

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Lewis Mayfield VAS542

vsl 19VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[p 3: Power of attorney executed by Stephen Mayfield of Overton County Tennessee in which he states that he is the son of Stephen Mayfield deceased a legatee under the last will and testament of Stephen Mayfield who was the only heir at law of Isham Mayfield and Lewis Mayfield both deceased who were soldiers in the Virginia line in the war of the revolution; the said Lewis Mayfield was at the time of his death (after 16th of September 1776 and before the close of the war in 1783) a Captain in the Virginia line; Stephen Mayfield authorizes his attorney to pursue his claim for whatever bounty or pay was due either Isham Mayfield or Lewis Mayfield. The power of attorney is dated November 6, 1834

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[p 5]

State of Tennessee Overton County: to wit

This day Stephen Mayfield appeared before me and made oath in due form of law, that Stephen Mayfield who was his father departed this life about 11th day of August last, that he made and published his last will and testament, which has been duly proved in the County court for said County of Overton according to the laws of the land as he believes, That he is the identical Stephen Mayfield named in said last will and testament. He further stated that according to family tradition since his first recollection, he has uniformly heard, and believes the same to be true, that his father Stephen Mayfield was the only lawful heirs of Isham Mayfield and Lewis Mayfield who are dead long before his father Stephen, and that his grandmother Dilia Mayfield made oath of that fact. He never heard it disputed or questioned or doubted. He further states that he has heard his father for more than twenty years before his death speak of the claims of Lewis Mayfield and Isham Mayfield his brothers for services rendered in the Virginia Line and war of the revolution. He further stated that he does not know of any living witness or witnesses by whom he can prove their service of the said Lewis Mayfield an Isham Mayfield or either of them. He has as he believes true copies of the testimony of Lydia Mayfield and of Isham may feel on the subject. The originals he fears have been lost. I further certify that the affiant Stephen Mayfield is well known to me, and that his statement on oath is entitled to full credit, and that he is the son of Stephen Mayfield who departed this life in the County of Overton. Given under my hand as justice of the peace this 6th day of November 1834

S/ John C. Webb, JP

State of Tennessee Overton County: Sct.

Francis Mayfield [sic, Frances Mayfield] personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace for Overton County and made oath in due form of law that she is the daughter of Stephen Mayfield deceased. That she consented to the establishment of the last will and testament of Stephen Mayfield deceased. That she has no interest in the claim of Stephen Mayfield her brother arising or occurring to him as legatee in said will and testament, for the services of Lewis Mayfield and Isham Mayfield deceased. That she understood from her earliest recollection and never heard it doubted that said Lewis and Isham were soldiers of the revolutionary war. That Lewis died in the service of the United States in the war of the revolution. That said Isham died long since – And she further states that according to the family tradition she has always understood that Stephen Mayfield her father was the only lawful heir of Isham Mayfield & Lewis Mayfield. And from her earliest recollection and for more than 30 years from the above claims have been spoken of and inquiring Hal he should get them.

S/ Frances Mayfield

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Mayfield". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes.

[p 7: Mary Mayfield, another sister of Stephen Mayfield the claimant, gave an affidavit substantially identical to that given by her sister Francis Mayfield as transcribed above. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 10: illegibly faint document totally indecipherable as posted online]

[p 11: illegibly faint document totally indecipherable as posted online-- Appears to be the document referred to as having been signed by Dilia Mayfield [Delia Mayfield]]

[p 12: illegibly faint document totally indecipherable as posted online.]

[p 13: official documents establishing the probate in Overton County of the last testament and will of Stephen Mayfield]

[p 14: copy of the bond posted by Stephen Mayfield as executor of the last will and testament of his father Stephen Mayfield.]

[pp 15-16: copy of the last will and testament of Stephen Mayfield.]