

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Massie S31235

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State of Illinois County of Sangamon: SS

On this 9th day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Commissioners Court for the County of Sangamon now sitting Thomas Massie a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 7, 1832.

I was born in the year 1759 in Buckingham County Virginia I have a record of my age copied from that of my father, I served two terms of service. The first time I volunteered; the second I was drafted – when I first entered the service I resided in Campbell County Virginia & the second time I resided in Washington County – In the year 1795, I removed from Washington County to Montgomery County Virginia where I resided thirty-five years – thence to the County of Sangamon Illinois where I have resided for the last four years. I volunteered in the first instance in the early part of September 1780. The volunteer Regiment known as the sixth Virginia Regiment to which our company belonged rendezvoused at Reed's Tavern. I was in Captain Robert Adams' Company. The Regimental officers were Colonel John Lynch, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Lynch, Major Caraway – I volunteered for three months. From Campbell County our Regiment was marched to Petersburg & reviewed by Baron Steuben. I believe he is the only regular officer of whom I had any knowledge. He belonged to General Robert Lawson's Brigade. I remained during the three months at Petersburg. I received a discharge, but have since lost it, – On the 12th day of May I was drafted for 3 months & was attached to the Company of Captain Cowin to serve as an Indian Spy. We were stationed in the Valley of Clynch River [Clinch River] and acted as Indian Spies the whole of that summer, serving two weeks longer than the time for which I was drafted. The whole of our duty was performed in the Clynch mountains. The Shawnees were the principal tribe with which [we] were at war – I received a discharge which I have since lost – I have no documentary evidence of my service, nor do I know of any person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service. Mr. William Sims and Mr. Joel Moxey have been acquainted with me and can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. Mr. Sims acquaintance has existed 4 years –

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State –

Sworn to & subscribed this 9th day of October A.D. 1832

Thomas Massie



[William Sims, a clergyman, and Joel Moxey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Sangamon County: Sct.

On this 23 day of April personally appeared in open Court Thomas Massie before the Circuit Court in and for the County aforesaid now sitting a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-three years who being first 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 under the following named officers and served as he states. I was born on the 26th of December in the year 1759 in Buckingham County Virginia. I have at my residence in this County a memorandum of my age taken from my Father's family Bible. I served two distinct and separate Tours of duty, When I first entered the service I resided in Campbell County Virginia and the second time in Washington County Virginia. Soon after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19 1781] I removed to Kentucky where I resided until five years since when I removed to this County. When I first entered the service I volunteered in the second time was drafted. In the first instance I volunteered in the company of Captain Robert Adams in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lynch, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Lynch and Major James Calloway. He volunteered about the middle of September in the year 1780 and the Regiment rendezvoused at Molly's Creek Church in Campbell County & the Regiment was then marched to Petersburg where we arrived late in September and were mustered into service by Baron Steuben. At Petersburg as well as I can at this time recollect there were two other regiments but I have forgotten by whom they were commanded. The Brigade was commanded by General Robert Lawson. We remained at Petersburg in camp until our term of service expired which was a little before Christmas. He served three months, I received a written discharge which I have since lost. The second time I was drafted in the first week in May 1781 in the company of Captain George Crabtree and was attached to the company of Captain James Cowen. He rendezvoused at the House of Captain Cowen in Washington County. Our company with two others were posted on the Clinch Mountains to protect the Frontier against the Shawnee Indians. One of these companies was commanded by a Captain Vance and Major Lewis had the command of the whole. We were discharged in the latter part of September following. I received a written discharge but have since lost this one also I never was in any engagement and I had no opportunity of becoming acquainted with any of the Officers [indecipherable word or words] of the militia or more in the Regular service than I have hitherto mentioned. I have no documentary evidence of my service neither do I know of any person by whom I can prove it. The discharge that I received in the first instance was signed by Colonel Lynch and Captain Adams and the 2nd back Captain Cowen and Major Lewis. I refer the court to the Reverend Mr. C. R. Matheny and also to Mr. Josiah Ralston residing in my present neighborhood who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier in the Revolution. I served altogether according to my belief about 7 months. I served as a private.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Tomas Maassie [sic]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Massie". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[C. R. Matheny, a clergyman, and Joshua Ralston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]