

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ambroes Maness [Ambrose Maness] R6862

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State of Indiana Owen County: SS Probate Court November Term 1838

On this 12th day of November in the year 1838 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate of Owen County, now sitting, Ambrose Maness, a resident of said County in the State of Indiana, aged seventy-five years on the 27th day of October last past, 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 stated, -- that he belonged to the company commanded by Capt. William York, the Lieut. Col. of the Regiment was Col. William Gray. The Lieut. of the company was by the name of Ralph Lowe. That he entered the service of the United States under the above named officers on the 25th day of October in the year 1780, and continued in said service constantly without following any business until the 28th day of the following April when he was discharged -- that he was in no engagement during his said service as aforesaid -- that he resided before and at the time he so entered the service of the United States as aforesaid in the County of Cumberland in the State of North Carolina from where he was marched to the Counties of Chatham and Randolph in said State of North Carolina, and in which said last mentioned Counties the principal part of his service was rendered. -- that he volunteered in the service aforesaid and belonged to what was called the minute men -- that he did not during this service aforesaid act in concert with any body of Continental troops, or served with them, they having before that period left the state aforesaid in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis. That after his discharge on the 28th day of April 1781 as aforesaid this declarant further states that they still held themselves in readiness as the Tories after the regular troops left the State as aforesaid still continued in small companies committing depredations in the Country and that from the date of his discharge as aforesaid, ever held in readiness as aforesaid until the news came of the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] which was on Friday some time in the latter part of the month of October 1781, and that they continued during the time last aforesaid to muster two days every other week. That after the news of the surrender of Cornwallis as aforesaid he was not again in the service only as last aforesaid stated, that he never had any written discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence of the service he rendered as aforesaid that he removed from said County of Cumberland to Montgomery County in said State of North Carolina. And from thence to Owen County aforesaid in the State of Indiana about the first day of February in the year 1835, where he has since and now resides -- and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who could testify to his said services that he served as a common soldier during said time of six

months and three days, constant service as aforesaid -- 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 or territory of the United States.

S/ Ambroes Maness, X his mark [sic]

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

Attest: S/ T. C. Johnson, Clk.

[William Bowling and Dixon Gibson gave the standard supporting affidavit, there being no clergyman in the neighborhood.]