

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard M. Head W9060¹ Charlotte

f45SC[sic, PA]²

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District of Columbia, SS

On this 24th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the United States for the said district, personally appeared Richard M Head aged 62 years, resident in South Carolina (but now) in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath take 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 United States in the Revolutionary war:" that he the said Richard M Head entered into the revolutionary army in the year 1782; he was commissioned as a cornet in the company commanded back Captain Henry Bedkin of the Partizan Legion commanded by Colonel Armand [Col. Charles Armand, Marquis de la Rouarie], that he was at the siege of York in Virginia³ – served in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the end of the War, when he was discharged from service in Little York State of Pennsylvania 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 accompanying papers, Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

I Buckner Thruston Judge, &c as aforesaid, do certify, that it appears to my satisfaction, that the said we Richard M Head did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of 9 months, on the Continental establishment; and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the secretary of the Department of War, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid act of Congress. Given under my hand this 24th of April 1818.

S/ B. Thruston

To the Honorable the Secretary at War

State of South Carolina York district: SS

On this 25th day of October in the year 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record exercising and unlimited Jurisdiction in both civil and criminal cases at law for

¹ BLWt1119-200 Lieut. Issued June 10, 1794, No papers.

² Fold3.com has erroneously included this veteran's pension application under those veterans serving from the state of South Carolina. The veteran was a resident of the State of South Carolina at the time he made his application for a pension, but not at the time he rendered his services.]

³ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810928-yorktown/>

the District of York Richard Head aged 65 years resident in the District aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows in the company commanded by Captain Henry Bedkin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Armong of the Cavalry in the line of the State of Pennsylvania and has and has received a certificate from the War Office Number 23 and made his original declaration on the 24th of April 1800 [sic].

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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

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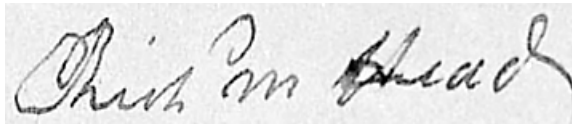
2 Beds and Furniture	\$60.00
6 Chairs	6.00
3 Tables	12.00
2 Benches	2.00
1. Oven	1.00
1. pot	1.00
2 Stools	1.50
1/2 dozen knives and forks	1.00
1. Set of cups and saucers	.30
1 dozen of plates	.50
2 Dishes	.75
1. Looking Glass	.75
	<u>\$87.00</u>

That his family consists of himself, his wife aged about fifty-three and one daughter named Catharine aged sixteen years, his Wife so infirm as to be unable to contribute but little to their support his Daughter able to support herself. That he is by trade a hatter but is unable to pursue his occupation by reason of affliction.

Sworn to and subscribed the 25th October 1820

S/ David Johnson, Associate Judge

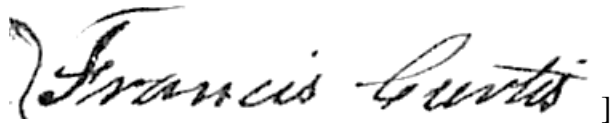
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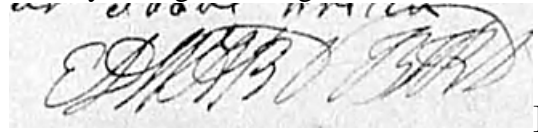
[p 12: On July 11, 1839 in Charleston South Carolina, Charlotte Head, aged 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Richard Mare Head, a cornet

in the Army of the revolution; that she was married to him in the year 1784 or 1785 at Bomks [? Bucks? or Berks?]⁴ County Pennsylvania by a magistrate; that the affiant's brother James Byrd an iron master in Redding Pennsylvania was present at their marriage and was subsequently killed by General Faust in a duel in Georgia; that affiant and her husband moved to South Carolina & Georgia and then back to South Carolina; that her husband died in Charleston South Carolina May 15, 1827; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

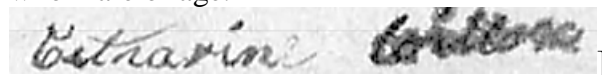
[p 14: On March 19, 1839 in Charleston South Carolina, Francis Curtis, 79 a resident of John's Island Colleton District South Carolina gave testimony that Charlotte Head was formally Miss Charlotte Bird of Redding Pennsylvania; that he knew her first husband Captain Charles Craig who commanded a Corps of Light Horse Pennsylvania Line; that he, the affiant, served in said Corps as a cornet for four years; affiant believes Charlotte was married to Charles Craig in the year 1778; that Craig shortly thereafter quit the Army and about the year thereafter died; that Charlotte Bird Craig married Richard Head in Pennsylvania about the year 1782 or 1783.

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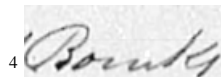
[p 25: On July 2, 1839 in York District South Carolina, Colonel Edward Bird gave testimony that he is the brother of Charlotte Head, the widow of Richard M Head; that when the affiant was but a small boy Richard M Head came to the affiant's father's house at Birds Borough and announced that he had married the affiant sister Charlotte formally Charlotte Bird, widow of Mr. Craig; that affiant new his sister and her husband in Redding, in North Carolina, in Washington County Georgia, and again in South Carolina

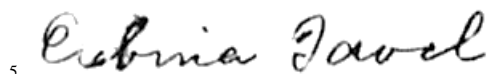
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[p 35: On July 8, 1843 in Charleston South Carolina, Catharine Wilcox, a widow aged 36 years resident of Charleston South Carolina and daughter of Richard M Head and Charlotte Head gave testimony in support of her mother's application for a pension stating that her mother died May 27, 1843 leaving 3 children to wit, Samuel B Head, Catharine Wilcox and Evbrina Tavel⁵ all of whom are of age.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing April 24, 1818, for service as a Cornet in the South Carolina Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and ending the 27th of May 1843, the date of her

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In another affidavit, affiant states her name as "Evelina Tavell"

death. The pension due her was made payable to Samuel B Head, Catharine Wilcox and Evelina Tavell, Children of said deceased.]