Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Jacob Heitrick S2313 PA
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State of Pennsylvania }
Jefferson County } SS

on this 9th day of August AD 1832 personally appeared before me Elijah Heath Esqr one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Jefferson composing part of the fourth Judicial District of the State of Pennsylvania Jacob Heitrick a resident of Rose Township in the County of Jefferson & State of Pennsylvania who by reason of bodily Infirmity from a paryletic stroke is unable to attend Court aged sixty nine years & upwards who being 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 the 7th of June AD 1832 That he was born in Tulpahocken Township Berks County on the 25th day of July AD 1763 That his birth is recorded In the Reg[page torn] of births of the Presbyterian Church of Tulpahockon but has no certificate of it That he lived in Green Pine Township Berks County when he was called into the service That since the Revolutionary war he has Lived in Northumberland Erie & Armstrong Counties in the State of Pennsylvania at different Periods and that he now lives as above stated in Jefferson County he says that he was enlisted That his Captain's name was Jacob Bowers [pension application W3212] his Colonel was [Thomas] Craig & Major was Moore That he received a discharge from the service from Captain Jacob Bower that at his return he took it to Philadelphia and gave it to Gen Nicholson who gave him a certificate for his pay & a letter & his discharge with it & told him to carry it to the big house he does not know what the house was called he took it there and left it and does not know what has become of it sinc that he kept his certificate for twenty years & afterwards sold it to a man by the name of Andrew Coldenbaugh a Clock pedlar for the sum of ten dollars He states that he is known To Thomas Lucas Esqr to David M Kiddle and in fact to almost every man in the neighbourhood in which he resides That he entered the service of the United States in August in the year AD 1781 under the following named officers Captain Jacob Bower Colenel Craig & Major Moore of the 3rd Regiment of Penna. That he recollects a Captain name of one of the companies called Captain [William] Lusk another by the name of [James] Christie one Leiutenant name of Denniston or Dennison one by the name of McCoy who died in the service in the State of South Carolina on ashley River twelve miles from Charlestown in the month of July of a Fever prevailing at that time That he was enlisted on Sunday in the month of August & year aforesaid whilst he was at Church in Green Pine Township Berks County that he enlisted for 18 months that in the month of September he was marched by the aforesaid officers to Philadelphia from Reading From which place he went by water to Christeen Pa [probably Christina DE] then march by land about 12 miles to Head of Elk as it was then called [now Elkton MD] where he embarked again to go to assist in the taking of Lord Cornwallis who had surrendered to the Americans [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] the day before he arrived That he was there put on Fatigue duty for two weeks in carrying the arms of the British to the French ships from which place he was marched through virginia by way of Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] on to the state of South Carolina under the Command of Generals [Anthony] Wayne & [Arthur] St Clair were he met General [Nathanael] Greene at Pompon [sic: Ponpon] in the state of South Carolina on the fifth day of January AD 1782 where he encamped for three day together with the army when he was marched to the Ashley near Charlestown and was present at the cannonading which was kept up for nearly one whole day between the armies without doing any injury to either party on account of the distance after which the army fell back about 12 miles that whilst he was in South Carolina he was transferred from the 3rd Regiment to the 2ⁿ Regiment to the Company Commanded by Captain Statsbury composing part of the Regiment commanded Majors [James] Hamilton & Edwards or Edwert the Adjutant of said Regiment was called McCollom that he remained in South Carolina in the service untill the British left Charlestown on the 14th day of December AD 1782 He returned From the State of South Carolina where he was left with a number men confined by sickness under the command of Capt Lusk by the way of Saltsbury [sic:

Salisbury] North Carolina to Pennsylvania were I was discharged In the month of June AD 1783 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 [signed in German Jacob heiterich]

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NOTES:

On 8 June 1832 Casper Camp (pension application W3220) certified that he had served in South Carolina with Jacob Heitrick.

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of Jacob Heitrick received the final pension payment up to 4 Sep 1834, the probable date of his death.