

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Majors S11026

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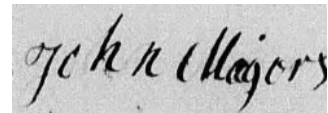
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State of Maryland

City of Baltimore to wit

Be it remembered that on this Sixth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty three, before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Orphan's Court of Baltimore County, and State aforesaid the same being a Court of Record, personally appeared, John Majors, aged eighty three years, who was prevented from attending in open Court, by reason of bodily infirmities and who, being first duly sworn according to Law, Doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by 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 was born in Baltimore County, State of Maryland, in the year seventeen hundred and sixty, and resided in said County until he attained his thirteenth year; that he then went to Prince George's County, in the State aforesaid, where he resided for three years, after which he went to Alexandria, from thence to Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County, State of Virginia where he entered the service as a volunteer for three months and served in Captain [William] George's Company, under Lieutenant Daflinger, and Sergeant Shores, and under the command of Major Skinner: And that during his services as aforesaid he together with the rest of the Company he was in, became engaged in a skirmish at a place called Williamsburg, in the State of Virginia, when one of the sergeants received a wound in his leg; and Major Skinner sent him, the sergeant, to the camp on his horse; that after the expiration of three months deponent left the company aforesaid and enlisted as a private soldier in Captain Bird's company, belonging to the Third Regiment of Maryland Continental Line, under the Command of Otho Williams [Otho Holland Williams], in the month of February in the year Seventeen hundred and seventy eight, for and during the war of the revolution; and that he was marched through the States of Maryland Delaware and Pennsylvania, and through the States of New Jersey, Virginia and South Carolina; and he further states that he was in many skirmishes during the years Seventeen hundred and seventy eight and Seventeen hundred and seventy nine; that he was in the battle of Camden [SC] which was fought in the summer of seventeen hundred and eighty [16 Aug 1780], when he was made a prisoner; that a short time afterwards he returned with many others to the Army and reunited with his company; that he was also in the battle of Yorktown, State of Virginia, which was fought in October seventeen hundred and eighty one [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]; that after the battle of Yorktown he remained in service until the latter part of the winter of Seventeen hundred and eighty one, when he received pay from John Hamilton, agent for the Maryland Line for services he had rendered to the United States; that he then received a written discharge from his Captain under orders from General George Washington, which discharge has been lost, or destroyed by time, that after this he, with many others, returned to the City of Baltimore, where he has resided ever since: And he further states that he has a personal knowledge of many who belonged to the Army: he further states that he has faithfully served his Country. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to any pension or annuity except the present; and declares that his name is not on the pension list or roll of the agency of any State (Having been heretofore enabled to procure his daily bread by his own hands, he was unwilling to become a pensioner on the bounties of his country, but recent affliction and growing infirmities have reduced him to dependence thereon. He therefore now prefers his claim.

In testimony whereof this deponent hath hereunto subscribed his name on the day and year first herein before written.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Majors". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

This twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three, personally appeared before the Subscriber, a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for Baltimore County, James Bailey [pension application W9342], aged eighty two years, a resident of said county, and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty god, that he was a private soldier in the revolutionary war, in Captain [John] Hawkins company, commanded by Colonel [Benjamin] Ford of the fifth Maryland regiment; this deponent further declares, that he was intimately acquainted with John Majors, when they were boys, living neighbours in the County aforesaid, up to the period, when he left said County and went to Virginia, to reside; after which in the year 1780 of that Summer they met at or near Camden, South Carolina, when he, said John Majors, was acting as a private Soldier in a Captain Birds Company; and this deponent further declares, that he, and the said John Majors fought in the battle of Camden, which took place in the summer of the year 1780, where he well recollects the Majors was made prisoner; after which, in the year 1781, the deponent met again with the said John Majors in Virginia and they fought in the battle of Yorktown, and that he had not seen the said John Majors, utill after deponent left the Service aforesaid and returned to Baltimore County, where they some time afterwards met again and were glad, to see each other; they then spoke freely of the trubles and hardships, while in the aforesaid service; and there, in Baltimore County the said John Majors followed his trade of wheelright for some years; he the said John Majors, then moved to the City of Baltimore, where, in the opinion of deponent, he, the said John Majors has resided ever since, further deponet saith not.

James hisXmark Bailey

Land Office, Annapolis, 9th May, 1843.

I hereby Certify, that it appears by the Muster rolls of the Revolution, remaining in this Office, That John Majors, enlisted as a private, in the 1st Maryland Regiment, on the 4th day of February, 1778, and on the 16th of August, 1780, was made prisoner, And by a pay roll kept by John Hamilton, agent for the Maryland Line, John Majors, appears to have been discharged, on the 15th day of February, 1781, and paid.

George G. Brewer/ Reg'r. Land Off. Md.

NOTE: The file includes a statement of support signed by members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore. Letters by Samuel Majors sent with the pension application refer to John Majors as his father.