

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Mason R6995

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State of Virginia Caroline County to wit

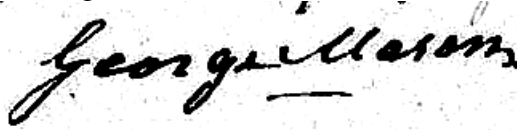
On this ___ day personally appeared before me Henry C. Coleman a Justice of the peace in said County & State George Mason aged eighty-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. "That sometime in the year 1775 he enlisted under Captain Oliver Towles (Lawyer)¹ in what was then called the minute Service, living then in Spotsylvania County, after the Regiment was so completed as to justify it we were called out into Service 20 days in camp a few miles below Fredericksburg on the Rappahannock River to learn Soldiers' duty; In the same fall Richard Johnston of Caroline County was appointed Colonel to the Regiment; after which we had to meet & muster 4 days in a month; we were not called into actual Service until towards August 1776; we then marched down about 3 miles below Williamsburg to Springfield camp commanded by Major Andrew Buckannan [Andrew Buchanan] (Fras. Taliaferro [Francis Taliaferro] being Captain). After being there a short time, we were marched to Hampton, we did not stay there very long before we were discharged by an act of the General Assembly as was then said. So the minute Service was put down, that soon after this he was enrolled in the Militia, that shortly afterwards there was a call for 100 Volunteers from Spotsylvania to go down to Williamsburg for 40 days; two captains were appointed, Captains Craig [perhaps John Craig] & Bartlett [perhaps Thomas Bartlett], that he was in Craig's Company & marched down to Williamsburg & remained there until the tour was out, Colonel Winslow [Lt. Col. Beverley Winslow] of Spotsylvania commanded. Sometime after this in April 1779 he removed into Caroline to live & served a tour in the Militia under Captain John Tyler who marched to Williamsburg & continued there until General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] drove us out then we marched across Ruffin's ferry into King William [County], thence to Page's Town & thence to Richmond; here we continued till relieved: that most of the time he was in Service was under Colonel Thomas Mathews of the 3rd Virginia Regiment; that soon after this he served under Captain Francis Tompkins in the Marquiss's flying Tour [Marquis' [sic, Lafayette's] Flying Tour] as it was then commonly called, afterwards Captain John Clarke supplied the place of Captain Tompkins, with whom he served at Dandridge's old Field; some short time afterwards Joseph Dejarnett acted as Captain until the tour was out, Some time, to the best of his memory in the year 1780. That afterwards he marched down after Cornwallis below New Kent Courthouse where he remained some time in camp, after which he returned & went to

¹ Could be "Sawyer"

Chickahominy near Bottoms bridge, where they were relieved, he thinks, this was in July which to the best of his recollection was the last tour he served.

He further states that he has never received any Pension or annuity as a Revolutionary Soldier & that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension list of any Agency in any State

S/ George Mason



Sworn to and subscribed before me on the first day of October 1832

S/ Harris C Coleman

[Spilsbe Wooffolk, a clergyman gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Caroline County State of Virginia to wit

This day personally appeared before me Henry C Coleman a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid & State of Virginia Sackville Thacker² of Louisa County & State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth state as follows That he was in the Revolutionary war, in Service with George Mason, whose affidavit is hereunto annexed (which has been carefully & slowly read to him) on all the tours stated by said Mason, except the Minute Service; & has no doubt said Mason officiated in that Service; He also states that he has been acquainted with George Mason for upwards of fifty years living near him most of the time & believes from there is Circumstances that he did his regular Service in the Revolutionary war (for at least two years) as stated by him.

S/ Sackville Thacker, X his mark

Caroline County, State of Virginia to wit

This day personally appeared before me Henry C Coleman a Justice of the Peace in the County aforesaid & State of Virginia Smith Mason³ of the County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth state as follows that during what was called the flying Tour by the Marquis [Lafayette] on the revolutionary War he was in the same Regiment with George Mason, that he served the tour out & were relieved at Bottoms bridge on Chickahominy & marched home together, Thomas Mathews being Colonel. Before he was on the muster roll he knows that George Mason served 4 or 5 Tours in the Revolutionary War, he himself being under 16 years old & he further states that he firmly believes George Mason served in the Revolutionary War not less than 2 years.

S/ Smith Mason



Virginia Caroline County Sct.

The annexed declaration of George Mason of the County of Caroline a revolutionary claimant under the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832, which was returned from the War to

² [Sackville Thacker S6239](#)

³ [Smith Mason S7180](#)

Department under a Letter from J L Edwards Esquire dated 6th May 1833 for defect and informality (being numbered in the Pension Office No. 16.900) herewith annexed –

Personally appeared before me the undersigned the Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County of Caroline the said George Mason who being first duly sworn deposed 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 revolutionary services but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for three months and __ days I served as an enlisted soldier. For eight months and __ days I served as a militia man, making in all eleven months and __ days and for such service I claim a pension – and from old age, infirmity and loss of memory I cannot more particularly specify my service then I have done in my aforesaid declaration.

S/ George Mason

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the peace as aforesaid this 7th day of March 1834
S/ Wm W. Dickinson, JP