

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Massanello Womack S16584

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State of Kentucky County of Spencer: SS

On this 10th day of September 1832, Personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Spencer County now sitting, Massanello Womack a resident in the County of Spencer and State of Kentucky aged Eighty-one 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 in the year 1776 he does not recollect the month but thinks it was in September he was drafted in the County of Charlotte & State of Virginia for a three month tour in the militia of said State in the Revolution War and furnished Stephen Neale, as a Substitute, who served out the full tour but does not recollect the names of any of the Officers who commanded while said Neale was in service also that he volunteered as a Sergeant for a three month tour in the militia in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia in the month of January 1781 under Richard Allen as his Captain, was marched towards the South, and was at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse fall on the 15th day of March 1781 under General Greene as commander in chief, he recollects that Major Tucker, Colonels Henry Skipwith & Beverly Randolph and General Lawson were in the aforesaid battle, and was discharged at Ramseys Mills on Deep River in the State of North Carolina on the 3rd day of April 1781 from the aforesaid tour, also that in a few weeks after, say, in the month of May 1781, he enlisted for and during the War and served until its termination and was placed in the Commissary Department under Barnett Gaines that he continued in this Service until the Continental Army was disbanded which he thinks was in April 1783 but does not recollect where, he states he does not know what has become of his discharges if he received written discharges of which he has no doubt he has lost them or they have fallen victim to time, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He states that he was born on the 24th day of May 1751 in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia, has a record of his age taken by himself from the original record kept by his father, does not know where the original is, that he moved from Cumberland to Charlotte County Virginia in the year 1775 and from thence removed back to the County of Cumberland 1777 and there lived until 1783, and thence moved to the County of Prince Edward Virginia, and there lived 34 years from thence he moved to the County of Shelby and State of Kentucky in the year 1817 and has lived in Shelby County & Spencer County ever since and now resides in Spencer County Kentucky.

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 the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Massanello Womack

Massanello Womack

[Pleasant Paris, a clergyman, and James W. Beckham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Spencer County: Sct.

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Spencer in the State of Kentucky Massanello Womack whom being duly sworn deposed and saith by way of amendment to this his Declaration, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively whether he received written discharges from his services aforesaid or not, if he did they are lost: that from the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades that for three months I furnished a substitute was a private soldier in the year 1776. For three months in the year 1781 I served as a Sergeant in the Virginia volunteers. Full one-year and eleven months, I enlisted & served as assistant Commissary in the Virginia State Troops & for such service I claim a pension. The said Massanello Womack states upon oath that he is known to Pleasant Paris a clergyman and James W Beckham residence in his present neighborhood who can testify and who have testified as to his the said Massanello Womack's character for veracity and who can testify and who have testified as to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. The said Massanello Womack further states that he is well known to one John Strange¹ & has been for the last sixty-five years by whom he believes he can prove his actual services within the periods from May 1781 to April 1783 as a Commissary in the Army of the Revolution, that from the length of time since that period those who were engaged in Service & enlisted with him have been so scattered or have departed this life, that he is unable to say whether he can prove by any other living witness his enlistment & actual services aforesaid nor does he think the Department all this time should require it as it amounts almost to an impossibility, he repeats the fact that he did enter and served and was discharged as he states in his Declaration to which this is an amendment. January 30th, 1833.

S/ Massanello Womack

The Commonwealth of Kentucky County of Spencer: Sct.

The Affidavit of John Strange taken before me Thomas Newman a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid. This affiant states that he is seventy-three years of age that he is well acquainted with Massanello Womack of the County of Spencer and state aforesaid and has known him for at least sixty-five years, this affiant lived a neighbor to said Massanello Womack in the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia for eleven years. This affiant was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution and was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, he states he knew Barnett Gaines who was a Commissary in the Army of the Revolution in the Virginia line, he cannot state where Massanello Womack enlisted not being present at the time he was enlisted, but he knows he was enlisted, as he saw him frequently engaged in actual service as a assistant commissary in the Army of the Revolution in the year 1781 and 1782, and he recollects that Robert Smith, William Guthrie, Joseph Coleman, William Amos & Byrd Smith were assistant Commissaries and engaged all the same time in actual service with the aforesaid Massanello Womack. He states that he does not know where the above named Robert Smith, William Guthrie, Joseph Coleman, William Amos & Byrd Smith now live, or whether they are living at

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all they having moved long since from Virginia in different parts of the United States & this affiant moved from Virginia to Kentucky in the fall or winter of 1807. This affiant was not present when Massanello Womack was discharged from the service aforesaid but he knows & states it was a fact, that he was engaged in actual service as an assistant commissary in the Virginia line of the Army of the Revolution for he seen him frequently in actual service in the year 1781 and 1782 and engaged in gathering cattle & other provisions for the Army, heard his enlistment spoken of frequently and it was a matter of notoriety in the Army, and has no more doubt, but that he was enlisted & served as he states in his Declaration, than he has of existence, although this affiant was not present either at the time of his the said Massanello Womack's enlistment or discharge, he this affiant being a private soldier in the militia. Given under my hand the 30th day of January 1833.

S/ John Strange, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-years service as a Sergeant in the Virginia State Troops.]