

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Mason

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State of Kentucky County of Breckenridge: SS

On this 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared before Alney McLean Judge of the Breckenridge Circuit Court, Joseph Mason a resident of the County of Breckenridge in the State of Kentucky aged 75 years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he volunteered in the service of the United States in August in the year 1776 with Captain William McClanahan and went out against the Cherokee on the Tennessee River where a treaty was concluded with them. His Colonel's name was Wm Christy [William Christian]. He served this tour about four months he was discharged about Christmas at the Long Island of Holston [River]. In 1780 he substituted for his brother Wm Mason [William Mason] on a tour against the same Indians – under the command of Captain James Barnett & Colonel Campbell on the Tennessee River. He served this tour about six weeks or two months – And about the first of February 1781 he volunteered in Botetourt County Virginia under Lieutenant James Neely & marched into North Carolina & was there attached to Colonel Campbell's Regiment, we had two scrimmages with the British before we reached this place & then the Battle of Guilford Court H. [March 15, 1781], was not in the engagement but was out with the wagon guard the British then went towards the sea board & we were discharged & returned home About the last of March – he received no written discharge for any of these tours – On the last tour he acted as Sergeant.

About the first of June 1781 he was again called out from the same County, in Captain Jos. Luney's [Joseph Looney's ?] Company he was not drafted but volunteered under a call that was made by the State for a large number of men. We marched to Albemarle C. H. Virginia & joined the Regular Troops & militia we were attached to general William Campbell's Regiment – General Lafayette was the Chief Commander whom I frequently saw & new. We were in two scrimmages one at hot water [June 26, 1781, also known as Spencer's Tavern] & the other at James Town [James Town Ford, July 6, 1781] against the British under Corn Wallace [Cornwallis]. We were kept in service in that Section of country until the 10th of August 1781, when we were discharged on the Pamunkey [River] when I returned home, for this tour I received a discharge from Captain Luney dated 10th August 1781 here with transmitted he has no evidence of his services now in his power. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State

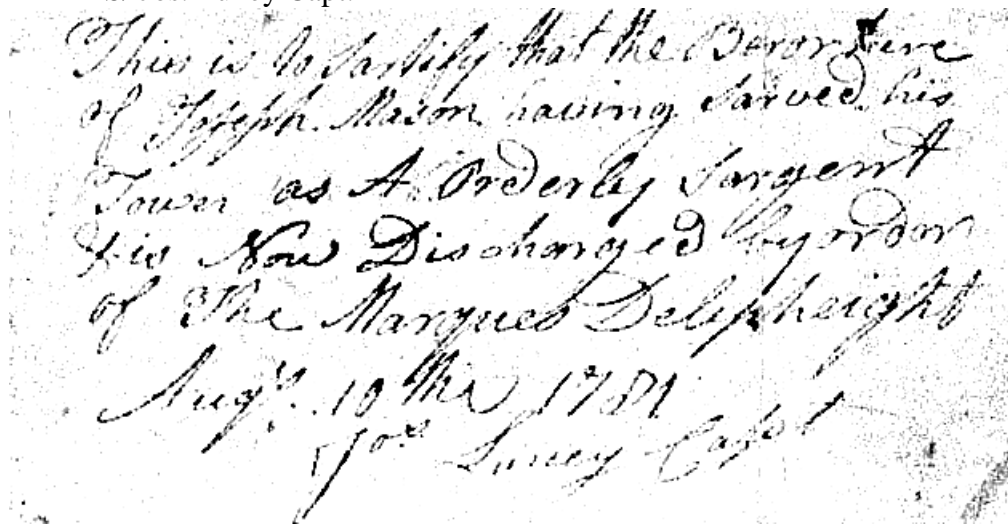
S/ Jos. Mason

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[James H L Moorman, a clergyman, and William Crawford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This is to Sartify [certify] that the Beror [bearer] here
of Joseph Mason having Sarved [served] his
Tower [Tour] as A Orderly Sargent [Sergeant]
& is now Discharged by order
of the Marques Delepheight [Marquis De Lafayette]
August 10th 1781

S/ Jos. Luney Capt.



*This is to Sartify that the Beror here
of Joseph Mason having Sarved his
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is now Discharged by order
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Aug^r. 10th 1781
Jos Luney Capt*

Kentucky Breckenridge County Sct.

I Philip Lightfoot a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Breckenridge & State of Kentucky do hereby certify that on this day Joseph Mason who has heretofore made an application for a pension Personally appeared before me and by way of amendment to his Original declaration being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – for 4 months I served under Colonel Christie as a private. For 6 weeks I served under Captain James Barnett & Colonel Campbell as a private. In 1781 for 2 months I served under Lieutenant James Neely as a Sergeant. In same year for 2 months & 10 days I served under Captain Joseph Luney as a Sergeant making my whole term of service 9 months and 24 days will which I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed this 16 May 1833

S/ Jos. Mason

[Facts in file: the veteran died November 19, 1834; other than the reference to his brother William Mason, the documents in this file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for

service as a private for 7 months & 14 days and as a Sergeant for 2 months and 10 days in the Virginia service.]