

(S-1776)

## SERVICE

**NUMBER**

New York

Mead, Lewis  
Sarah

W 26258

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20761.  
New-York  
David Head  
of 2009 a/c'd in the State of New York  
who was a private in the Cavalry commanded  
by Captain [illegible] of the Regt. commanded  
by Col. Phelps in the N. York  
line for 13 mos.

Inscribed on the Roll of New York  
at the rate of ~~4~~<sup>3</sup> Dollars ~~3~~<sup>3</sup> Cents per annum  
to commence on the 5th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug.  
1833 — and unto W. Bacon  
Canada.

Bearrs to the 5th of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> \$108<sup>33</sup>  
Semi-annual allowance ending 4th 26 21<sup>st</sup> 66

\$129<sup>99</sup>

Revolutionary Claim,  
July 7, 1832.

Recorded by G. C. Estey Clerk  
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Letter to Penn 25 April 1840  
cir. to agt. May 28, 1840 —  
To New York City Board of Sett.  
1839. Recd. notification to pay to  
June 1840. Notification to pension  
Court New York

Paid at Treasury, under act  
6 April 1838, from 4 Sept.  
1841 to 15 Jan. 1842. Agent  
notified 2 April, 1846.

State of New York:

Borough of New York, 18<sup>th</sup> On this numerous day of November A.D.

1832 Personally appeared in this court before the judges  
of the Circuit Court of the County of New York now sitting,  
Lewis Mead a resident of Wandal in the County of Riga  
aforesaid and State of New York aged Sixty eight 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. A.D. 1832

That he enlisted the service of the United States under the  
following named officers and served as herein stated

That on or near the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June A.D. 1781. he lived in the  
(now) town of Kent, Putnam County & State of New York  
and did then and there <sup>a private soldier</sup> enlist in a company of Militia  
commanded by Captain — Livingston whose statement name  
was (as he believes) Steward — in Col. Wyson Phelps Regt.

That he has forgotten the names of the rest of the field officers

That he remained with the Regiment at Fishkill N.Y. went  
from thence to West Point, lay near there a few days; from  
thence he went <sup>down</sup> the west side of the Hudson River near the  
line, that he then acted with continental Regiment,  
and <sup>then</sup> Remained with the Continental officers but cannot now  
recollect any of their names; from thence he marched  
back to Fishkill, and there took shipping and went  
to Albany N.Y. lay there a short time at the barracks  
after thence he went Saratoga N.Y. where he was with  
his Regt dismissed on or near the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October of the  
same year and that he served this term four months

2<sup>nd</sup> Term. That on or near the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March A.D. 1780 in  
the town of Kent aforesaid he enlisted a private soldier  
in a company of Militia commanded ~~by Captain~~ Captain  
White — whose name was Steward — in Col.  
Wyson Phelps Regt. — that he has forgotten the names  
of the remainder of the officers but remembers that the  
Major was a black man; that he remained with his  
Regt at Fishkill N.Y. and went with it from thence to the  
frontier New Eborac N.Y. That the Regt was billeted  
out there as a guard and scouts back into the woods

that he did duty as a Scout & garded at Marbletown  
Stone Ridge & parts adjacent till on or near the 1st day of  
Sept of the same year when he wrote his Regt was demised  
having served this tour nine months & the first tour  
four months; that this last tour he acted with no other  
Regt to his recollection; that he was never in any battle  
that he never had any written discharge; that he was  
born in the town of Phillipsburg (Now) Putnam County  
New York, as he has always been informed and vastly believes  
on the 10th day of May A.D. 1764 - at which place he lived  
for sixty ~~these~~ years except for two & a half years that  
he lived in New Jersey & that for the last ~~these~~ years he  
has resided in the town of Leander aforesaid; that he  
knows of no person living whom testimony he can procure  
who can testify to his service - and that the above  
recununiated particulars of his service on his return  
cates is the best evidence that he can admit  
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.

Born to and Subscribed the 3<sup>d</sup> day of November  
of this year just aforesaid  
Green M. Fullall Ck.

of Day & Termire

We Caleb Nelson a tinsmith residing in the town of  
Leander aforesaid and William Bacon residing in the  
same place hereby certify that we are well acquainted  
with Lewis Mead, who has subscribed and sworn  
to the above declaration; that we believe him to  
be fifty eight years of age; that he is upright and  
honest in the neighborhood where he resides to have  
been a soldier of the Revolution and that we con-  
cur in that opinion

Signed & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Green M. Fullall Ck.

Caleb A. Nelson  
William Bacon

and the said court do hereby declare their opinion  
after the investigation of the Matter and after putting the  
interrogatories presented by the Law Department, that  
the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier  
and served as he states. And the Court further certify  
that it appears to them that Teal Nelson who has  
signed the preceding certificate is a Tallyman, residing  
in the town of Candler aforesaid and that William  
Bacon who has also signed the same is a resident in  
the same place; and is a credible person, and that  
their statement is entitled to credit

I Green M. Fullill Clerk of the Court of Ayer  
and Turner aforesaid do certi-  
fy that the foregoing contains  
the original proceedings of  
the said court in the Matter  
of the application of Lewis  
Mead for a pension - In  
Testimony whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand & seal of  
office this 19th day of Nov  
AD 1832  
Green M. Fullill

State of New York: On the 15th day of June AD 1833 before me William,  
County of Ulster: Bacon a Commissioner of Deeds in and for said  
County personally appeared Ezekiel Mead to me well known  
who resided in the town of Candler in the County  
aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law  
doth on his oath before and say - that he is fifty  
years of age - that he is acquainted with and is a brother  
of Lewis Mead who has sworn to and subscribed the fore-  
going declaration; that he and the said Lewis resided to-  
gether in his father's family from his earliest knowledge till  
the year 1780 - in the Spring of that year the said Lewis left his  
father's family (where they lived in Milford Penn on the Delaware  
River) to go and live with his Uncle Jacob Mead in the now

County of Putnam N.Y. that this deponent understood at the time that the except year thereafter to exist in the year 1781 the said Lewis enlisted a soldier in the Army - and that he served therein that year for the term of four months, which this deponent verily believes to be true - this deponent further saeth that he understood at the time and verily believes that in the year 1782 the said Lewis enlisted and served in the army for the space of nine months - that he heard his father speak of the circumstance of the said Lewis being in the army. That in the summer of the year 1781 he heard that his father went to visit Lewis - and on his return home hence him say that he had seen the said Lewis in the army at Fishkill - that he also knew that his father went to visit thereon afterwards Jacob Mead in Putnam in the summer of the year 1782 - and on his return hence him say that the said Lewis was then serving in the Army. That he knows the time that the said Lewis left for Putnam County was in the spring of 1780. from the circumstance that it was the spring succeeding the hard winter -

Brown to me subscribed      Ezechiele Mead  
this 14th day of June  
A.D. 1833 before me

William Bacon  
Comt<sup>t</sup> of. Deeds

(State of New York) On the 15th day of June A.D. 1833 before me William Bacon Esq<sup>r</sup> Commissioner of Deed in and for said County, personally appeared Joseph Mead to me well known who being first duly sworn according to law did depose his oath to me and say that he is 57 years of age, that is a brother of Lewis Mead who subscribed and swore to the foregoing Declaration - that he and the said Lewis resided together in their fathers family from his earliest recollection till the Spring of the year A.D. 1780 - at time the said Lewis left his fathers family (who resided at that time at Milford Pa on the Delaware River) to go and live with his Uncle Jacob

Mead of the ~~now~~ county of Putnam Bl-Y- that  
this defendant understood at the time, and from the  
same source - and knows the same parties that are stated  
in the preceding deposition of Ezekiel Mead - and  
he verily believes - and has no doubt that the said  
Lewis Mead served 4 months in the year 1781  
and 9 months in the year 1782 as he has stated  
Sworn to and subscribed  
this 15th day of June A.D. 1833      Joseph Mead

William Bacon  
Comt of Secys

State of New York }  
(County of Tioga } On the 15th day of June 1833  
before me William Bacon a Commissioner of Secys in  
and for said county personally appeared George Lame  
to me well known - of the town of Candor in the  
County aforesaid who being first duly sworn doth  
on his oath depon and say - that he is fifty  
four years of age - that in the year 1780 he was living  
in Mifflin Pa that he then and there knew Lewis  
Mead who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing  
dictation - that he knew ~~Lewis~~ - from this  
defendant's earliest recollection to that time - that he  
was born and lived within a half mile of him till  
then - that in the spring of said year he knew that  
the said Lewis went to live with his Uncle Jacob

Mead of the now County of Putnam - that the  
two succeeding years he understood (at that time) that  
the said Lewis served in the army of the United  
States - that in the summer of the year 1802

## WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjacent notes you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace, (thus: { }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

*A Statement, shewing the Service of Lewis Meier Triga b' N.Y. 40th*

Period of service as certified.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Names and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served.	Names and Rank of the General and Field officers.	Battles in which the applicant was engaged.	Country through which he marched.	Place of abode when he entered the service, and as at the present period.	Evidence by which the decla- ration is sup- ported.
	Years	Mos.	Days.							
July 1781	4			Priate	Captaining to Capt White	Cpl. Philly Prf.		Fishkill Poughkeepsie Hudson Puttakie Albany Saratoga Tivoli Cooper Marlboro Troy	1782 Troy West Putnam Co. N.Y. 40th	Traditionary
1782	9									.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

*Proof of service required - every applicant is expected to furnish  
the best evidence he can to the Department.*

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N.Y.  
New York

Sarah Mead,  
widow of Lewis Mead,  
N.Y.  
who was a private,  
in the N. York line.

Date of death  
not recd apb

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
40 Dollars

Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1843.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
15 day of January 1846,

and sent to  
Hon. J. H. Anderson,

A.R.

[Act of March 3, 1843.]

Recorded in Book A  
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State of New York

Putnam County ss: on this ninth day of June  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
forty five personally appeared before me Azor B. Crane  
one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and  
for said county of Putnam Sarah Mead resident of  
the town of Kent, county of Putnam and state of  
New York aged about eighty one years of age who being  
duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath  
make the following declaration in order to obtain  
the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of  
Congress passed July 4, 1796 or any other Act or Acts  
of Congress whereby widows of deceased soldiers of  
the Revolutionary War are entitled to receive Pension  
that she is the widow of Lewis Mead who was a  
Private in the Revolutionary Army and a Pensioner  
of the United States, as per certificate of John Robt  
Acting Secretary of War given at the War Office of  
the United States the second day of October, one  
thousand eight hundred and thirty three and  
swearred and Countersigned by J. L. Edwards  
Commissioner of Pensions, and said certificate  
was recorded in the Pension Office in Book  
III. Vol 4. Page 69 by G. C. Stiles Clerk.

The further declares that she was married  
to the said Lewis Mead on the Thirtieth day of  
August one thousand seven hundred and  
eighty four by the Rev Natham Cole at the  
House of Joseph Northrup in Frederick town and  
county of Putnam, now the Town of Kent and  
county of Putnam and state of New York, who  
has now been dead about forty years: and she  
further declares that strict search and due

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diligence has been made, to find the record  
kept by the said Rev. Nathan Cole of the marriages  
he celebrated, but it cannot be found, by reason  
of the great space of time that has intervened and  
the neglect and carelessness of the keepers of said  
Record, and believes that it is lost or destroyed.

And she further declares that the witnesses  
present at said marriage who were or have since  
become known to her, are all dead, and she  
further declares that her said husband, the  
said Lewis Mead the afore-named, died on  
the fifteenth day of January one thousand eight  
hundred and forty two, that she has remained  
a widow ever since the death of her said husband  
the said Lewis Mead, and is now a widow, as  
will more fully appear by reference to the  
proof hereunto annexed.

Signed and subscribed on the day and year  
above written. Before me her

Ayer B Crane { Sarah L Mead  
Witness present mark  
Benj' Baird.

State of New York Putnam County ss ninth of June 1840  
I Ayer B Crane Judge as aforesaid, <sup>certify</sup> that I have the  
most satisfactory evidence, by affidavit of respectable  
person to wit of Philo Brown & Peter Robinson that the  
said Sarah Mead who has this day appeared  
before me and made the above deposition is a woman  
of irreproachable character, for both morality.

Given under my hand at Carmel on the day & year above  
written.

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Ayer B Crane

United States of America  
State of New York  
Putnam County, S.S.

Be it remembered that on the eleventh day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five personally appeared before the undersigned Peter Robinson of the town of Kent in the said County of Putnam and who being duly sworn according to law deposes and says that he was eighty four years of age last month. That Denis Mead deceased formerly of the said town of Kent & Sarah Mead his wife were children with this defendant. that he has known them since his first recollection. that the said Denis Mead & Sarah Mead were reputed to have been married at about the time this defendant was married, and were ever regarded by all who knew them up to the time of the decease of the said Denis Mead as man & wife & that they cohabited and lived together as such. That this defendant had a son named James Robinson who was born in the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty five; and that the said Denis Mead & Sarah Mead had a son born named Stephen Mead within a few weeks of the birth of the said James Robinson, and that at the time of the birth of the said James Robinson & Stephen Mead the said Denis Mead & Sarah Mead lived in the neighbourhood of this defendant. and lived and cohabited together as man and wife and were esteemed and regarded as such by their neighbours. and all who knew them

Isworn and subscribed before me  
the day and year first above  
mention'd.

Peter Robinson  
Notary Public  
in and for the County of Putnam

over

United States of America }  
state of New York }  
Putnam County 85

Be it rememb'r that on the  
eleventh day of December in the year one thousand eight  
hundred and forty five personally appeared before the  
subscriber Jeremiah Mead of the town of Kent in  
the county of Putnam and state of New York and  
who being duly sworn according to law deposes and  
says that he is the second child of Lewis Mead and  
and Sarah Mead and that he recollects as he is  
informed and verily believes such information  
to be true on the fourteenth day of August A.D. 1787  
and that the said Lewis Mead deceased and  
Sarah Mead had nine children all of whom  
are now living excepting one who has died, and  
that this deponent has always believed and still  
does believe that the said Lewis Mead deceased  
and Sarah Mead were man and wife and were  
married, and that they were always considered  
as such by all who knew them, and that the  
first child of the said Lewis Mead deceased and  
Sarah Mead was born according to the information  
of this deponent on the thirtieth first day of March A.D.  
1785, and at the age of six years next past the  
year 1794 this deponent distinctly recollects that  
the said Lewis Mead deceased and Sarah Mead  
lived and established together as man and wife  
and were considered as such by all who knew  
them.

Swear and subscribed before me } Jeremiah Mead  
the day and year first apon }  
mention'd P.P. Scott a  
Justice of the peace in and  
for Putnam County over

State of New York<sup>3</sup>  
Putnam County<sup>3</sup> On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1840  
Before me the subscriber First Judge of Putnam  
County Personally appeared Lewis Mead who  
on his oath declares that he is the same person  
who formerly belonged to the conspiracy com-  
manded by Captain White and a company  
commanded by Capt Livingston in the Reg-  
iment commanded by Colonel Weyership-  
pilts in the service of the United States That  
his name was placed on the Prisoner Roll  
of the State of New York Payable in the City  
of New York afterwards made payable at  
Albany from whence he has lately removed  
from that section That he now resides  
in the State of New York Town of Kent  
County of Putnam where he intends to re-  
main and wishes his pension to be there payable  
in future And that his reason for removing  
to Putnam County is that he has sold his  
Property situated in the County of Tioga  
State of New York and moved to this place  
Without intention of leaving with his last  
Swarce and Subscribed to  
before me the day and year  
aforesaid Bennett Bogel  
First Judge of said County

Lewis Mead

April 23, 1934

Mr. James S. Elston  
The Travelers Insurance Company  
Hartford, Connecticut

Pls. / HML  
Lewis Head #26258

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Richard Strode, Stephen and Lewis Head, Abraham and Thomas Elston and other Elstons.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims for pension and bounty land made to the United States based upon the military service of soldiers of that war.

A careful search of the records has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land found based upon service in the Revolutionary War of a Stephen Head, who died during the Revolutionary War, or of a Richard Strode, Abraham Elston or Thomas Elston. In order to identify specific records the full names of the soldiers are essential, also, any data in your possession will aid in identification. The record of only one Lewis Head has been found. His record is given herein as found in pension claim, W. 26258, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Lewis Head, the son of Lewis, was born May 10, 1784, in Philipstown, New York. The name of his mother is not shown. In the spring of 1780, he left his father and family, who were then living at Millford, Pennsylvania, on the Delaware River, and went to live with his uncle, Jacob Head, in Putnam County, New York.

While residing in said Putnam County what was, afterward the town of Kent, he enlisted June 1, 1781, served as a private in Captain Andrew White's and Gilbert I Livingston's Companies, Colonel Frederick Wallenfels' New York Regiment and was discharged about October 1, 1783. He again enlisted about March 1, 1783, served as a private in Captain White's Company, Colonel Wallenfels' New York Regiment and was discharged December 1, 1783.

After the Revolution, he resided at Philipstown, New York.

By  
m m HJ

Found  
all under  
same place  
name of Lewis  
Head with  
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until about 1828, except two and one-half years that he resided in the state of New Jersey, then moved to Candor, Tioga County, New York, where he was living when he was allowed pension on his application executed November 19, 1832. In 1840, he was living at Kent, New York.

Lewis Mead died January 15, 1842, place not shown.

The soldier married August 30, 1784, Sarah, whose maiden name was not shown. They were married in Frederiktown (afterward Kent), Dutchess County, New York.

Soldier's widow, Sarah, was allowed pension on her application executed June 9, 1845, at which time she was aged eighty-one years and resided in Kent, New York.

It was stated that soldier and his wife had nine children, all of whom were living in 1845 except one. The only names of children that are given are

Stephen, the eldest	born March 31, 1785
Jeremiah	" August 14, 1787. He was living in
	Kent, New York, in 1845.

In 1833, soldier's brothers Ezekiel, aged sixty years and Joseph, aged fifty-seven years were residents of Candor, New York, and in same year, George Lane, aged sixty-four years and a resident of Candor, New York, stated that he married a sister of the soldier, but did not give the name of his wife.

There are no further family data.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator.