

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Mackey S21357

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[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. 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 fails 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 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

South Carolina Lancaster District: On this twenty fifth day of April 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before his Honor Richard Gantt Judge of the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting at Lancaster c. h. for the district of Lancaster; Thomas Mackey a resident of the said district & State aged Seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

In the year 1780 he was enrolled in the militia of South Carolina, and that on the 1st of March of that year he was drafted on a tour of three months, which tour he served under the command of Major Thompson [probably, Major Thomas Thompson] in Col. Kimbrell's [probably Lt. Col. Frederick Kimball's] Regiment & General Richardson's [B. G. Richard Richardson's] Brigade, & that the expiration of said service he received no written discharge, but was verbally discharged by Col. Kimbrell on the 3rd of June 1780; on this tour of service he was stationed at Purrysburg South Carolina -- That on or about the 10th of August following he was again drafted & called into service for the term of 3 months under the command of the said Col. Kimbrell but for a time during this tour he was under the command of Col. Eli Kershaw, he was verbally discharged about the 10th of November, a part of this tour he was stationed in the vicinity of a place called Four holes in South Carolina & part of the time at Augusta Georgia. That on or about the 1st of January 1781 he volunteered his services for four months, under the said Col. Kimbrell & under the immediate command of Capt. D. Stewart [Daniel Stewart] this service was performed between Camden & Waxhaw South Carolina. In this service he was severely wounded at Sloans, near Grannies Quarter Creek in the vicinity of Camden in a skirmish with a detachment of British & Tories -- In all which campaigns & tours he served as a private soldier & was always verbally discharged, and during which time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. The time above mentioned which he served in a regular organized & enrolled corps was ten months in all; but he was often out in hazardous excursions besides the above with Col. Kimbrell & others in scouting parties &c &c but not enrolled for any specific. All under the control of any regular constituted corps.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency.

To the questions propounded he answers as follows

Ans. 1st Born on the Catawba River Lancaster district South Carolina at the 12th of February 1762

2nd He has no record of his age

3rd In Lancaster district South Carolina

4th Drafted under Col. Kimbrell also volunteered under the command of the same --

5th He names Col. Kimbrell Col. Taylor General Richardson, General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]

6th He never received to the best of his recollection a written discharge but in verily a verbal one

7th He names Benjamin Massey & Ezekiah Massey as gentlemen who can testify as to his character & their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Simon Beckham, Clerk

S/ Thomas Mackey

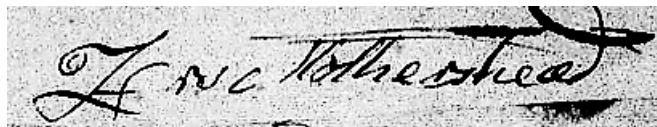
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tho^s Mackey". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Benjamin Massey and Ezekiah Massey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Lancaster district: Personally came before me Francis Mothershead¹ who being sworn as the law directs saith on oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Mackey Senior in the old Revolutionary war and was with said Thomas Mackey one campaign in Defense of the United States under Col. Eli Kershaw and this deponent further saith That said Thomas Mackey served as a Militia Soldier in said Campaign until he was taken sick & in consequence of said sickness was rendered unable to serve any longer and he Further saith that he thinks said Mackey at that time was not more than Sixteen years old in his opinion -- & this deponent further saith that he knew said Mackey in other services: In the above stated war & believes he discharged his duty as a true & faithful Soldier in defense of the United States. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th October 1826

S/ A. Coiel, JP

S/ Francis Mothershead

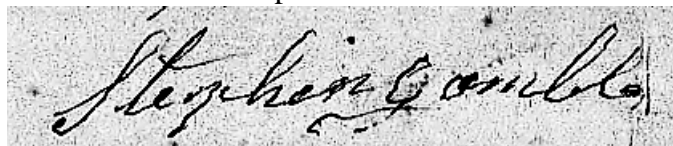
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Mothershead". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Lancaster District: Personally came before me ~~Andw~~^{Stephen} Gamble & after being sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Thomas McKey in the Revolutionary war that he was in the Purrysburg Campaign & that this deponent [indecipherable word or words] he understood that the said ~~Charles~~^{Thomas} was a Soldier throughout the war.

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 2nd October 1826

S/ Jno McKenzie, JQ

S/ Stephen Gamble

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Gamble". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the South Carolina militia.]

¹ It doesn't appear that either Francis Mothershead or Stephen Gamble filed an application themselves. Since their affidavits were given in 1826, they may not have lived long enough to file under the 1832 Act, the first act that extended benefits to men who served in the various state militia units.