## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Heaton W7716

Elizabeth Heaton

MD

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Commonwealth of Penns'a.

Berks County Ss.

On the seventeenth day of April A.D. 1818 before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County personally appeared in open Court James Heaton of the borough of Reading in the said County, who being duly sworn did depose and say that he enlisted in the service of the United States at Baltimore with Capt. McConnel [sic: Nathan McConnell] of Col. Hazens Regiment [Moses Hazen's 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Regiment] in the beginning of January A.D. 1778 That he continued in the service of the United States until the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1783, when he was honourably discharged: That he was wounded at the seige of Yorktown in Virginia in storming a redoubt [Redoubt 10, 14 Oct 1781] – that he has not received any pension under the laws of the United States and that by reason of his reduced circumstances he stands in need of assistance from his Country.

James hisXmark Heaton

## BY HIS EXCELLENCY GEORGE WASHINGTON, Esq.

General and Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United States of America.

THESE are to CERTIFY that the Bearer hereof Corp'l. James Heaton, Soldier, from the State of Maryland in the General Hazen's Regiment, having faithfully served the United States five year six months and being inlisted for the War only, is hereby DISCHARGED from the American Army.

GIVEN at HEAD-QUARTERS [at Newburgh NY] the 13th of June 1783.

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By HIS EXCELLENCY'S Command,
[Jonathan Trumbull, Junior Secretary]

REGISTERED in the Books of the Regiment, Benjamin Mooers [pension application S23815] Adjutant.

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THE above Corp'l. James Heaton has been honored with the BADGE of MERIT for five Years faithful Service.

District of Pensylvania Ss

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of August AD 1820, personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas, holden in the borough of Reading County of Berks, being a court of Record proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a Jurisdiction, unlimated in point of amount and keeping a record of its proceedings, James Heaton Aged 74 years resident in the Borough of Reading in said District who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision

made by the Acts of Congress, of the 18th day of March AD 1818, and the first of May 1820. That he served in the Revolutionary War, in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Prye [Thomas Pry] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Moses Hezoon and has Obtained a pension Certificate, under the act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 his Certificate being numbered 1021 and 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

James hisXmark Heaton Schedule of the property of James Heaton

I have no Real Estate all that I have Is as follows

\$11.10 Cents

I am by Occupation a day labourer but Old age & infirmity of body I am entirely unfit to do work I have seven Children six are married the younges fifteen years of age My Wife 60 years of age their are none that can contribute to my support I can not support myself without the assistance of my Countrey or some public or private Charity

James hisXmark Heaton

## State of Pennsylvania

Berks County Ss

On this 4th day of August AD one Thousand eight hundred and thirty six in Open Court of Common Pleas now sitting before the Hon John Banks Esqr President and his associate Judges of the said Court for the County of Berks in the State of Pennsylvania personally appeared Elizabeth Heaton, widow aged seventy eight years a Resident of the said County and State who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her Oath make the following declaration, in Order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of congress passed July 3<sup>rd</sup> AD 1836. That she is the widow of James Heaton decd, who was a Corporal in the service of United States and in the war of the Revolution; in the Company commanded by Captain [Anthony] Selin and being duly Enlisted for the Regular Army on the Continental Establishment and that her said Husband was in Regiment commanded by Brigadier Genl. Mosses Hazen that her Husband James Heaton entered said service as near as she can say AD 1776 and continued to serve until the summer of the year AD 1783 when her said Husband was Honourably Discharged at Head Quarters by the Hands of Genl. George Washington and countersigned by his Secretary & signed by Brigadier Genl. Moses Hazen: for five years and six Months faithfull services Rendered as aforesaid by her Husband James Heaton as will more fully appear of Record in the War Department of the United States She further Declares on her Oath that she was Lawfully marrried to her said Husband James Heaton Soldier aforesaid in Reading Berks Cty Pena by the Reverend J. G. Nevelin and was Married as aforesaid in the Spring of the year AD 1776 and that she had received a marriage certificate by the said Nevelin as Minister of the Gospel; and that said Marriage certificate has since been lost or mislaid; and that at the time when she was married year 1776 their was not any regular stationed ministers of the Gospel in Reading so that the Marriages at said Time were not entered of Record in the Church Books Record and that she is now in the receipt of a Pension annuity of Forty Dollars payable semi-annually at the Treasury of Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] Maryland and that AD 1826 the Legislature of said State granted same annuity during her Natural Life and that she then obtained the Testimony of Christina Clemnens who fully proved to said Legislature that I was Lawfully Married to James Heaton aforesaid

and that the said Christina Clemmens has since deceased, and that her Husband James Heaton aforesaid Died in Reading Pena on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1825 and that she has remained a widow ever since that period and is now a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the Proof hereto annexed.

Elizabeth herXmark Heaton widow

[Certified by Jacob Petry, pension application S2243.]

## NOTES:

The file contains a statement that J. G. Nevlin was a minister at the German Reformed Church of Reading. Also in the file is a letter dated 25 Aug 1836 by Henry A. Muhlenberg (nephew of Gen. Peter Muhlenberg) stating that Elizabeth Heaton, "tho' poor & unlettered, is much respected," and that "soon after the war her husband became unable to work. She maintained his & raised a large family of children by her industry as a washerwoman."

The file contains an application for bounty land dated 8 June 1855 by a John Heaton of Rush County IN for serving as a Private for 32 days in 1784 under Capt. Henry Enox 22 miles below Wheeling.