

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Stewart Mobley (Mabley) R6568

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County

On this 30th day of January 1845 personally appeared before me Thomas Roach an acting justice of the peace for the County aforesaid William Stewart Mobley a resident of the County aforesaid & in said County aged ninety-five 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 seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated -- that he in the year 1780 while a resident of the County¹ aforesaid was drafted in said County under Zepheriah Tate [Zephariah Tate] under whom he at that time mustered soon after which he started to the South under Capt. Abraham Phillips [Abraham Phillips] also a resident of said County & that he passed through Salisbury NC and continued on his route beyond Charlotte but did not go as far as South Carolina. That he was in no regular engagement, his company being protected by the Light Horse company that was in the rear. That the Light Horse had skirmishes with the enemy and some of his country men fell among whom he recollects the son of General Locke. That John Peasly [sic, John Paisley] was his Col. & Will. Davidson² was his Brig. General the last of whom was killed on the banks of the Catawba [River] as he was informed while they was on this tour. That he entered the service for three months & remained out all the time that during the tour he was transferred from Capt. Phillips to Capt. George Prearse [sic, George Pearce]. That he has no documentary evidence except the discharge hereto annexed & which he prays may be part of his case. He knows of no one by whom he can prove his service. 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. That he would have applied sooner but was informed that a service of six months was requisite.

To the 1st Interrogatory required by the Department to be put he answers he was born in Prince Georges County Maryland in 1750.

To the 2nd do he says he will has none.

To the 3rd do he says he was living in Rockingham North Carolina when called into service &

¹ Rockingham County was not formed until 1785. It was taken from Guilford County North Carolina. At the time reference to by the veteran in his affidavit regarding his services, he would have resided in Guilford County North Carolina.

² William Lee Davidson was killed February 1, 1781 at the Battle of Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River.

has lived ever since in Rockingham then Guilford
To the 4th do he says he was drafted
To the 5th do he says he does not recollect the names of any
To the 6th he says he did receive a discharge from John Peasly which is annexed.
To the seventh he says Robert Shrives & John Gunn
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid
Laid before me.

S/ William S. Mobley, X his mark

S/ Thos. Roach, JP

[Robert Shreve and John Gunn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Camp New Providence } William Stuart Mobley late of Capt. Philips Company Joined Capt.
Pearse Augt. 25th in hereby Discharged from the same Service for his Tower of Duty Nov. 11,
1780.

S/ John Peasley, Lt. Col.
Wm Davidson B. G."



[p 2: On November 27, 1852, in Rockingham County, NC, Nathan Mobley gave a power of attorney to H. C. Spalding to pursue whatever rights he (Nathan) might have arising from the Revolutionary services of William S. Mobly, Dec'd. Nathan does not indicate his relationship, if any, to William S. Mobly.

A scan of a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Nathan Mobley". The signature is written on a light-colored background, possibly a document page.