

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Manley S13824

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State of Virginia Fluvanna County: SS

On this 17th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me John Winn a Justice of the peace for the County of Fluvanna Micajah Manley a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged not less than seventy-six 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he served in the Revolutionary War, under the following named officers, and as herein stated.

To wit, That in the early part of the year 1776 (as well as he can recollect) he enlisted in a Company of minute men, under Captain Roger Thompson for twelve months, (that is to be held in readiness to take the field, at a moment's warning). That shortly after said enlistment, he was mustered into service, and marched from the County of Fluvanna under said Captain Thompson to Burwell's ferry on James River and various other places in the lower part of the State of Virginia. That after remaining in that section of the state a few months they were ordered to the West against the Indians. That on reaching the Allegheny Mountains he the said Manley was taken sick, and obtained leave by furlough from his Colonel to return home to Fluvanna, where he remained until the said Company returned, which was late in the fall of that year. That on the return of said Company to Fluvanna where they were enlisted, and after a treaty of peace had been concluded with the Indians (as he understood) they were permitted, to disperse and remained among their friends until again called on to complete said term of service according to enlistment. That whether the said Company was formally discharge, or not, he cannot say, but is positively certain that they were never called on to complete said term of service. That the whole term of his service in said Captain Thompson's Company, including the time of his sickness as aforesaid agreeable to the best of his recollection, was not less than six months. That he has no recollection of the names of the field officers under whom he served, until he was ordered to the West; on that expedition he was in Colonel Morgan's Regiment.

The said Manley further states upon oath as aforesaid that, he served a tour of duty at Albemarle barracks as a guard to the British prisoners stationed there. That he also served another tour of duty in the lower part of Virginia – during which term of service, he recollects being in the County of Gloucester. That on one occasion the detachment was drawn up in line, with the expectation of being attacked by the enemy near Whalings old field. That he was taken sick and remained at the Hospital at West Point, where he was attended by a Doctor Brown, and finally removed home by his brother, who came for him. That his memory is so impaired by infirmity and old age he cannot speak with certainty of the terms of said service nor of the officers under whom he served. And that he is unable to find any living witness in support

thereof except in part by Austin Seay. That he never received a written discharge. The said Manley further states upon Oath as aforesaid that, by reason of old age not only infirmity, and the loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service – but according to the best of his recollection, he served as a private in Captain Thompson's Company not less than six months including the time he was sick – not less than three months at Albemarle Barracks – and not less than 3 months in the lower part of Virginia on the tour last mentioned, for which he claims a pension – That the Corps with which he served (as far as he knows) were called into service by Competent Authority, that he was either in the field, in Garrison or sick for the time during which the service is charged, and that he was not employed in any Civil pursuit.

That he was born in the County of Cumberland. That he resided in the County of Fluvanna when called into service, that he has resided there ever since & still resides there. That he has no record of his age. That Jesse Hughes, John Bashaw, and Austin Seay all persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Micajah Manley, X his mark

Jesse Hughes,¹ a credible person, this day personally appeared before me John Winn a Justice of the peace for the County of Fluvanna, and made oath that in the year 1776 Micajah Manley who is now present, and enlisted with himself and others for twelve months in a Company under Captain Roger Thompson in the County of Fluvanna, that said company agreeable to enlistment was to be in readiness to take the field at a minute's warning, and was therefore called minute men. That in a few days after the said enlistment, the said Company marched from Fluvanna under Captain Thompson to Williamsburg Burwell's ferry, and other places in the lower part of the State and served in Colonel Meredith's Regiment (as well as he recollects) two months. Thence they were ordered to the Western part of the state under Colonel Morgan, against the Indians. That said Manley, continued in said Company until Colonel Morgan's detachment reached the mountains, where he was taken sick & obtained a furlough with leave to return home. That this affiant continued in said Captain Thompson's Company under said Colonel Morgan, and marched to Holston River, where said detachment was stationed (as well as he recollects) about 3 months, when a treaty of peace was concluded with the Indians, and said Company returned to Fluvanna. That on returning to Fluvanna, the men were permitted by their officers to disperse among their friends, until again ordered into service. That in a few days after said returned to Fluvanna – this Affiant and several of his Companions enlisted in the Continental service, and proceeded to rendezvous at York Town. That he never heard of said Captain Thompson's company being again called into service, and presumes they never were so-called. That he himself was never regularly mustered for pay: but after enlisting in the Continental Service as aforesaid received from his officers a certificate of his service and got pay in Williamsburg. That he is of opinion that said Captain Thompson's Company was in actual service at least 6 months, and that he has no doubt but the said Micajah Manley is justly entitled to pay for that term of service. That he is the same man & still resides in the same County of Fluvanna.

S/ Jesse Hughes Sr.

¹ [Jesse Hughes S9594](#)

John Winn

Austin Seay,² a credible person, this day personally appeared before me John Winn a Justice of the peace for the said County of Fluvanna, and having religious scruples about taking an oath, solemnly affirmith, and saith, that in the year 1776 (as well as he recollects) the above named Micajah Manley who have sworn and subscribed to the foregoing declaration enlisted in a company of minute men in said County for twelve months under Captain Roger Thompson and marched to Williamsburg and Burwell's ferry in the lower part of Virginia, where they served a part of the time under Colonel Meredith and a part also under Colonel Dabney, amounting in all to about three months, They were thence ordered to the West, against the Indians. That he was taken sick before he left Burwell's ferry and on arriving in Fluvanna as the said company passed through that County he was permitted to remain – That said Manley was also taken sick on the line of march (as this affiant was informed) and returned to this County. That said Company was absent on the Western expedition as well as he can recollect at least three months. That on their return, they were permitted to disperse amongst their friends, with orders to hold themselves in readiness to take the field at a minute's notice.

That they never were again ordered into service, but only considered themselves discharged at the expiration of the 12 months for which they had enlisted. That they enlisted in the month of April or May in the year above stated and returned about Christmas of that year – Serving in all not less than 6 months – he thinks he might safely say 8 months – That he was well acquainted with the said Micajah Manley, before and during this service & has known him ever since – and is of opinion that he is justly entitled to pay, for the full term of service above stated – The said Austin Seay further affirmith, that near the close of the Revolutionary War, while he was in service in the lower part of Virginia – He recollects perfectly well, to have seen the said Micajah Manley and to have assisted in removing him whilst he was very sick to the house (he thinks) of a man by the name of Kidd, and that Ansel Manley³ the brother of the said Micajah was also present. That this affiant during this service was under Captain Richard Napier in Colonel Taylor's Regiment and he thinks he served 2 or 3 months, but cannot remember that the said Manley was a member of that company or not. He also recollects, that there was a place called Whitings old field in the County of Gloucester as mentioned in the foregoing declaration of said Manley – and he thinks there was also a place called South West Point not far distant. That the said Manley is the same man & now resides in Fluvanna.

S/ Austin Seay, X his mark

John Bashaw a credible person this day made oath before me, that he was a member of Captain Roger Thompson's Company in the year 1776 and served with Micajah Manley – and that his statement is entitled to credit.

August 24, 1833

S/ J. Winn, JP

[Walker Timberlake, a clergyman, and Benjamin Seay gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service.]

² [Austin Seay W19341](#)

³ [Ancil Manly W959](#)