

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Mason S33053

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Dearborn County, Indiana Sct.

On the 24th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Dearborn Circuit Court the said County & State now sitting George Mason a resident in the County & State aforesaid who being 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service as a volunteer about the first of July 1781 in Fayette County Pennsylvania where he then resided to go against the Indians on the Western frontier under Captain Michael Cat [Michael Catt or Catts] first Lieutenant Melchior Baker, that they marched first to Wheeling Virginia where they took boats and descended the Ohio below the mouth of the big Miami when they landed nearly where Lawrenceburg is now situated and joined a detachment under the command of Colonel Laughery [Archibald Lochry<sup>1</sup>] shortly after this they had an engagement with the Indians in August 1781 at that place in which the whole detachment was either killed or taken prisoners by the enemy amounting to something over one hundred men. Colonel Lochry was among the killed, that he was taken prisoners and kept by the Indians and by the British in Canada as a prisoner for about one year and five months, that is from the time of his capture in August 1781 till the first of January 1783 when he was released with a number of others of the same company at New York where they were carried to be exchanged but he thinks they were released without an exchange in consequence of the cessation of Hostilities, that the whole term of his service and detention as a prisoner was 18 months to wit from the first of July 1781 to first January 1783 when he was released at New York & was several weeks on his way home to Fayette County Pennsylvania. That he has no documentary evidence or discharge. That he knows of no living witness whose testimony he can procure to prove his service except Jacob Lawrence<sup>2</sup> who served & was a prisoner with him they having went out and returned together who has he understands already received a pension & whose testimony is herewith transmitted.

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 & that he is about seventy-five years of age.

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<sup>1</sup> An excellent account of the engagement known as Lochry's defeat is posted at <http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.Military.amerrev.general/803/mb.ashx>

<sup>2</sup> FPA S4521

That in answer to the Interrogatories required to be put to the applicant by the court he answers as follows viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in Hampshire County Virginia about the year 1757 or 1758
2. That he has no record of his age
3. That he lived in Fayette County Pennsylvania when he entered the service & where he continued to live after the revolution until about 14 years ago when he removed to Dearborn County Indiana where he now lives.
4. That he entered the service as a volunteer as before stated.
5. It will be seen from the foregoing statement that there was no regular officers with him or other troops than those of the detachment under Colonel Lochry who were all killed or taken prisoners by the Indians as above mentioned.
6. He never received any discharge or any compensation for his services.
7. That the names of the persons who will testify to his veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are \_\_\_\_

He further states that he lives about 18 miles from the seat of Justice of Dearborn County and that he is not acquainted with any clergyman whom he can procure to testify for him.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the 24th of September 1833

S/ James Dill, Clk.

S/ George Mason, X his mark

[James Dill, Philip Mason & Thomas Porter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Fayette County Pennsylvania SS

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in & for said County Jacob Lawrence who being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith. That he the deponent and George Mason now of Dearborn County Indiana volunteered together in Captain Cats Company of Pennsylvania Militia – That they were together in the engagement with the Indians near where Lawrenceburg now stands. That they were taken prisoners together were together during the whole period of their bondage, and released together or at the same time. That this deponent knows that George Mason was in the service & a prisoner for eighteen months viz. from the about the first July 1781 to first January 1783 as he was with him the whole of that time, and further saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before James Lindsay May 29, 1833

S/ Jacob Lawrence, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year and 6 months service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia.]