

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Mayberry S11030

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The State of Alabama Perry County: County Court Sitting for Orphans business November Term 1832

On this the 2nd day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Dunklin Sullivan Judge of said Court now sitting George Mayberry a resident of Perry County and State of Alabama aged 72 years in October last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of 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. He volunteered in the fall of the year 1779 in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia where he then resided and entered the Service under the command of Captain John Cottrell, Stephen Dooly [Stephen Dooley] was Lieutenant and ___ Kelly in some whose Christian name he believes was William. This was a company of Cavalry marched to New London the court house of said County to guard Tories who were taken and confined there as prisoners to stand their trial. After several of the prisoners were tried some of whom were acquitted and others found guilty the balance of the prisoners who were not tried were taken from New London to Lynchburg on James River in Virginia for trial under the command of Captain Cottrell's Company as a guard. After this was done the company & this applicant was discharged by Captain Cotrell [sic] having served three months as a private soldier.

About fifteen or eighteen months afterwards, he was again drafted as one of the militia of Bedford County & State of Virginia and entered the Service of the United States for the term of six months under the command of Captain David Baird ___ Kelly was Lieutenant ^{whose Christian name he believes &c} but the Ensign's name is not recollected but he believes it was Robert Bolls and in August or first of September (1781) was marched from Williamsburg & Richmond to York Town in Virginia. At York Town my Captain in consequence of not having a full company was discharged & I was put under the command of another Captain whose name I think was Cummins his Lieutenant he does not recollect General Washington commander in chief was there. General Lafayette was there. The period is so distant and my memory so frail that I cannot recollect the names of any of the Colonels or Majors under whose command I was at different times placed. At the Siege of York Town I was one of the Soldiers detailed to guard the American magazine the whole of the time that the Siege lasted and performed that Service under the command of a Lieutenant ^{Lieutenant William Filly & Ensign Bolls} whose name he does not now recollect. Sometime in October A.D. (1781) the British forces under the command of Cornwallis surrendered to the American Army [October 19, 1781]. I was in no battle during the service that I performed. After the Surrender of York Town I was taken sick and some time in November of the same year in consequence of my sickness and being unfit for the Service was discharged by

Lieutenant ___ Kelly by the advice of Doctor Cogswell and returned home which discharge is lost or destroyed and he further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court

S/ George Mayberry, X his mark

1st Where and in what year were you born?

An. I was born in New Jersey I cannot say in what County I believe in 1760

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

An. I have no record of my age nor do I know of any.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. I was living in Bedford County & the State of Virginia when called into service I lived for about 6 years after the war in Virginia I then removed to Tennessee Hancock County where I lived until I removed to Alabama about 12 years since I now reside in. County Alabama.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

An. I was a volunteer under Captain Cottrell in my first tour the 2nd Tour which I have related I was drafted I never was a Substitute.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. General Washington, General Lafayette, Colonel Lytridge [?] at York Town others I cannot recollect I was a guard over Tories for most of my first term of service and the 2nd I was one of the guard to keep the Magazine at York Town.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I received a discharge from Lieut. Kelly after the surrender of York Town but it has been lost or destroyed long since

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. I know of no person by whom I can have my services as a soldier are known to General King Judge Brame [?], Jesse B. Nave [?], [indecipherable words] to the Reverend Mr. Colaway [?] and others who can testify as to my character – November 3rd 1832

S/ George Mayberry, X his mark

[John Tubb, a clergyman, Edwin D King and J. B. Nave gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of Alabama Perry County:

On this first day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Dunklin Sullivan Judge of the County Court of pay or County and State of Alabama now sitting George Mayberry, a resident of said County of. And State of Alabama aged 73 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 act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as

herein stated viz.: That he first entered the service as a volunteer in the fall of the year 1779 in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia where he then resided under the command of Captain John Cottrell, Stephen Dooley was the Lieutenant and Kelly in some whose Christian name he believes was William. This was in a company of Cow one he and we were marched to New London the Court-house in said County to guard Tories who had been taken and confined there as prisoners to stand their trial. After several of the prisoners were tried some of whom were acquainted and others found guilty, the balance of the prisoners who were not tried were taken from New London to Lynchburg on James River in Virginia for trial guarded by Captain John Cottrell's company. After the service the company and this applicant was discharged he having served 3 months as a private soldier.

About 15 or 18 months afterwards he was drafted as one of the militia of Bedford County and State of Virginia and entered the service of the United States for the term of 6 months under the command of Captain David Baird Lieutenant William Kelly and he believes the name of the Ensign was Robert Bolls and in August or the first of September 1781 was marched from Williamsburg and Richmond to York Town. At York Town Captain Baird in consequence of not having a full company was discharged in the men were put under the command of another Captain whose name he thinks was Cummins. The names of the subalterns he does not recollect. General Washington commander in chief was there and General Lafayette. The period is so distant – and his memory so frail that he cannot recollect the names of any of the field officers under whom he served nor does he recollect the names of any of the Regiments with which he served. At the siege of York Town he was one of the soldiers detailed to guard the American Magazine the whole time the siege lasted and that he performed that service under the command of Lieutenant William Kelly and Ensign Bolls. Sometime in the month of October 1781 the British forces under the command of Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the Americans. After the surrender at Yorktown he was taken sick and sometime in November of the same year was discharged having served this term 6 months, as a private soldier. That he was in no battle and that his discharge has been long since lost or destroyed. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service. – I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present – and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Interrogatory first by the Court

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in New Jersey I cannot say in what County in the year 1760.

Interrogatory 2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age nor do I know of any.

Interrogatory 3rd – Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer. When called into service I was living in Bedford County Virginia where I continued for about 6 years after the war; I then removed to Hancock County in Tennessee where I resided until about 12 years since when I removed to appear he County Alabama where I now reside.

Interrogatory 4th – How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer? Or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was a volunteer under Captain Cottrell in my first tour. The 2nd tour which I have related I was drafted I never was a substitute.

Interrogatory 5th – State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect – and the general

circumstances of your service?

Answer. General Washington General Lafayette and Colonel Lytridge at York Town, others I cannot recollect; I have no recollection of any Continental or militia Regiment by name or number. I was a guard over Tories for the most of my first tour of service in the 2nd I was one of the guard to keep magazine at Yorktown.

Interrogatory 6th – Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from Lieutenant Kelly after the surrender of Yorktown but it has been long since lost or destroyed.

Interrogatory 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Answer. I am known to the Honorable George W Brame, General C. D. King, Jesse B. Nave, Clerk of the County Court – and to the Reverend William Calloway all of whom can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior and who reside in Perry County. I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify as to my service as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ George Mayberry, X his mark

[Samuel J Larkins, a clergyman, and Jesse B Nave gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service; 6 months of the time in the Infantry and 3 months in the Cavalry.]