

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Massey S18103

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County & State before named, now sitting, Henry Massey aged 70 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.

I was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia, my parents with me, removed into the State of South Carolina 1774. I entered the service of the United [States] as a Substitute in place of Drewry Cook I believe under Captain William Simpson in Colonel Marshall's [John Marshall's] Regiment, the day & year not recollected & marched near Stono remained about one month in the service & was discharged a few days before the Battle there.¹ I then turned out a volunteer under Captain Robert Crawford & joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the Indian Land South Carolina, marched to Waxhaw from thence to Rocky Mount² & there was in a battle from thence to the Hanging Rock³ was in the Battle there, returned home sick -- was at this time about two months in the Army I remained for some time at home, I then went as a volunteer under Captain Dranon [sic, John Drennan] joined General Sumpter at the fish Dam Ford⁴ Broad River the same evening had there a Battle I then returned home stayed one day turned out again under Colonel Henry Hampton joined General Sumpter near Broad River marched to Tyger River & there had a battle General Sumpter there got wounded⁵ & the next day we were all dismissed. I then turned out a volunteer under Colonel Frederick Kimball marched on to join General Marion [Francis Marion] where at the High Hills of his Santee enlisted for one year under James Theus Lieutenant Joined Colonel Maham [Hezekiah Maham] Regiment of Cavalry, this was July before the Battle at Eutaw Springs⁶ we marched down near Cooper River was in several little engagements I served a four-year at this time & was discharged I believe at Murry's ferry Santee River. I then returned home to Waxhaw Creek where I then resided & remained there till about the year 1800 I then removed into Mecklenburg County North Carolina where I

¹ The Battle of Stono occurred on June 20, 1779

² July 30, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

³ August 6, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁴ November 9, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

⁵ The Battle of Blackstock's Plantation occurred on November 20, 1780.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

⁶ September 8, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

have resided ever since -- I served in the whole as near as I can recollect 15 or 16 months. I have no documentary evidence believing it not necessary to keep my discharges so long, I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present -- my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Henry Massey Senr.



[William J. Alexander, Joseph McCannaughey & David Kerr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of South Carolina Lancaster District:

On this 20th day of November 1833 personally appeared before Hon. Josiah J. Evans Judge of the Court of common pleas now sitting, Henry Massey aged 71 years who being first duly sworn, doth in open court makes the following amendments to his declaration, made August 30th 1832 in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, which said declaration has been returned by the war department as informal and defective.

First: He entered the service of the United States, first, as a substitute for Drury Cook, in Captain Simpson's company, which was under the command, as he believes, of Major or Colonel Marshall he cannot recollect the year when he joined the company but recollects he was discharged just before the battle at Stono, which was near Jacksonborough SC he served as a substitute one month.

Second: He volunteered under Captain Crawford & served 2 months

Third: He volunteered under Captain Drennan & served 2 weeks.

Fourth: He volunteered under ~~Captain~~ Colonel Henry Hampton & served 10 weeks. For the particulars of this service he refers to his declaration.

Fifth: He enlisted under Lieutenant James Theus for one year, which time he served out & received his discharge from Colonel Maham.

Sixth: He has served in all sixteen months & was not during the different periods he served named above, engaged in any civil pursuit.

Interrogatories propounded by the Honorable Judge & answered by the declarant as follows

1st Where and in what year were you born?

An: He was born in the year 1763, in the State of Virginia, in the County then called Brunswick now called Greenville.

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

Ans: He once had a record of his age in his father's Bible, but it is now lost or destroyed.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: He was living in the Waxhaws settlement South Carolina, in what is now called Lancaster District. He lived in Lancaster District, South Carolina until about 35 or 40 years ago when he moved to Mecklenburg County where he now resides.

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

Ans: He first went as a substitute for Drury Cook -- afterwards volunteered

5th 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.

Ans: He names General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] as a Regular officer under whom he served for a short time -- he names Colonel Maham's Regiment in which he also served -- he names also Colonel Horry -- General Marion. This service was one of great hardship, fatigue & difficulty & was confined chiefly to the lower part of the State of South Carolina, which is at all times, warm & unhealthy when he served as a substitute he marched from Waxhaws which is in a few miles of the North Carolina line, through the State of South Carolina & crossed Ashley River about 10 miles from Charleston & joined General Lincoln's Army near Stono, when he volunteered under Captain Crawford, he secured the Country through what is now called Lancaster District where he volunteered under Captain Drennan he secured the County from Lancaster to Broad River, where at the Fish Dam Ford which he believes is in Chester District SC he joined Sumter's Army -- he then went on to Tyger River where they [had] a battle in which he took part. When he was under General Marion he secured the Country principally between Charleston & Georgetown -- this part of the service was of particular hardship -- the soldiers were exposed not only to the attacks of superior force, but were compelled to lie in swamps & shriek [sic, ?] from place to place.

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

An: He received a discharge from the service from Colonel Maham, for the last twelve months he served -- it was returned to the office at Charleston when he drew an indent of his service.

7th 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.

Ans: He refers to Mr. J. Alexander, Joseph McCannaughey, and David Kerr.

The declarant further states that he served in embodied corps called into service by competent authority -- he served always as a private. The reason why he makes this amendment in Lancaster District is that the Court is now sitting at that place & he is desirous that his claim should be acted upon as soon as possible. The following evidence of his service is produced -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Beckham, Clk

S/ Henry Massey Senr.

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District:

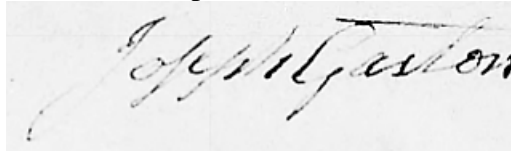
Joseph Gaston⁷ Esquire states that he is acquainted with Henry Massey & knew him during the Revolutionary War -- That he first became acquainted with him about the time of the battle at Rocky Mount, which was on the 31st day of July 1780 [sic] & is well satisfied that Mr. Massey was in that battle with him -- & that he was also in the battles of Hanging Rock & Blackstock's -- the battle of Hanging Rock was August 7th 1780 and of Blackstock's was in the fall of the ensuing year. He has also known him ever since the war and is satisfied that his statements are entitled to full credit.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year above written

S/ S. Beckham, Clerk

⁷ [Joseph Gaston W23089](#)

S/ Joseph Gaston



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months in the South Carolina militia both as an infantryman and a cavalryman.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁸ relating to Henry Massey pp 5
Audited Account No. 4822A
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The State of South Carolina to Henry Massey
1782

July 17	To my Pay as a Private Dragoon in Lieut. Col. Maham's State Cavalry from the 17 July 1781 to this day being 12 Months at 20 Dollars per month 240 Dollars £390 Currency or	Sterling £56 £55.14.3 ¼ Stg. <u>4.1.1</u> £59.15.4 ¼
	To the Balance of Bounty Money due me having rec'd only Seven Guineas in part of 10 Dols. Sterling	<u>4.1.1</u> £60.1.1

Cha. ton District The above Account Attested to the 24th July 1784 before me
J. McCall, JP Henry Massey



[p 4: Very faint image of Indent No. 663 Book C dated April 20, 1785 delivered to Henry Massey in the amount of £60.1.1]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing several endorsements by Henry Massey as well as others.]

⁸ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.