

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Maben R6566

Jennett (Jincy) Maben

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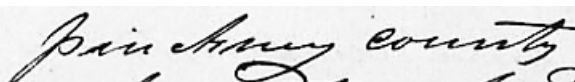
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State of Kentucky County of Todd: SS

On this 14 day of January 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Todd County Court now sitting Henry Maben, a resident of the County of Todd and State of Kentucky aged seventy-six 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. I was drafted into the militia service in January 1777 but do not recollect the day of the month being extremely afflicted by my old age; under Capt. Alexander Adams who died during the war and his brother Samuel Adams was made Capt. in his place, I cannot remember the other company officers I was drafted for two months this time which I served out under said Alexander Adams & Col. John Wind [sic, John Winn] of Winnsborough County[sic] & Major John Adair. We met on Broad River I think in [indecipherable word or words, looks like "Pinckney"]¹ County South Carolina and we marched from there to Edisto there we lay until we were regularly discharged in March I have lost my discharge it was signed by Capt. Adams during time Capt. Ross was killed while on a scout and brought into camp nothing else of importance happened.

2nd In May 1777 I again was drafted into the militia service for and served two months under Capt. Samuel Adams the brother of Alexander who had died during the interval of my service and was succeeded by said Samuel Lieut. Charles Hemphill and I think James Hemphill was Ensign -- Major John Adair Col. Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey] afterwards General I think we met at Orangeburg about 100 miles from Chester County where I lived. We marched from Orangeburg to Charlestown South Carolina there we continued until we were discharged. I got my discharge signed I think by Col. Lacy. I have lost it likewise, no important transactions except what was common to a bombardment the British lay upon Charlestown and were constantly throwing their bombs into our Fort most of the time of this term, a man by the name of Cotton was sent for a keg of powder and in returning to the Fort he was knocked down by a cannon ball but was not killed and got in with the powder. I think we were discharged in July 1777 I then returned home and continued there two months and in October 1777 was again drafted into the militia service under Capt. Andrew Hemphill Lieut. Charles Hemphill Ensign James Hemphill Major John

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Adair Col. Lacy and served under them two months we met in Orangeburg we marched from thence to the widow Floods and there we lay during our term of two months and were then discharged. I have lost that discharge which I think was signed by Col. Lacy. The British lay all this time very near us. I think on Cooper River, no other matter of importance this tour we were discharged in December and about the first of March 1778 I was again drafted into the militia service under Capt. Hemphill Lieut. Charles Hemphill Ensign James Hemphill Major John Adair I think Col. Lacy we met I believe at McCord's ferry in Richmond County South Carolina -- Richard Winn was General at this time I think from McCord's we marched to Charlestown there we remained until tour of two months expired and we were discharged by our Col. Nothing of importance happening that tour, after I was discharged I served two months under the last mentioned officers at Charleston as a substitute for Samuel Irvin.

About the first of May 1778 I was again drafted into the militia service I think from my best recollection under Capt. John Steel Lieut. John Wiley I do not remember the Ensign's name but it was said that he stole a broad ax and I recollect the man but have forgotten his name and served under them and I think Benjamin Morris was our Major, and I don't remember certainly as to who was our Col. but I believe it was Lacy. I served a two months tour and was discharged we met in our neighborhood in Chester County Capt. Steele lived in the neighborhood we marched from Chester to Charlestown there we continued until our time expired and in July we got home about the first of September 1778 I was again drafted when the tours were extended to four months instead of two and I served a four month tour under Capt. Steele Lieut. John Wiley I think Thomas Steele was the Ensign we met near home in Chester County and we were marched to Charlestown and we were during this tour marched along the seashore. John Adair was still our Major Col. Lacy was now our General as well as I can recollect, I do not know at this time who was our Col. at the end of said four months we were discharged and came home in the first of the year 1779 nothing of any importance happened further during this tour.

In the year 1779 about the first of May I was again drafted into the militia under Capt. Steele Lieut. Thomas Steele and served under them & Allison was our Major and Col. John Winn & General Lacy a four months tour, we met under our Capt. near home in Chester County we marched towards Charlestown through the country generally and along near the Savannah River and at the end of our tour of four months we were discharged and went home

Soon after I got [home] from this tour of duty after having been at [indecipherable word, looks like "muster"]² on my way home in Chester County South Carolina I was taken prisoner with several others of my company, one by the name of Mac Smith, John Isbell, William Dunn -- Littleton Maben and several others and carried to Charleston and there I remained a prisoner at least 18 months if not more, I made my escape from Charlestown I got with General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] camp while he lay at Dorchester and from there I came home late in the spring or early in the summer of 1781, directly after I got home as near as I can now recollect the first of June 1781 I was drafted into the militia under Capt. __ Cooper Lieut. James Hemphill for two months and served under them and Major John Adair and General Lacy the term of two months, we marched from Chester to Orangeburg South Carolina there we continued until our time was nearly out, we were marching home when our time expired, all the service I ever rendered was as a private in the militia of South Carolina.

I would further state that by reason of my old age and the consequent loss of my memory

I cannot set out all the different tours of duty I performed during the revolutionary war, nor have I been able with precision to set out all the circumstances attending those tours I have set forth, and I have stated the time and officers under whom I served according to my best recollection, and I further state that I recollect and can say positively that I performed more than two years constant and actual service in the revolutionary war as a private in the South Carolina militia for which service I claim a pension and hope that the extreme debility of my mind and decay of my recollection may not form a barrier against me. I served several other tours that I have not set forth because I cannot recollect the times they were rendered and the officers under whom I served them.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

1st Int.: I was born in Ireland Antrim County in the year 1760 or 61

2nd Int.: I have no record of my age but know it from my age at the time I came from Ireland in 1773.

3rd Int.: I was living in Chester County South Carolina when called into service where I lived until I removed to the place I now live in Todd County Kentucky and where I have lived about 25 years.

4th Int.: I was drafted into the service always except one when I went or served a two months tour as a substitute for Samuel Irvin, and I think I served one other tour as a substitute for him.

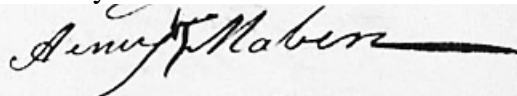
5th Int.: I was acquainted with General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] General Greene was with him a short time while he was at Dorchester these are all I can now recollect I know Col. Shein [?]³ of the Rangers

6th Int.: I have received some discharges all of which I have lost as set out herein, and assigned as herein as well as I can now recollect.

7th Int.: I am acquainted in my present neighborhood with the following persons who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my military services to wit Squire Joseph Fraser, John Brown, Robert Cunningham, William Brisendine, Carr McGee, Isaac Beam, William Beam, Robert Miller, James William Milliner, and many others Buckner Hagwood who lived in my present neighborhood who has been dead several years was a mess mate of mine in the service and with me a great deal of the time I was in the war. I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose evidence I can procure who can testify as to my service but I have procured the deposition or certificate of Robert Cunningham hereto annexed as to what Buckner Hagwood stated in relation to it in his lifetime and this is all and the best evidence I am able to procure.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Henry Maben



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I Robert Cunningham a resident of the Town of Elkton and County of Todd and State of Kentucky do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Henry Maben who has subscribed and

sworn to the above declaration. I believe he served in the revolutionary war as he states. I have been acquainted with him for 20 years and he is generally reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and I further certify that I was well acquainted with Buckner Hagwood who was also reputed to be a soldier of the revolution and who died about 5 years ago in Todd County and I have frequently heard said at Hagwood state that he served for a long time in the revolutionary war with said Henry Maben, that they were messmates and I have heard Hagwood often speak of their difficulties while in the South Carolina militia he said the Hagwood was a man of first rate character and high standing in his neighborhood and I never heard of any Man's doubting his word. I further certify that Henry Maben's memory seems to be very much afflicted and impaired by old age for several years past much more so than when I first knew him.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Cunningham

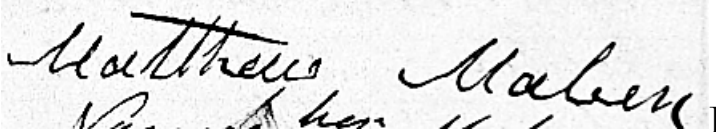
[William Brisendine, a clergyman, and John Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: On June 11, 1833 in Todd County Kentucky, Jiney Maben executed a power of attorney stating that she is the widow of Henry Maben deceased a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; she authorizes her attorney to obtain the pension payment due her husband from March 4th, 1831 2 March 4, 1833. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 46: On June 10, 1833 in Todd County Kentucky, Carr McGehee gave testimony that he was present and saw Henry Maben of Todd County Kentucky die at his residence in said County on May 4, 1833.



[Facts in file: p 14: On June 9, 1852, Rebecca Maben, 65, Griselle Mebane, 63, Thomas Maben, 55, Nancy Meban, 53, Matthew Meban, 52, Elizabeth Meban, 45, and Margaret Maben, 42, all residents of the State of Kentucky and Todd County filed an affidavit in Todd County Kentucky stating that they were the children and heirs at law of Henry Maben deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner; that their father died in Todd County: May 4, 1833; that his widow Mrs. Jannet Maben, their mother, died November 3rd, 1840; that the widow's name prior to her marriage to Henry Maben was Jannet Harkness; that they were married in South Carolina prior to the close of the revolution; that they, together with Mrs. Jane Park, 59, (wife of Thomas Park) are all of the children who survived their mother; that their mother stated that her first born child died and that 5 years elapsed between the births of her first child and her 2nd child; that the 2nd child also died early. All signed with their respective marks except Matthew Maben who signed as follows



[James Allen, William B. Bean, Mary Allman, J. C. Frazer all gave affidavits in support of the claim of the heirs.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]