

**Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters**

Pension application of Andrew McMasters R6792 Sarah McMasters f23NC  
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836 for the benefit of certain Widows of Revolutionary Soldiers  
State of North Carolina, Randolph County

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1845 came before me Simeon McMasters one of the Acting Justices of the peace & a member of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County Sarah McMasters a resident of the aforesaid County & State going in [sic] 84 years who being sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836.

That she is the widow of Andrew McMasters was a private soldier in the N. C. Militia in the war of the Revolution that her said husband served the United States several tours in the said war of the Revolution that in one tour he was marched to Charleston as she has often heard him say.

That in another tour he was marched to V.A. State, and that he served other tours, but she is unable to specify any of the said service.

That she was married to the said Andrew McMasters on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July (1780) (seventeen hundred & eighty).

That the said Andrew McMasters died on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833.

She further declares that her husband the said Andrew McMasters was in the time of the said war under the command of Captain James Herrin, Captain John Hinds and others as she has often heard him say.

This declarant in further evidence of the said marriage has cured her original family Record in the Record which she here with sends is in the handwriting of her husband the said Andrew McMasters.

Sworn to & subscribed on the foregoing date before me

S/ Simeon McMasters, JP

S/ Sarah McMasters, X her mark



[pp 6-7: family record]

Andrew McMaster  
Born October the 16 1757

Sarah McMaster born  
July the 12 1761

Dorcas McMaster born  
July the 27 1781

Sophia McMaster born  
September the 18 1783

Daniel McMaster born  
October the 24 1785

Mary McMasters born  
December the 2 1788

Andrew M<sup>o</sup> masters  
Born october the 16 1757

Sarah M<sup>o</sup> masters born  
July the 12 1761

Dorcas M<sup>o</sup> masters born  
July the 27 1781

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Daniel M<sup>o</sup> masters born  
October the 24 1785

Mary M<sup>o</sup> masters born  
December the 2 1788

Andrew McMasters son of  
Andrew born January 30,  
2017 the 25 1791

Elisabeth McMasters born  
September the 29 1793

Susanna McMasters born  
July the 9 1796

Ann Parsons McMasters  
Born June the 21 1799

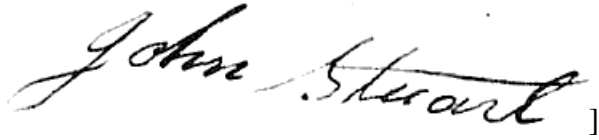
Sarah McMaster  
daughter of Sarah born  
August the 10 1801

Andrew W<sup>c</sup>masters son of  
Andrew born January  
the 25 1791  
Elisabeth W<sup>c</sup>masters born  
September the 29 1793  
Susanna W<sup>c</sup>masters born  
July the 9 1796  
Ann. Parsons W<sup>c</sup>masters  
Born June the 21 1799  
Sarah W<sup>c</sup>master  
Daughter of Sarah born  
August the 10 1801

[p 8: On July 22, 1845 in Chatham County North Carolina, John Dorset, a resident of said County aged about 86 years gave testimony that he saw the veteran leave for service in the militia during the revolutionary war; that the veteran served several tours but the affiant cannot say for how long the veteran served; that he knew the veterans wife before she was married; that her name was Sarah McDaniel daughter of John McDaniel; that they were married at the time of the Revolutionary war.]

[p 9: On July 23, 1845 in Chatham County North Carolina John Stuart, 81, a member of the Society of Friends gave testimony that he knew Andrew McMasters; that McMasters served 2 or 3 times in the Revolutionary War; that at one time McMasters served under Captain John Hinds; that McMasters had 2 Brothers killed in the revolutionary war; that their names were David McMasters and Daniel McMasters; that the McMasters brothers and their father were considered strong Liberty men; that McMasters wife's maiden name was McDaniel and she was the

daughter of John McDaniel.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a small square bracket symbol.]

"Rej. 6792 Rev. War.

July 14, 1905

Sir:

In reply to your request for the military history of one at McMaster, you are advised that the Revolutionary records of this Bureau failed to show any claim under that name; there is, however, one (only) claim filed for the services of a McMasters of North Carolina, as follows:

On July 11, 1845, Sarah McMasters, widow of Andrew McMasters, applied for a pension as a resident of Randolph County, North Carolina, and 84 years of age.

She stated that her husband served as a Private under Captains James Herrin and John Hinds in the North Carolina militia, and marched to Charleston, and to Virginia. No dates given.

This claim was rejected on the ground of no record evidence of marriage, and that claimant failed to furnish a statement from the Comptroller of North Carolina of the soldier's enlistment, discharge, and the field officers under whom he served.

The papers on file shows that soldiers two brothers, David and Daniel McMasters, were killed by the Tories during the Revolutionary War. Andrew McMasters was born October 16, 1757, died April 26, 1833, married July 27, 1780, Sarah McDaniel, born July 12, 1761, daughter of John McDaniel.

Their children were:

Dorcas, born July 27, 1781; Sophia, born September 18, 1783; Daniel, born October 24, 1785; Mary, born December 2, 1788; Andrew, born January 25, 1791; Elizabeth, born September 29, 1793; Susanna, born July 9, 1796; Ann Parsons, born June 2, 1799; Sarah, born August 10, 1801.

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Very respectfully,

S/

Commissioner

Dr. Charles B. Johnson, Champaign, Illinois