

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Massey R7007 and R7009

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The state of Indiana County of Johnson: SS

Be it known that on this 7th day of April 1851 John H Massey aged about seventy-one years and the only heir at law and child now living of William Massey late of King George County and State of Virginia deceased who being by me duly sworn on oath deposes and says that his said father William Massey was a Private soldier in the Company commanded by Captain William Bumbrie in the __ Regiment of Virginia – Troops commanded by Colonel ___ /whose name this Affiant does not now remember/ under General George Washington in the Revolutionary War, declared in the year A.D. 1776 by the United Colonies of America against Great Britain that he was called out at the age of Eighteen years at King George County Virginia for the term of __ months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of two years and six months and was in actual engagements among which are the Siege of Georgetown and taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], and that he was honorably discharged at Georgetown in Virginia/as this affiant verily believes/soon after said siege of Yorktown. That this Affiant's father had a written discharge which is supposed to have been burnt at the burning of his dwelling house. The facts above stated however will more fully appear on inspection of the Muster Rolls of said Company. This Affiant further states that his said father and his mother in their lifetimes never received any pension for his said services nor was either of them ever placed upon the pension rolls of the proper Department. That this Affiant's father died about the __ day of __ A.D. 1835 or 6 at King George County Virginia and that his mother the wife of the said William Massey died on the __ day of __ A.D. 1788 at the same County and state. This affiant further states on oath that he is the only surviving child and heir at law of the said William Massey deceased and he makes this application and declaration for the purpose of procuring the pension to which his said father was entitled according to the laws now in force in favor of Revolutionary Soldiers and their heirs. That this affiant is now and has been for the past 15 years a resident of Johnson County Indiana.

S/ John H Massy, X his mark

State of Illinois Clark County: SS

On this 23rd day of March A.D. 1853 personally appeared in open court before the County Court now sitting as a court for Probate business in and for the County of Clark and State of Illinois John H Massey, a Resident of the County of Clark and state of Illinois, aged fifty-seven years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the several acts of Congress passed March 18th 1818, June 7th 1832 and any subsequent acts providing for pensions for the Revolutionary soldiers, or their widows and children in cases where their husbands or fathers failed to apply for

their said pensions under said acts:

That he is the only son or child now living of his father William Massey, who was a Revolutionary soldier and served as herein set forth as well as he is informed and believes in the Revolutionary war "That the said William Massey entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit.

That the said William Massey was a private and resided at the time of entering the service, in the County of King George and State of Virginia, and on or about the commencement of the war (the day, month and year precisely is unknown to this declarant) the said William Massey entered the said service at the said County of King George and state of Virginia under Captain William Bombray (alias, Bomberry, alias Bumbrey, alias Bumberry,[]) in the 18th year of his age as a volunteer soldier & believes he was afterwards an enlisted soldier in said War under said Captain all of which service was in the Virginia troops. He does not know the officers of the Regiment or the name or number of the Regiment, to which he belonged but well recollects that the said William Massey & his Captain Bombray were both residents of the said County of King George;

That the said William Massey continued in the said service, from the time of his first entering it as aforesaid until the close of the War and was in "the Battle of the Cowpens" [January 17, 1781] and several other Battles not now well recollected, and that he was in the Battle of Yorktown and the surrender of Cornwallis, and that he remained in the service until the Treaty of Peace was ratified. That he was not employed in any civil pursuit, during the time he served as aforesaid, but was continually in service as he often heard his father say during the whole time for at least a period of five years and was discharged at Yorktown, at the close of the War in 1783.

He does not now recollect whether his father ever had any discharge or not; That he has no documentary evidence of his said service And that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That he always heard his father say, when speaking of his said service that his name would be found on the Rolls, and files of his country. That his said father, William Massey, never applied for a pension under the acts of Congress aforesaid, and always declined his application & refused the pension, Bounty, from a sense of pride and dignity.

That the said William Massey lost his speech 5 or 6 years before he died, and that he died in the said County of King George in Virginia about the 10th day of September in the year 1837. That Declarant's Mother & wife of the said William Massey, died in King George County aforesaid where this declarant was about 10 years old. And that this declarant is now the only child now living of the said William Massey.

That the said William Massey & his wife Hannah (whose maiden name was Suttles) were married in the said County of King George in the year 1784 [3rd digit unclear].

That this Declarant was born on the 7th all was 1795 [3rd digit unclear] as appears of record in a blank book now in his possession made about 20 years ago, from information given him by his sister Elizabeth Massey, from Washington City who was in possession then of his father's family record. That this declarant is their youngest child.

This declarant relinquishes every other claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that neither his name nor his father's is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state of the United States.

S/ John H Massey

John H. Massey