1844 leaving no widow]

Martha Heard was born June the 8th day 1786

Charles Wm Holton Heard was born June 3rd Day 1788

Elizabeth Heard was born September the 18th Day 1789

Ann Heard was born August the 20th 1791

Katharine Coleman Heard was born December the 2? 1794

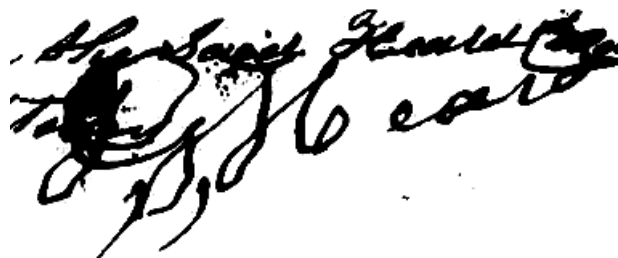
Mary Heard was born April the 17th day 1797]

[family register authenticated by the affidavit of Joseph Singleton dated June 2, 1845, given in Jackson County Georgia in which the affiant states the register is in the hand writing of John Coleman and is a true record of the family of Richard and Elizabeth Heard. This document appears on page 25 of the Fold3.com file.]

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State of Georgia Morgan County: On the 19th day of January 1846 personally came before me Daniel C Jackson a Justice of the Peace in and for said County John G Heard² a resident of Morgan County and State of Georgia aged eighty-one years who first duly sworn according to law saith that he was well acquainted with Richard Heard who resided during the Revolution War in Wilkes County State of Georgia and afterwards removed to Jackson County State of Georgia that Richard Heard was Captain for some three years of foot and Horse during the War of the Revolution that deponent served as much as twenty months under the said Richard Heard Deponent further declares that he entered the Service of the United States in the war of the Revolution in November 1781 under the said Captain Richard Heard who commanded a volunteer company from Wilkes County State of Georgia in Colonel Dooly's Regiment which was commanded by General Clark that was engaged for a few months under the command of Captain Heard in scouting upon the frontiers of Georgia after the Indians and was engaged in the Battles fought by General Clark with the Indians one in Clarksborough and one in Walton County which were then the frontier Counties of the State of Georgia. Deponent then marched under the said Captain Heard to Augusta State of Georgia about the 1st of May 1782 and commenced the Siege of Augusta which lasted till the last of July of the same year from thence he marched up to a Fort called Major Heard's Fort in Wilkes County Georgia where he remained under the command of the said Captain Heard acting as guard and watch for said Fort and the adjacent Country till about the close of the war and Deponent further declares that the said Captain Richard Heard served in the War of the Revolution as Captain some 18 or 20 months previous to the service before mentioned this he knows for he frequently saw the said Heard and was with him at different times which he the said Heard [word or words written over and indecipherable] thus acting in the capacity of Captain.

S/ J. G. Heard

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Heard". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

² FPA R4822 transcribed and posted in this database on March 21, 2012

[f p. 40: copy of a certificate dated March 19, 1784 given by Elijah Clark, Colonel, stating that Captain Richard Heard was entitled to 500 acres of land as a bounty for his service in the revolution.]

[f p. 43: land grant dated September 15, 1784, granting Richard Heard 250 acres of land in Wilkes County.]

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State of Georgia Jackson County: SS

On this 18th day of November 1844 Personally came before me Robert Espy a justice of the Inferior Court in & for said County Henry Anglin³ a citizen of Jackson County Georgia aged eighty-four years and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Captain Richard Heard who died in Jackson County in the year 1817 and who previously lived in Wilkes County Georgia. That he this deponent knew Richard Heard to be in the service of the United States against Great Britain in the year 1780 as Captain in the command of General Elijah Clark of Georgia, That said Richard Heard was Captain of a company of militia raised in Wilkes County Georgia and continued as a Captain in the service till the close of the war, that the said Richard Heard was at the battle of Long Cane under General Clark & at the Siege of Augusta under Colonel Williamson, and was also at the siege of Savannah as Captain of a volunteer Company from Wilkes County – that the said Richard Heard served as Captain in the Revolutionary War as much as 3 years –

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day & date above written before me
[both signatures of the attesting judge and the affiant are too faint to read]

[The widow's heirs were granted a pension at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending September 3rd, 1840 when she died the pension was based on her husband's service as a Captain of cavalry for 2 years in the Georgia service.]

³ [Henry Anglin S31521](#)