

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Maholland R6832

Lucy Maholland f30NC

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State of Tennessee Wilson County: S

On this 28th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before David C. Hibbitts & Benjamin H. Billings, Esquire, Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for said County of Wilson now sitting, John Maholland a resident of said County of Wilson & State of Tennessee aged Eighty years last April, who being 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 stated.

He was drafted in North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County North Carolina for a tour of three months and September 1777 as near as he can recollect -- General Allen Jones commanding the Militia, & Col. John Whitaker [Whitaker commanded the Halifax County North Carolina Regiment of militia] Commandant & John Horton our orderly Sgt., are the only field officers whose names he can recollect. They rendezvoused at Halifax Court house, marched from thence to Salisbury, thence to Charlotte North Carolina, then went down on the dividing line between the States of North & South Carolina, there remained stationed for a considerable time during this time Col. Davy [sic, William Richardson Davie] called upon Col. Whitaker for about 300 of his soldiers in consequence of an expected attack by the British & Tories -- when the enemy learned that Col. Davie had reinforcements, they retreated; and in a few days Col. Whitaker returned to his head quarters near the dividing line between the States, where we remained until our time expired and we were discharged & returned home about Christmas.

In the fall of the year 1780 as well as he can recollect, there was a call for volunteers, or Militia draft, if volunteers were not raised -- he volunteered his services for nine months was Lieut. of the Company at the time of raising the volunteers and when we reached Tarborough took command of the Company -- we passed through Halifax town & Nud-bush [sic?] on our way to Tarborough -- there we remained a considerable time perhaps about three months. It may be proper here to state that previous to his leaving home, Northampton County, he was engaged in pressing horses for the United States Service, by order of General Jones, from the time the company was raised they remained about home training & disciplining their horses for about six weeks. After remaining as above stated at Tarborough for about three months, he was discharged because he refused to be attached to the Continental service & be put under the command of the Regular officers -- the Soldiers, however were put under the command of the Continental officers, and were marched as he understood to Georgetown -- where his brother Allen

Maholland, died as he was informed, in the regular service.

If the above statement of his services, which are made upon his best recollection & belief are correct, he only served about half of the time for which he had engaged. -- this was the last campaign he was in the service of the United States, was in no engagement in either campaign. Does not recollect all the field and staff officers engaged in the United States service the last campaign -- he however recollects Major Hardy Griffin & Major Stevens & Willis Span Ensign in his company.

His age is in his family record: he resided in Northampton County North Carolina about 25 years, then moved to Wilson County, Tennessee, where he has resided since May 1808.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, to testify to 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Josiah J. McClain, Clerk

S/ John Maholland



[John Jarratt, a clergyman, William New, John Hearn & Thomas Harris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amended Declaration

State of Tennessee Wilson County:

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County of Wilson in the State of Tennessee John Maholland, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For three months in the first campaign in which he was in the United States service he served as a private soldier in the Militia. In 1780 second service mentioned he served six weeks as Lieut. in a volunteer Company raised in Northampton County North Carolina, Griffin Capt. of the company -- after reaching headquarters at Tarborough Capt. Griffin was promoted to the appointment of 1st Major, and I then assumed the Command of the Company, and served as Capt. of the said Company three months. My services in all amounting to seven months & a half; and for such service I claim a pension. By reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect or give the names of any other of the officers of the Revolutionary War.

He was born the 10th day of April 1752 in Elizabeth City County Virginia, according to information received from his mother.

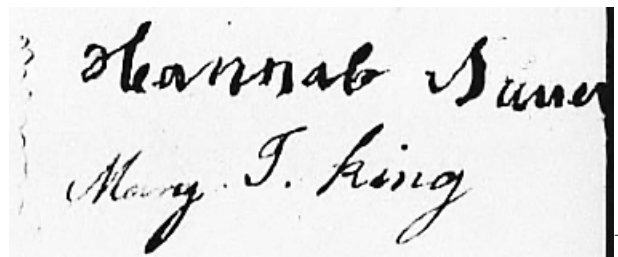
Sworn to before me this 8th of June 1833

S/ G. H. Bullard, JP

S/ John Maholland

[p 8: On October 31, 1833 in Wilson County Tennessee, Hannah Tarver and Mary J King gave testimony regarding what they had heard Benjamin Tarver say about his services with John

Maholland in the revolutionary war; Mary J King testify that she was the daughter of Benjamin and Hannah Tarver. They gave no details as to the military services of either John Maholland or Benjamin Tarver other than to note that Maholland was reputed to have served as a Lieutenant in the revolution.

A photograph of a handwritten document. The top line of text is written in cursive and reads "Hannah Tarver". Below it, the name "Mary J. King" is also written in cursive. The handwriting is dark ink on a light-colored paper.

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State of Tennessee Wilson County:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in the County of Wilson & State aforesaid, John Maholland, who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that, by our reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he was not able to state the names of his Capt. & Lieut. in the first tour in the Militia Service set forth in his declaration, but upon reflecting upon this subject & talking with his son about the circumstance that occurred in the first Campaign of one of the soldiers, taking the Spirits of the Lieut. and for which he was punished, he then remembered that Capt. Robert Peoples & Lieut. Kirby commanded the Company of Militia to which he belonged & John Horton orderly Sgt. as mentioned in his original declaration -- their names he did not remember at the time of writing the original or first amendment of his declaration. Nor did he then remember the names of Col. Jephtha Eatheron [sic, Jephtha Eatherton] the Col. Commandant of Northampton County from whom he received the appointment of Lieut. when he first entered upon the 2nd campaign Col. Eatherton did not go out into the service himself, but having command of the militia he had orders to raise a certain number of men either volunteers or Militia -- when he gave him the appointment the appointment of Lieut., it was verbally given -- & he did not receive a commission in writing for the time he served as Capt. or Lieut. the appointment of Capt. devolved upon him as a matter of course went his Capt. (Griffin) was promoted to the office of first Major over the several companies that had assembled at Tarborough & Major Griffin was first in command & Major Stevens second in the command.

He further states that he has never seen but 2 persons since he has resided in Tennessee that has a personal knowledge of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, Col. Samuel Tarver who represented Northampton County in the Legislature of North Carolina several sessions, & his brother Benjamin Tarver of whom Hannah Tarver & Mary J. King make mention -- they have both been dead several years and the witnesses who have spoken of him as a soldier of the Revolution speak of him as such from the representations of Samuel Tarver & Benjamin & the Representations of applicant himself.

This applicant further states that, he cannot name the names of any of the officers of the Continental line from a personal acquaintance or a distinct recollection of their names from memory, if he was to hear the names mentioned he might probably recollect having heard of such names. He has often heard the names of Washington, General Greene, Lafayette, Morgan & others mentioned as distinguished officers of the Revolution but he never knew or saw either of them according to his best recollection. General Butler is the only Continental officer he ever

had any acquaintance with during the war as far as he can now remember.

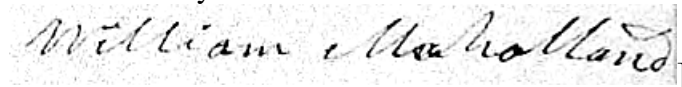
This applicant believes it is utterly out of his power to furnish any other testimony than that now presented to the Department, and if his Claim cannot be granted upon this application has now presented he must then submit.

Sworn to before me this 13th of November 1833

S/ John Maholland

S/ G. H. Bullard, JP

[p 13: On August 24, 1839 in Wilson County Tennessee, Lucy Maholland, aged about 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Maholland, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him December 28, 1785; that he died August 4, 1835; that he was pensioned at the rate of \$24.66 per annum; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. Her application was supported by an affidavit given by William Maholland, her son in which he states that his father kept a family record in which the affiant found the following entry "John & Lucy Maholland was married in the year 1785 December 28"



William Maholland]

[p 11: Power of attorney given in Wilson County Tennessee dated September 10, 1852, given by William Maholland, son of John and Lucy Maholland: he states that his father died August 4, 1835 and his mother died June 24th 1840; that they were married in the year 1785.



W. Maholland]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 12 days in the North Carolina militia.]