

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Maxwell S1685

f22NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

4/19/09: rev'd 7/17/16

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p 3]

State of Tennessee Haywood County: SS

On this 14th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for the said County of Haywood, John Maxwell a resident of the said County of Haywood and State of Tennessee aged Sixty 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the first part of the year 1781 (when he was about fifteen years of age) under General \_\_ Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Robert Irvin Col., Joseph Grimes 1<sup>st</sup> Major -- in the Company commanded by Capt. David Read [David Reed] James Porter Lieut. -- and served about nine months mostly in North Carolina -- that his marches were mostly in North Carolina, and that the only battle in which he was engaged was a skirmish with the Army under Lord Cornwallis at Charlotte [September 26, 1780]<sup>1</sup> in Mecklenburg County North Carolina -- That he still under General Rutherford was marching to Yorktown and had advanced as far as the Virginia line when they received the news of Lord Cornwallis defeat [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] -- that he then received a discharge from Capt. David Read -- which discharge has long since been lost --

That he was born in the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina, and there resided after the war of the revolution some 10 or 12 years -- that he then removed to Blount County Tennessee where he resided 6 years -- then removed to the County of Rutherford Tennessee thence to the County of Giles Tennessee in 1812 -- and from thence to the County of Haywood in 1827 where he now resides -- That he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his service and that he knows of no person in this State who can personally testify as to his Services -- He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Questions by the Court --

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: in Mecklenburg County North Carolina about the year 1765 or 66 --

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

Ans: There was a record at my father's which was destroyed during the Revolution

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

---

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_charlotte.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_charlotte.html)

Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: My answer is as above – Viz. in Mecklenburg NC and since the war of the Revolution in NC and Blount, Rutherford, Giles and Haywood counties in Tennessee, and now live in Haywood Tennessee

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans: I was a volunteer under Capt. David Read

5<sup>th</sup> Is embodied in the declaration above

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: Yes from Capt. Read, but I have long since lost it.

S/ John Maxwell

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Maxwell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Maxwell".

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[Bowen Reynolds, a clergyman, and Henry McCoy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 17: On this 10th day of September 1833, Maxwell gave an almost identical, word for word restatement of his application. In this application he names General Blackman Coleman, Dr. William C. Bruce, Dr. Mason F. Johnson -- Major Edmond Richmond, David Hay Esquire -- James Smith -- Henry McCoy & Bowen Reynolds as character witnesses.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private or 9 months in the North Carolina militia.]