

Pension Application for Henry Head

S.29221

State of New York

Schenectady County SS.

On this eleventh day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schenectady now sitting Henry Head a resident of the town of Duanesburgh in the County of Schenectady in the State of New York, aged seventy five years on the seventeenth day of August last, 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following armed officers and served as herein stated.

That about the twentieth day of June 1776 he was ordered out to serve in the company of Malitia [militia] commanded by Capt.. Jonathan Weller to suppress a band of Tories & robbers who had raised & became troublesome in the County of Dutchess, that he remained actively engaged in that service until about the 20th July following, when these tours & robbers were surprisid [surprised] through the assistance of a detachment of about 1500 men from Connecticut under Gen. Hinman, Captain Wellers Company was attached to a regiment commanded by Col. Roswell Hopkins, many of these tories & robbers [robbers] were taken & tried at Charlotte now Washington Dutchess County.

And this deponent further saith that about the first day of October 1777, he was again ordered out with the militia to guard the west line of Dutchess County & protect various places along the North river from the enemy. His captain and colonel were the same as above named, that he was out actively engaged in the United States service on this occasion about one month, that a detachment of the enemy within this month made there several attacks on Tellers Point and one attack on Rinebeck [Rhinebeck] they also made a landing at [Ulion?] kill that these various attacks were successfully repelled by the militia under Col. Hopkins & this deponent was in their several engagements.

And this deponent further saith that about the 10th of October 1778, this deponent again volunteered his service with his team in the said service for the term of four months under Captain Silas Marsh that he was wholly engaged during this term in collecting & transporting to the North river, stores & provisions for the use of the United States Army.

And this deponent further saith that about the first of November 1779 he volunteered in a company of guards under Capt. Thomas Lee and was engaged about two months in guarding the public stores at Poquake.

And this deponent further saith that on the 6th day of February 1780 he was again called into the service under the command of Capt. Joseph Pembercord of the militia and was engaged eighteen days in collecting stores & timbers for the use of the army.

And this deponent further saith, that on the 7th day of August 1781, he was again called into the service of the United States under the command of Capt Samuel Waters of the militia [militia] that he entered the service as a volunteer, that a Corps force was at this time collected on the North river by order of Gen. Washington for the purpose of retaking New York, that these forces commarched & countermarched from & to various points on the North river and were finally discharged at the expiration of the three months. They stayed however mostly at West Point.

And this deponent further saith that in addition to the above service he volunteered as one of the body guard of Gov. Clinton who then resided at Poughkeepsie, that this company of guards were commanded by Captain John Tapping, that this guard amounted to rising of sixty men, that this service commenced about the last of March 1777, and this deponent was engaged at this time as one of the guards about six months.

And this deponent further saith that the whole of the above services were rendered in the militia service of the United States—

That the whole time he was so in the service including the time he served as one of the guard of Gov. Clinton amounted to about twenty three and a half months.

And this deponent further saith what his residence during the whole term of his service in the revolutionary army was Charlotte, now the town of Washington in the County of Dutchess—in which county he was born.

And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary evidence in his possession in regard to his said service nor does he know of any person now living who could prove or testify as to his said service.

And this deponent further saith that there is no clergyman in his vicinity with whom he is particularly acquainted.

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) Henry Head

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk

Letter in folder dated March 11, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Henry, Alexander and Charles Head, of New York or Pennsylvania, and Samuel Coon, of the same section, possibly Dutchess County, New York.

No record has been found of claims for pension or bounty land having been made to the United States based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of Alexander or Charles Head or of Samuel Coon or similar spelling. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office. The record of Henry Head, of Dutchess County, New York, has been found and is furnished herein.

As a possible means of obtaining information in regard to the military service of Alexander and Charles Head and Samuel Coon, it is suggested that you apply to the Adjutant General War Department, this city, who is custodian of military records.

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The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.29221, based upon the military service in that war of Henry Head.

Henry Head was born in Dutchess County, New York, August 17, 1755. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing at Charlotte (later Washington), Dutchess County, New York, Henry Head enlisted and served with the New York troops, as follows: from June 20, 1776, one month as a private in Captain Jonathan Weller's Company, Colonel Roswell Hopkins' Regiment and was out against the Tories in Dutchess County: from the last of March 1777, six months under Captain John Tapping as one of sixty men composing the guard for Governor Clinton and was stationed at Poughkeepsie: from October 1, 1777, one month in Captain Jonathan Weller's Company, Colonel Rosewell Hopkins' Regiment and guarded the west line of Dutchess County: From October 10, 1778, four months as a teamster under Captain Silas Marsh and was engaged with his own team transporting stores to the North River for the use of the army: from April 1779, six months in Captain Jonathan Weller's Company and was engaged in patrolling Dutchess County: from November 1779, two months in Captain Thomas Lee's Company: from November 6, 1780, eighteen days in Captain Joseph Pembercord's Company and from August 7, 1781, three months in Captain Samuel Water's Company.

Henry Head was allowed pension on his application executed October 11, 1832, while a resident of Duanesburg, Schenectady County, New York.

There are no data as to soldier's family.