

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Mace S13847

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State of Virginia } SS.

County of Lewis }

On this 3^d day of December A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Lewis County, John Mace aged 81 years the 25th of March next, resident in the County of Lewis and State of Virginia, 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States in the Virginia Militia on the first of May 1777 as a private volunteer, under Capt. John Skidmore, Lieutenant Isaac Henkle [Isaac Kinkle], Samuel Skidmore Ensign, marched from Hampshire County Va. to Westfalls Fort in Tygerts Valey [Fort Westfall in Tygart Valley, quarter mi S of present Beverly in Randolph County WV] and rained the country then West Augusta (now Randolph, Lewis, Harrison, Wood, Jackson, Mason, Kan'a. [Kanawha] and Nicholas Counties) in Spying and raining the country in pursuit of Indians, was in Dec'r. 1777 discharged by Capt. Skidmore having served a tour of seven months. during which time no particular incidents took place. he then returned to his residence in Hampshire County Va. and on the 1st of March 1781 he again volunteered as a private, under Capt. James Cunningham, William Bullet Lieut. & Ezekiel Bogard Ens. March'd from Hampshire County Va. through Winchester to Falmouth, there joined the troops of Col. Joseph Darke [William Darke?], crossed over to Fredericksburg and just below the latter place was attached to some reg't. the No. not recollected. The commandants name also forgotten. The place was called head quarters. Then marched near to Norfolk, returned to Williamsburg in pursuit of the enemy, continued the march to head quarters - again marched to Richmond was stationed on the hill where the Capitol now stands about 3 weeks. There recollects of seeing Gen'l. [William] Campbell, Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne & other regular officers names not recollected. & just below Richmond recollects of seeing a Frenchman kill a Virginian. was then marched through Chesterfield County to Petersburg and from thence a circuitous rout in pursuit of Lord Cornwallas [sic: Cornwallis] remained near New Kent Court house untill Lord Cornwallas took his station at York town [1 Aug], in Oct. he marched to York town, arrived there a few days before the battle which he thinks took place some time in Oct 1781 [Siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct] and after the Surrender of his Lordship was discharged by Capt. Cunningham and returned home arrived there about the 1st Nov. having served eight months. Then in April in the 1782 he again volunteered as a private under Cornelius Bogard who had been promoted to the grade of Capt. Them from Hampshire county he marched to Tygerts Valey river (now Randolp Co.) on an expedition against the Indians, marched to the head of Tygerst Valey river was stationed 3 weeks at John Warwicks Fort. then marched through the wilderness spying to the Ohio River at the mouth of the Little Kana. where Parkersburg now stands, and lay at what was called Neals Station [on Neal Run about 1 mi from the mouth of Little Kanawha River], was there stationed about 2 months & was employed in Spying for the enemy, but never was in an engagement with them. marched back through the wilderness to Wilsons Fort on Tygerts Valey river [Fort Wilson about 4 mi N of Beverly on E side of Tygart Valley River]. was there engaged as a spy in the adjacent countries until Nov. 1782 at which time he was discharged having served eight months. His discharges have all been lost. Declarent is very frail of memory, many of the Incidents of his service have escaped his memory was in no General battle except the siege of York. was born in Pensylvania in the year 1752 25th March. moved to Augusta County Va. when quite young from there to the South branch of the Potomac River in Hampshire County (now Hardy) where he lived when called into service. He has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services, and knows of no man living who can testify to the same except Peter Coger [pension application S10481] who he believes can testify to his services in Eastern Va. against the British and Isaac Mace [S8995] who he believes has a recollection of his services as an Indian Spy.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state
Sworn and subscribed the 3^d day of Dec'r. 1832 John hisXmark Mace

To the seven several interrogatories propounded by the Court pursuant to the regulations of the Dept. of War he answers as follows. to wit. to the

- 1st. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania the 25th March in the year 1753. left there when very young & has forgotten the name of the County
- 2^d. I have no record of my age I only recollect the account of my age given me by my parents.
- 3^d. When called into the service I was living in Hampshire County Va. and soon after the cessation of Indian hostilities emigrated to Harrison now Lewis County Va. where he has ever since resided
4. I Volunteered.
- 5th. [Continental officers who served where he did:] Gen'ls. Washington, Wayne, Campbell - Col. Darke. Capts Skidmore. Cunningham & Bogard.
- 6th. My discharges were all lost, by whom they were signed does not recollect.
- 7th. I am known to Peter Coger and Isaac Mace who can testify as to my Character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Lewis County

John Mace: aged 81. Serv'd. 22 mo.

John Ryer of Lewis County aged 66 years when a boy aged about twelve years and during the war of the Revolution, he resided on the South Branch of Potomac where John Mace also resided - he therefore know Mace & has known him ever since - that at the time above mentioned he Mace was drafted to serve a tour in the Militia - that he Mace fled and concealed himself in the rocks and mountains. that Capt. Michael Stump with a possis of men made frequent efforts to ketch him and compel him to serve the tour of duty but none succeeded. that Mace was always called and considered a tory during, at the close, and ever since the Revolutionary War.

Henry Flesher has known Mace all his Fleshers life - Mace has been always called and considered a tory. Wm. Powers [pension application S18164] says the same as Flesher

Respectfully Reported

W. G Singleton Special agent July 1834 [See note below]

John Mace Pensioner -

Anthony R. Spaur[?] of Lewis County says he has known John Mace all his life - knew him well during the war of the Revolution - that he Mace then lived in Hampshire county and was the most noted tory in the county which boasts many that were celebrated — Francis Reffle says he was present when Mace made his Declaration - that Peter Coger proved Maces service - and Mace proved Cogers — Cogers is fraudulent [sic: see Coger's pension application for reversal of this decision] - & Maces Declaration was written by same one of the Lewis agents - these two facts are in my opinion conclusive against Mace - W. G Singleton Jan'y 13, 1835
Mace has removed to the State Ohio - hence it is that I have not seen him — W. G Singleton

Application for a Transfer

State of Ohio Gallia County

On this twenty ninth day of January 1835 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for said County of Gallia personally appeared John Mace who on his Oath declares that he is the same Person who formerly belonged to the Company commanded by Captain Cunningham in the Regiment Commanded by by Colonel Dark, in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Ohio, where he intends to remain and wishes his Pension to be there payable in future, and that his reasons for removing to the State of Ohio were for the purpose of being near to his Sons from whom he might receive assistance and care in the decline of life.

John hisXmark Mace

This Day came Peter Choger before me B. Cook a justes of the peace in and for Kanawha County and made oath that to his cartin knolage John Mace served the united states under Captin James Kunningham six months
this 17th Day of august 1837 B. Cook JPKC

This Day came Isaac Mace before me B. Cook a justes of the peace in and for Kanawha County and made oath that he cartainely knew John Mace to be in the united states service for the term of six months under Captin James Kunningham and also under John Skidmore Capt for the term of six months also six months under Captin Bogard also under Capt Whitman six months
this 17th day of august 1837 B. Cook JPKC

State of Ohio, Athens County SS.}

On this 5th day of September A.D. 1837 before me, A. G. Brown, a Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Athens personally appeared John Mace who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company of Capt. John Skidmore, also to the Company of Capt James Cunningham, also to the company of Capt. Matthias Whitman and also to the company of Capt. Cornelius Bogard, in the Regiments of Commanded by Colonels Jacob Westfall and C. Bogard & others whose names are not now recollected, in the service of the United States, in the State of Virginia. that his name was placed on the Pension Roll of the State of Virginia, from whence he removed in May 1834; that he now resides in the state of Ohio (in the Cincinnati Agency) where he intends to remain, and wishes his Pension to be there payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Virginia to Ohio. viz. in order to reside with his son Paul Mace in Vinton Township in said Athens County, where he supposed he might spend the short remainder of his days most comfortably. John his+mark Mace

NOTE: W. G. Singleton investigated a large number of fraudulent pension claims in Lewis County. For more details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.