

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Massey R7008

Susannah Massey

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State of Virginia County of Nelson: SS

On this 24th day of September A.D. 1853 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Thomas Massey aged 67 [very faint] years a resident of the County and State aforesaid and Son of John Massey Deceased (who was a Cornet in the Revolutionary War) and administrator of Susanna Massey Deceased widow of the said John Massey Deceased who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 that his mother Susanna Massey was the widow of John Massey deceased who was a cornet in the Revolutionary War and who served as he has been told by his deceased father and old people who were his Associates after the war closed and about that time; that he enlisted and served 4 or 5 years and served to the end of the War, that he cannot state the precise period when he entered the Service nor exactly the length of time he served but refers for further proof of his Services to the records in the department having neither found his discharge nor commission supposing both to have been lost or destroyed; that the said John Massey moved from the County of Albemarle Virginia to Amherst County Virginia whilst the War was going on where he resided when he married the aforesaid Susanna Massey about the __ day of __ 1779 [last 2 digits very faint as if not intended to be read] whose maiden name was Susanna Wright that the said John Massey died in Amherst County Virginia the 20th day of October 1800 and that his widow of the aforesaid Susanna Massey died the first day of December 1847 that the aforesaid Susanna Massey was never married but the one time and remained a widow until her death, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. The legal and only heirs of John Massey Deceased are Edmund Massey, Jesse Massey and himself, all residents of Nelson County Virginia his sons, and William W Massey, John Massey and Charles Massey residents of Amherst County Virginia his sons also and Elizabeth Gill, formerly Elizabeth Massey and Mary Campbell residents of Rockbridge County his daughters therefore – Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Massey administrator of Susanna Massey deceased do hereby Constitute and appoint John Whitbeck Esquire of Washington City to be my true and lawful attorney... [boilerplate power of attorney language omitted]....

S/ Thomas Massey



[p 4: On September 24, 1853 in Nelson County Virginia, Landon S. Gowing, 87, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Massey from some short time after the close of the revolution; that he was with Massey when he died about the year 1800; that he was living near

John Massey when he, Massey, married Susanna Wright on or about January 1st 1779. The affiant said he was measured for enlistment in the service but was found to be "too low" and therefore did not fight in the revolution. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]