

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Head S13365

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State of Alabama Barbour County: Barbour County Court July Term 1839

On this 9th Day of July personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Barbour now sitting Richard Head a resident of Barbour County in the State of Alabama aged eighty-four 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that in the month of November in the year 1779 he was drafted for three months and was marched to Hillsboro North Carolina and was put under the command of Captain annual and Lieutenant James that they marched to Salisbury in said State where they joined General Rutherford and marched to Charlotte Court House from there to Camden South Carolina then to the ten mile House near Charleston into the Savannah River to a small Town called Purrysburg near the Two Sisters Ferry where they joined General Lincoln they then moved up the River to the mouth of Brier Creek but not in time for the battle but got in hearing and heard the result and returned down the River to Turkey Hill where he was regularly discharged after serving six months. – At the expiration of his three month draft he then volunteered for three months more which embraces the above six months and rought [sic ? route] as above described his discharge is lost as no care was ever taken of it after the war. He further states that in the year 1781 in February he was again drafted for three months and served under Captain Gyuin [sic, Gwynn, Gwinn or Quinn?] and was attached to Colonel Moors [probably William Moore's] Regiment and marched to Guilford Court House and Joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] when they were defeated by the enemy that they retreated to the Hanging Rock from there they marched down Hall River to Ramseys Mills where he was discharged by Captain Gyun after serving 3 months which discharge is also lost. He further states that he is so far removed from his old acquaintances and there being none of them in this Section that that it is impossible for him to prove his service any other way than by his own oath that 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in South Hampton County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have the relief of an old Bible with my age on it gave to me by [my] mother as the record of my age and have so considered it

3<sup>rd</sup> Question Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Wake County North Carolina and moved to the State of Georgia from there to the State of Alabama Barbour County where I now live

4<sup>th</sup> Question How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted for 3 months, volunteered for 3 months and then drafted for 3 months more

5<sup>th</sup> Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer I recollect General Rutherford, Lincoln & Green, Colonel Moore, Colonel Locke and Colonel Sanders Captains White, Gill & Woodson Daniel & White stationed at the Two Sisters Ferry the Adjutant with 19 man myself one of the number was ordered to a ferry to prevent the passage of Mac Girt [Daniel McGirt] as we were informed by a Tory who had deserted that he would pass on a certain night accordingly he made the attempt but we met him after a short time forced him back without any loss on our part length of time puts it out of my power to give a satisfactory account of circumstances that occurred during my services.

6<sup>th</sup> Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from Captain Woodson Daniel for 6 months stone Service but never received any from Captain Gynn by Captain being absent at the time of our time expiring

7<sup>th</sup> Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Thomas Warren Judge McCall Edwin J Cole

Sworn and subscribed to this 9th Day of July A.D. 1839

S/ Richard Head



[Thomas Warren and Edward J Cole gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Alabama Barbour County: Circuit Court Spring Session 1842

On this 31st day of March A.D. 1842 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Barbour now sitting Richard Head a resident of Barbour County of the State of Alabama aged eighty-seven 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year 1778 he believes as well as he can recollect about the

last of October or the first of November he was drafted in the County of Wake in the State of North Carolina for three months and served under Captain Woodson Daniel and James General Rutherford's Army and was marched to Hillsboro then to Saulsberry [Salisbury] North Carolina then to Camden South Carolina then to the ten mile House near Charleston then to Purrysburg on the Savannah River at which place he joined General Lincoln, then marched up the River to the Two Sisters Ferry about this time he was discharged and General Rutherford addressed the discharged militia and stated that the enemy was then in the neighborhood and called on us to volunteer which he done and served three months with many more of the Company that he then was marched up the River under the command of Major Sharp to join General Ash [John Ashe] and was crossing the River in hearing of the battle of Brier Creek when General Ash came to the ferry on his retreat and ordered us to retreat down the River to Turkey Hill where we remained until about the first of April and was then discharged but that said discharge with his first is lost or thrown away but he is confident that he served out his full term of six months as above stated.

That again in the year 1781 he was again drafted for three months from the same County and State as he was the first draft – he believes about the first of February he was again drafted and put under the command of Captain Gwin and was marched to Guilford Court House where he joined General Green's Army and was in the Battle at the Court House and was marched to the High or Hanging Rock on Haw River that he was marched to Ramseys Mills where he received his discharge for the full term of 3 months more which discharge is lost. He further states that he knows of no person in this State that served with him and that he has no other means of proving his service except by his own oath.

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 and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Head

[Thomas Warren and Duncan McRea gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in South Hampton County North Carolina and raised in North Hampton [Northampton] County North Carolina I was born as I have been informed on the 24th of November 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I had a Bible in which my age was recorded as my mother informed me my son transcribed it in one of his as the belief with my age was very old and nearly worn out which has since been lost or worn out

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In Wake County North Carolina. I was drafted, after the war I moved to Oglethorpe since called Wilkes County Georgia I and then moved to Jasper County then to Jones County Alden the State of Georgia I then moved to Pike County in the State of Alabama which County has since been divided and left me in the new County called Barbour where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> I was drafted for 3 months and when my time was out I with many more at the request of General Rutherford volunteered for 3 months more after my time was out I was again drafted for 3 months more.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served,

such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I recollect General Rutherford, Lincoln, Greene and Ashe, Colonel Moore and Major Sharp I was sent with 18 men under adjutant Johnston to head and prevent Mac Girt from crossing the River we met him and a squad of Tories had a brush and drove them back. I was crossing the Savannah River in hearing of the Battle of Briar Creek and was there met by General – and ordered to retreat I was also at the battle of Guilford Court House.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received 2 if not 3 discharges but I do not know what ever became of them but I expect they were lost or thrown away

Q. State the reasons why you have not applied earlier for your pension.

Ans. Under the first law I could not claim a pension as I had property under the 2nd long I understood that the applicant would have to prove his service by a living witness which I could not do being so far removed from all my old acquaintances and as soon as I was informed that I could make out my declaration and prove it by my own oath had then applied but in consequence of some illegality it has not been allowed.

S/ Richard Head

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]