

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mayo S31838

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State of Georgia Marion County:

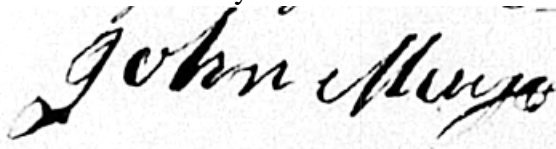
On this the 18th day of March 1832¹ personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Inferior Court of said County now sitting John Mayo Senior a resident of said County and State aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Perquimans County North Carolina in the year 1759. That there was a record of his age, made by his Father, but he left it in North Carolina; He lived in Edgecombe County North Carolina when he was called into service. After the war was over he moved to Sumter District South Carolina from whence he moved to Wilkinson County Georgia, from whence to this County. Before he enlisted he was drafted and served a three months tour in person. The Captain's name he has forgot but recollects Col. Johnson [Jonas Johnston], Col. Hart [Henry Hart] and Major Cofel [Capt. Gresham Coffield, his surname variously spelled Cofuts, Cofield] as being attached to the service. The company in which I served with many others were raised for the defense of Charleston South Carolina when it was threatened by the enemy, but before we arrived there the British had turned in some other direction with their vessels. And we served out the time by scouting about in pursuit of the Tories. Towards the close of the War he was again drafted for a three months tour and performed the service in person under Capt. Amerson [?], and were ordered by the Commander in Chief to meet him at York in Virginia, but before we arrived there General Washington had captured the British Army [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] and our further advance rendered unnecessary. At the end of the Term we were discharged Col. Johnson or Col. Hart gave me a discharge for the first three months tour, and I also received a discharge for the last three months tour, but do not recollect by whom it was given, but believes it was signed by Col. Hart or Capt. Amerson. Militia discharges in those days were not considered to be of much value, and it is therefore impossible for me to tell what has become of them. He left many persons in North Carolina who were well acquainted with these services he performed, but can't tell whether they are now living. He knows of no person in Georgia, now alive that can testify to his service he is known by many persons in this County, and many more in Wilkinson County who can testify as to his character. He would mention the names of Charles Brewer and Isham Turner who have known him for 20 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that

¹ How could the application be dated before the passage of the Act? The date appears on several documents and appears to clearly read "1832". Even the War Department in summarizing the application states the date as March 18, 1832.

his name is not on the pension roll of any State.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Mayo



[Andrew Hood, a clergyman and David Mizell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Marion County:

On this the 18th day of March 1832 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of said County John Mayo Senior a resident of the County and state aforesaid aged 74 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the summer of the year 1778 or 79 which deponent does not recollect for and during the term of three years. That he enlisted under a Capt. Wilson who lived in Tarborough town Edgecombe County North Carolina. That this deponent resided in Edgecombe County North Carolina. That this deponent employed one Samuel Yates to perform his tour of service, who was received and mustered into service under Capt. Grisham Cofel and joined General Hogan [sic, James Hogun] in Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Mayo

The said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above statement is

S/ Wiley Williams, JIC

S/ Thomas Bivins, JIC

S/ Thomas Peebles, JIC

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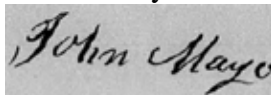
Georgia Marion County:

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Inferior Court of said County John Mayo Senior of said County who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the particular dates and times at which he was drafted, and can only designate it by reference to circumstances which made the drafts necessary, which circumstances are related in his first general declaration (to wit) his first draft of three months for the defense of Charleston, which he served out in person, His second draft of three months was being served when General Washington captured the British Army at Yorktown Virginia; he served in person, which makes six months that he was in actual service, by public authority as a private soldier, for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 3rd July 1833

S/ Wiley Williams, JIC

S/ John Mayo



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]