Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Headrick (Heddrick) R4842 Margaret fn29NC Transcribed by Will Graves 4/28/11

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: SS

On this 3rd day of May 1845

Personally appeared before us Joseph Spence & Stephen Davidson County, Margaret Headrick, a resident of the County & State aforesaid & after being first sworn in due form of law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July the 4th day 1826 [sic, 1836]; That she is the widow of Francis Headrick late Deceased of North Carolina Davidson County, who was a Private Soldier in the Revolutionary War, & that he served the United States more than 12 months. A part of his time he served under Captain Williams of the North Carolina line as she has often heard her husband the aforesaid Francis Headrick say. The other officers he served under she does not recollect. And that she is now ninety-one years old, that she was married to Francis Headrick as aforesaid in the year 1772 and that she the aforesaid Margaret Headrick (first Margaret Kearn) and said Francis Headrick was joined in matrimony by being Published & not married by License & that their marriage was accomplished in North Carolina Rowan County (now Davidson) & that by a Preacher of the Gospel, namely Stephen Maidwell, and that her husband, the aforesaid Francis Headrick, lived until the year 1820, at which time he departed this life in North Carolina Davidson County. And that she has remained a widow since that period, which shall more fully appear by proofs hereafter rendered.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year above written, before us S/ J. Spence, JP S/ Margaret Headrick, X her Mark S/ S. G. Miller, JP

[fn p. 11: On May 13, 1846 in Davidson County North Carolina, William Lanear gave testimony that he had been acquainted with Francis Headrick and his wife Margaret for 50 years; that Francis Headrick was an unlettered man and a German; that at the request of the Margaret Headrick he had made a diligent search of their house and found no Bible record of the births of

the sons and daughters of the veteran and his wife or any record of their marriage.]

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State of North Carolina Moore County: SS

On this 2nd day of October 1845, personally appeared before me John Patterson one of the acting Magistrates in and for the County aforesaid James Monk¹ a United States Pensioner eighty-eight years of age a resident Citizen of the County & State aforesaid and after being sworn in due form of law doth on his oath make the following Statement, that in days of the Revolution War he was well acquainted with Francis Headrick of North Carolina Rowan County – And that he said deponent joined the Army at Warrington [Warrenton] North Carolina under Lieutenants Pasters [either James or Thomas Pasteur], Bell [Robert Bell] & Holmes [probably Hardy Holmes] & with them marched, as follows, from Warrington to Hillsboro from there to Salisbury North Carolina at which place Francis Headrick as aforesaid Joined the Army of the North Carolina line and that he deponent & said Francis Headrick served in the Army of the United States together & was marched own in the Army as aforesaid from Salisbury to Mecklenburg – then through the Catawba – through South Carolina to Ashley Hill there joined General Green [Nathanael Greene], & after serving at least 9 months on that tour said Francis Headrick was discharged from the Army. Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written –

S/ John Patterson, JP

S/ James Monk, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: SS

On this 25th of April 1846 personally appeared before me Jesse Gallimore one of the acting Magistrates in and for Davidson County Stephen Sanders, aged eighty-four years – a resident Citizen of Stanley County North Carolina being now in Davidson County, who being first sworn in due form of law, doth on his oath make the following statement. That in the days of the Revolutionary War, he was well acquainted with Francis Headrick also with his wife Margret, now his widow an applicant for a pension due to her on account of the Revolutionary services of her husband, the aforesaid Francis Headrick, late deceased of Davidson County North Carolina.

That deponent distinctly recollects in days of the Revolution he was drafted in North Carolina Rowan County (that part now Davidson) to serve a 3 month tour in the North Carolina line of militia, And that he did serve the United States in the following manner,

Being ordered, deponent joined the Army at the residence of John Ward in North Carolina Rowan County – under Captain Peter Headrick, Colonel John Lopp & General Rutherford, And that deponent and Francis Headrick as before named, did serve in the Army as aforesaid together and served under the aforesaid officers through the Eastern part of North Carolina & in the State of South Carolina. And after serving in the Army as aforesaid at least 4 months the aforesaid Stephen Sanders & the said Francis Headrick as aforesaid was honorably discharged from this tour of service. Sworn and subscribed the 25th day of April 1846

S/J. Gallimore, JP

S/ Stephen Sanders, X his mark

¹ James Munk (Monk) S41905

² I did not find a federal pension application filed by anyone of this or any similar name claiming service in North Carolina. This may be the only evidence of this veteran service in the revolution.