

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Mason, S32394

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State of Kentucky, County of Campbell

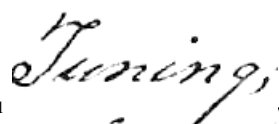
On this 26th day of August 1833, personally appeared, in open court before the court of Campbell County now sitting Peter Mason, a resident of the aforesaid State and County, aged sixty nine years, the 22nd day of the present month, this is the information of his Father, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations, in order to attain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7th June 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1778, as a volunteer, and in the 14th year of his age, to the best of my recollection it was on the 24th day of October of the year 1778 that I entered the army and I continued till some time after Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] to Washington making three years at least, -- I am not certain of the exact time I served but am certain that it was three years, and some more. I was young and cared but little about being particular about dates. After peace was concluded I went to sea, and continued at sea for about seven years, and then returned to the State of Virginia. The names of the officers under whom I served were as follows, Colo. Henry Towls [Henry Towles?], Capt. William Tuning [?]¹, Lieut. Edward Blackmore, Ensign, William Bisco, but he soon became Lieutenant, and there were many changes that I cannot precisely State, and while I was in the service I was employed in guarding the shores of the Rivers Rappahanock [Rappahannock River] and Currituming [Corrotoman?], in the State of Virginia. He States that he was in no battles while in the service. That he knows of no person that he can prove his service by, but remembers that he drew his musket at the house of Colo. Towls, and that James Ewell was the Major. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency, of any State in the union. Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Peter Mason



We John Stephens, a clergyman, residing in the County of Campbell, and Joseph Tarvin [?] a respectable person residing in the aforesaid County and neighborhood of the said Peter Mason certify that he is reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and we believe him to be of the age of sixty nine years, and we concur in that opinion -- Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Stephens



¹ The War Dept. interpreted this name as "William Chourning"

S/ Joseph C. Tarvin

Where and in what year were you born? Answer. I was born in Lancaster County in the State of Virginia, on the 22nd day of August 1764. this is the information of my parents as I have no documentary evidence of my age.

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live? Ans. I lived when called into service in the County of Lancaster in the State of Virginia, from there I went to sea, and after my return from sea I live in the aforesaid State for many years, the precise number I do not recollect, and from there I came to the State of Kentucky near twenty years ago, and now live in the same State and County of Campbell.

How were you called into service? Ans. I was a Volunteer all the time, and never received a copper for my pay. The names of the Officers mentioned in the body of my declaration are all that I remember distinctly

And the court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatives prescribed by the war Department, that the above named Applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he States And the court further certifies, that it appears to them John Stephens who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman Joseph Tarvin [?] is a person of credibility and respectability, and that they both live in the same neighborhood of the said Peter Mason and their Statement is entitled to credit.

S/ Wm A. Pendleton, DC

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Campbell and State of Kentucky Peter Mason – who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and more particularly 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. For 3 years and one month I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Peter Mason

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9th day of October 1833

S/ Samuel Baker, JP

[p 7: On September 18, 1839 in Jay County Indiana, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying that he had moved there from the state of Kentucky; that he had lost his companion and that his children had removed to Indiana and he wished to be with them.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]