

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Heaton W7716 Elizabeth Heaton MD
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Commonwealth of Penns'a.
Berks County Ss.

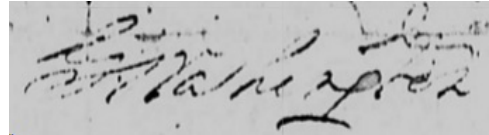
On the seventeenth day of April A.D. 1818 before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County personally appeared in open Court James Heaton of the borough of Reading in the said County, who being duly sworn did depose and say that he enlisted in the service of the United States at Baltimore with Capt. McConnel [sic: Nathan McConnell] of Col. Hazens Regiment [Moses Hazen's 2nd Canadian Regiment] in the beginning of January A.D. 1778 That he continued in the service of the United States until the 13th day of June 1783, when he was honourably discharged: That he was wounded at the seige of Yorktown in Virginia in storming a redoubt [Redoubt 10, 14 Oct 1781] – that he has not received any pension under the laws of the United States and that by reason of his reduced circumstances he stands in need of assistance from his Country. James hisXmark Heaton

BY HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq,

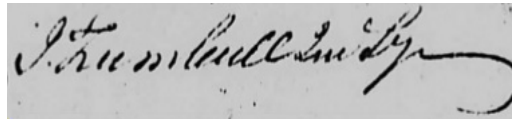
General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United States of America.

THESE are to CERTIFY that the Bearer hereof Corp'l. James Heaton, Soldier, from the State of Maryland in the General Hazen's Regiment, having faithfully served the United States five year six months and being inlisted for the War only, is hereby DISCHARGED from the American Army.

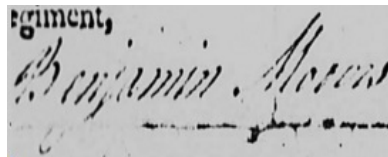
GIVEN at HEAD-QUARTERS [at Newburgh NY] the 13th of June 1783.



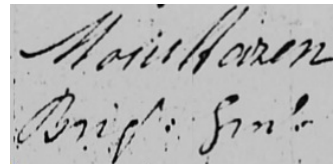
By HIS EXCELLENCY'S
Command,
[Jonathan Trumbull, Junior Secretary]



REGISTERED in the Books of the Regiment,
Benjamin Mooers [pension application S23815] Adjutant.



THE above Corp'l. James Heaton has been honored with the BADGE of MERIT for five Years faithful Service.



District of Pennsylvania Ss

On the 9th day of August AD 1820, personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas, holden in the borough of Reading County of Berks, being a court of Record proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a Jurisdiction, unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, James Heaton Aged 74 years resident in the Borough of Reading in said District who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision

and that the said Christina Clemmens has since deceased, and that her Husband James Heaton aforesaid Died in Reading Pena on the 4th day of November AD 1825 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period and is now a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereto annexed.

Elizabeth herXmark Heaton widow

[Certified by Jacob Petry, pension application S2243.]

NOTES:

The file contains a statement that J. G. Nevlin was a minister at the German Reformed Church of Reading. Also in the file is a letter dated 25 Aug 1836 by Henry A. Muhlenberg (nephew of Gen. Peter Muhlenberg) stating that Elizabeth Heaton, "tho' poor & unlettered, is much respected," and that "soon after the war her husband became unable to work. She maintained his & raised a large family of children by her industry as a washerwoman."

The file contains an application for bounty land dated 8 June 1855 by a John Heaton of Rush County IN for serving as a Private for 32 days in 1784 under Capt. Henry Enox 22 miles below Wheeling.