

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Mayer (Moyer) R7476
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STATE OF MARYLAND, WASHINGTON COUNTY, SS.

On this Tenth day of April 1821, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the said county, John Mayer aged Sixty Two years, resident in said county, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:–
That he enlisted at Liberty Town Maryland, under Captain Boyer [probably Michael Bowyer] for three years Some time in the year 1780 & 1781 – he thinks it was in the German Regiment or Battalion, was at the Siege of York [siege of Yorktown VA, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and was discharged at Baltimore

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY, &c.

One Iron pot

one old tin bucket

one Table

2 old Coffee pots

That he has no family living with him

John Mayer

The applicant must state positively the regiment & line in which he served, and the name of the Colonel who commanded the regiment. June 26th 1821

[On same paper in different handwriting:]

States he was in the German Regiment or Battalion which had been commanded by Coll. Hoossacker [see endnote] who went off to the enemy during the War – Tho. Kennedy [Mayer's agent]

[The following unsigned, undated note is in the file.]

This is the first time I have heard that Col Housseggar deserted the cause

Capt Boyer was a Captain in said Housseggers regiment & on Roll, The Rolls do not come up to 1780 –

John Mayer enlisted 1776 by roll in Arendts Company mustered 1 June & Deserted Aug '76

Residence Correct

As this man's name is on the Roll as a Deserter the claim must be rejected.

NOTE:

According to Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution*, Nicholas Houssegger, Colonel of the German Regiment, was "superceded 19th March 1777, having joined the enemy."

A letter in the file states that John Mayer was "old and infirm – talks dutch [i.e. German] and that not very intelligibly."