

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edmond Massey S16462

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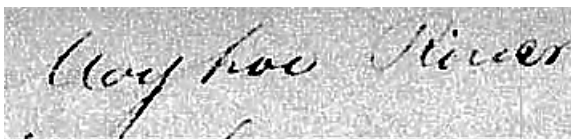
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State of Kentucky Grant County: Sct.

On this the 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Grant County Court now sitting Edmond Massey a resident of the said County of Grant and State of Kentucky aged 85 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he volunteered to Guard certain prisoners which were at the Barracks in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia in which this Declarant then lived such prisoners were brought to said Barracks in said County by a certain John Harvey, who was then engaged busily about such Barracks – This Declarant further states that he thinks said Barracks were Erected on the land of said Harvey at all events the land was let by him – That he served for the period of three months – and that he has no documentary evidence now in possession and that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service – 2ndly, that he served three months (a tour) more, under a Captain Graves who took him with about 100 more men to Brocks Bridge in the Counties of Orange Louisa in the said State of Virginia – from thence he was taken to Charlottesville thence through Fluvanna County to Carter's ferry on the James River – Thence to Cumberland Court House Thence to Moyhoe River [?]¹ at which he staid one night when and where General Sumpter² came to them and informed them they were in danger of Tories at that place – thence to Dan River which was crossed at the Rocky Ford – Thence to the Moravian town or Salem – Thence to the Yadkin River at what was called the Indian Ford near a large Island standing in the middle of the River – thence to Sailsberry [Salisbury] in the State of North Carolina at which place we continued till we got rid of the arms &c which we went to Guard out of danger from the British. And from thence he returned to the said Brocks Bridge – and from thence home to his residence in the County of Orange was the residence of old Mr. Madison the Father of James Madison late President of the United States – Thirdly That he hired a substitute three months more for the sum of \$70 whose name was Phiaph Thurman whom he took to the said Barracks in the said County of Albemarle when and where he was received by the commandant there whom the Declarant thinks was a large fleshy [?] looking man – at which place the said Thurman remained for the said term of three months as the

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moyhoe River". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

¹ Probably the Mayo River which is a tributary of Dan River

² Thomas Sumter is not known to have been in Virginia at the time preferred to by this veteran.

substitute of this Declarant.

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

1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer in the County of Hanover [?] Virginia in the year 1747

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

Answer I have and it is now where I live in the County of Grant

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

Answer I lived in the County of Albemarle when first called to the Service when secondly called into service in the County of Orange Virginia in which County I lived till I came to Kentucky and I now live in the County of Grant and State of Kentucky.

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

Answer I volunteered once and was drafted once and hired a substitute once

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. Answer – A cer [certain?] Edward Moose [could be Edward Moore] was my commander to Salisbury (with Regular or Militia) I know not

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

Answer I received a discharge at Brock's Bridge by Groves (before mentioned) and I have lost it. 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.

Answer James Daniel, John Franks, Harmon Childers, William Franks, George Congell [?], And Colonel Charles Ruddell. I know of no man in this part of the Country by whom I can prove my services as a soldier in the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Massey, X his mark

[William Sechrest, a clergyman, and Christian Tomlin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]