## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

## Pension application of John Heizer R4848 Transcribed by Will Graves

f29VA 3/10/14

[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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Ohio Brown County: SS

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting John Heizer a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 87 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit He went out a volunteer under Thomas Smith Captain and Charles Baskin [Charles Baskins] Lieutenant, that his company was expected to be attached to the troops under General Hand [Edward Hand], but he did not come on. That he lived close by Staunton Augusta County Virginia when he volunteered and started from home in September and returned home just before Christmas after having performed a tour of 3 months – it was in the year 1777 as he now thinks, but of which he has no certain recollection. Sometime in the fall of the year after the precise year he cannot now remember, he was drafted under the same officers as before stated, for 3 months; under Captain Boyer [perhaps William Bowyer] they were marched from Augusta County aforesaid down to Richmond and continued for the tour and returned home. Sometime after, how long he does not now know, he was drafted again for 20 days; and was compelled to take a horse – under Captain Zachariah Johnson & Lieutenant Baskin, which tour they performed and he returned home again in July (about the 4<sup>th</sup>) the year Cornwallis was taken [1781]. He states that he has lived in said Augusta County since the Revolution until he came to Brown County aforesaid where he now lives. He also states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

S/G. W. King, Clerk

S/ John Heizer

John Heiger

[Matthew Gardner, a clergyman, and Henry Chapman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: "The printed list of 1852 gives cause of Suspension as: For further proof and specification"]

## **Amended Declaration**

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the  $7^{th}$  of June 1832 State of Ohio Brown County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County John Heiser, who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age & bodily infirmity he is unable to appear in open Court and on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he was born in the year 1747 in Pennsylvania Philadelphia County, that the record of his age is in his Bible and that he is now a resident of said County of Brown: that he lived in Augusta County Virginia when he entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War; that he went out as a volunteer for three months under the following named officers viz. Colonel Dickason [sic?], as near as he can recollect, Captain Thomas Smith and Lieutenant Charles Paskins [sic, Charles Baskins], that they went down to Point Pleasant and their boys killed old Cornstock [Cornstalk or Hokoleskwa]<sup>2</sup> and three other Indians in the guard house and from Point Pleasant started home again. Then he was drafted for three months and served under Colonel William Boyer [William Bowyer], Major Robinson, Captain Thomas Smith and Lieutenant Charles Paskins; that they went out against the British, that they went down to Richmond and from there returned home again having served out his time. When he was drafted again for 20 days and had to find his horse, served again under Colonel Bowyer, Major Robinson, Captain Zachariah Johnson and Lieutenant Charles Paskins – the last time they were marched down to Charleston and there in time of the battle they were put to guard the road and Charles Paskins was wounded and left for dead – this was sometime in June: and having performed his time returned again. He states that he served as a private in the foregoing tours and in the manner stated; but from great loss of memory is entirely unable to give a more complete account of his service and the matters connected there with than what he has stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1835 S/ James Allen, JP S/ John Heizer

\_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The battle of Point Pleasant also known as the Battle of Kanawha occurred on October 10, 1774 in what was called Dunmore's War, a campaign against the Western Indians conducted by John Murray, Lord Dunmore, the last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia. This battle is not considered as being part of the American revolutionary war so the service the veteran claimed for participating in it would not count towards meeting the 6 months minimum active service required under the 1832 act.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Indian chief Cornstalk was not killed in the battle of Point Pleasant. Rather he was murdered at Fort Randolph on November 10, 1777 along with his son Elinipsico and two other Shawnee warriors who had come on a diplomatic visit but were held as hostages and executed when hostilities broke out between the whites and the Shawnee Indians. Based on the testimony of the veteran, it is likely that he is referring to the events of November 1777 and not to the battle of Point Pleasant.