

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mabry S13832

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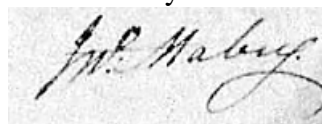
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For the purpose of obtaining the Benefits of an act for the Relief of Certain Surviving officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th of May 1828. --

I John Mabry of Trigg County in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution first I enlisted in the twelve months Service in the North Carolina Line in April 1781, this Line was commanded by General Jethro Sumner. I served in Capt. Robert Rayford's [sic, Robert Raiford's] company until we marched from North Carolina to the high hills of Santee in South Carolina's, & there I turned out as a volunteer & joined Col. Henry Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] Legion Infantry, in Capt. Michael Rodolph's [sic, Michael Rudolph's] company, with whom after I had served about nine months (to wit, from about the last of July 1781, until May 1782) I then enlisted again in Capt. Michael Rodolph's company as above stated for during the war & served in said Capt. Michael Rodolph's company until the Termination of the War (as a private) in this 1782 as to the Certificates for the Reward of \$80 -- agreeable to a Resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778, I do not recollect having any such in particular. I had several Certificates from the officers they purport of which I do not remember they were thought to be of no value. My Discharge I sold to a Capt. Thomas Armstrong in North Carolina -- and I further declare that I was not on the pension list of the United States on the 15th of May 1828. -- Witness my hand this 17th day of September 1829.

S/ Jno Mabry



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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
14 December 1829

John Mabry of \_\_\_ in the County of Trigg in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Rudolph's Company,

in the ~~\_\_\_~~ regiment of the ~~\_\_\_~~ Colonel Lee's Legion line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
16<sup>th</sup> December 1829

~~\_\_\_\_\_ It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that John Mabry is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The name of John Mabry cannot be found among those of Colonel Lea's Legion to Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars, were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office  
21 December 1829

The name of John Mabry does not appear on the List of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia so far as they have been received.

S/ G. W. Graham, Commissioner

War Department: Bounty land office  
January 20, 1830

The name of John Mabry does not appear on any Record of Lee's Legion on file in this Office, among those entitled to Bounty Land of the United States, or, to whom a Land Warrant was issued

S/ Wm Gordon

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Trigg County: SS

On this 29th day of August 1832 Personally appeared before the Circuit Court in and for the County of Trigg aforesaid, John Mabry a resident of the County of Trigg and State of Kentucky, aged Sixty Eight years, who being first duly sworn in open Court, 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States, first in the militia as a volunteer in the year 1780 in Capt. James Richards' company under Col. Benjamin Seawell, whose Regiment marched from Lewisburg in Franklin County (at which place I entered) in July 1780. We were encamped near Pedee River at the time of General Gates' defeat near Camden South Carolina,<sup>1</sup> we heard the firing at that Battle, here we had to retreat. That he enlisted in Franklin County

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<sup>1</sup> August 16, 1780.

North Carolina in the 12 months service in the year 1781 and rendezvoused at Halifax town in Halifax County North Carolina in the month of April, here we were not mustered in any particular company there were several officers present as General Willie Jones, Col. Linton [William Thomas Linton of Nash County, North Carolina], Major Hogg [probably Thomas Hogg], and others whose names I have forgotten, Cornwallis' Army was near at hand, and after a skirmish across the Roanoke River with Col. Hamilton's corps, we retreated to Mecklenburg County Virginia, on Roanoke River at Taylor's ferry, where we lay a few days, we then crossed said River and marched to Bute old Court House in Warren County North Carolina and here I was attached to Capt. Bush's company and encamped a few days; we then marched to Granville Court House, and here I think I was attached to Capt.'s Chapman's [probably Samuel Chapman of the 4<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Continental Regiment] company. We then marched to Hillsboro, and here I was attached to Capt. Robert Raiford's company, with which I marched to Salisbury thence to Charlotte North Carolina, & thence to Camden & on to the high hills of Santee in South Carolina here our Regiment joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army. This deponent further saith that he thinks the Regiment to which he belonged was called the 10th Regiment and was commanded by General Jethro Sumner, Col. Tilmon Dixon [sic, probably Col. Henry Dixon], Major Hogg, Captains Bush, Chapman, Robert Raiford, Donoho (afterwards Major), Thomas Armstrong, Dixon [probably Capt. Tilghman Dixon] & Marshall, Linton, Hill, Bell &c and after we had joined General Greene's Army at the high hills of Santee, there was a call for recruits to join Col. Henry Lee's Legion infantry and then this deponent turned out as a volunteer and joined said Legion, and was regularly transferred from Capt. Robert Raiford's company to Capt. Michael Rodolph's [sic, Michael Rudolph's] Company in said Legion and joined it at Singleton's Mills near the high hills of Santee, as well as he remembers, sometime in July 1781 and served in said Legion until the term of twelve months service expired (he thinks sometime about the first of May 1782) he then enlisted in the said Michael Rodolph's company for during the war &c. The officers belonging to said Legion were Captains Rodolph, Carnes [Patrick Carnes], Handy [George Handy] & Smith, Lieutenants Mannin, Carrington [sic, Carrington?], and others I have forgot. When Col. Lee resigned he was succeeded by Col. Lawrence [sic, Lieutenant Colonel John Laurens] & when he was killed in a place I think called Cambn [sic, Combahee, August 27, 1782] (I was present at the time) he was succeeded in the command of said Legion by Major Eggleston [Joseph at Alston], this deponent further saith he was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], in South Carolina as he thinks in September 1781, and at the surrender of Charlestown in 1782 [the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782] -- That he enlisted into the three months service in Franklin County North Carolina, as also into the twelve months service same place, and that he served to the Termination of War in the said Michael Rodolph's company, as stated in his Declaration made September 17th 1829 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of May 15th 1828. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jno Mabry

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Peter Betto<sup>2</sup> personally appeared before the Circuit Court and after being first duly sworn in open Court, doth on his oath say that he served as a soldier in the same company with John

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<sup>2</sup> [Peter Beto \(Betto\) S36409](#)

Mabry (who made the foregoing Declaration) and that they served together in Col. Lee's Legion infantry in Capt. Michael Rodolph's company, from some time in the latter part of the summer 1781 to the termination of the war in 1782, for when the said Betto was discharged about Christmas 1782, said Mabry was then in the service, and that said Betto always understood from said Mabry and others that the said Mabry was enlisted for 3 years or during the war as well as he remembers. Sworn to and subscribed the date above.

S/ Peter Bettoe



[John Grasty gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Dudley Williams, a Baptist clergyman, also gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Mabray [sic] a private in Captain Raiford's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment,<sup>3</sup> enlisted on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1781 for the term of 12 months and was transferred August 1781 to the Legion.

Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832

S/ Wm Hill

[Facts in file: Veteran died April 7th, 1845; no family information is contained in this file; the veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

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<sup>3</sup> J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 1<sup>st</sup> NC Regiment. See, [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_privates\\_m.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_m.html) and search for "Mabry, John."