

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Mapes S34421

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[The penmanship in the following is poor.]

To the Secretary of War

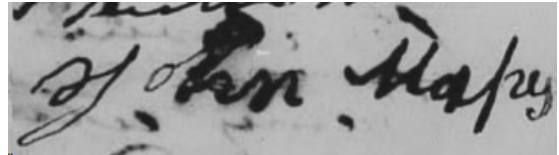
State of New Jersey

Gloucester County Ss

Personally appeared before me John Heith one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas & justice of the peace in & for the county aforesd John Mapes and being duly affirmed & saith that he was born in the County & State aforesad. That he is about Sixty eight years of age and that his residence has always been in the county aforesid. that he was frequently out in the Militia in the Revolutionary War & while in the five months service in the State of New Jersey he inlisted into Lee's Legion of Light Dragoons in the Spring of Seventy nine in the State of New Jersey. And that he remained in the service against the Common Enemy util Peace was made & received his discharged from the South Carolina in Seventeen hundred & eighty three. He then returned to his Native state and was refered to James Hane as paymaster for the [undeciphered word] who were enlisted in the State for his pay due, which was about three years services – the has called on the paymaster for his pay from tim to time but was still put by; and finally the paymaster left the State & this deponent lost his pay due him. That he never received any other discharged only a Furlow in South Carolina after peace was made which is lost & worn out that he never received any land promised on their enlistment that he has at this time no other evidence of his sevices. That his circumstanes are such that he needs the assistance of his Country

further this deponent saith not

Taken & subscribed & affirmed before me this twenty third[?] day of March eighteen hundred & eighteen

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Mapes". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and dense.

District of New Jersey, ss.

On this third day of July, 1820, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, of the county of Gloucester, in the state of New Jersey, being a court of record, proceeding according to the course of the Common Law—having jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping records of its proceedings. John Mapes aged seventy one years, resident in Gloucester Township in said County, who, being first duly affirmed according to law, doth, on his affirmation declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: in the Company, or first Troop of Lees Horse, or light Dragoons Commanded by Captain Henry Paten [sic: Henry Peyton VAS238], (Called Major Lee's Choir of Horse [see endnote],) afterwards he had the command as Colonel [sic: Major], I do not know the line.

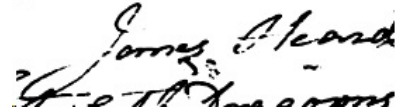
Upon a declaration made on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1818 on Oath I obtained a pension Certificate Numbered 8902

And I do solemnly affirm that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. to wit. two waggons, two horses one Colt \$70.00 two Cows \$30.00 three heiffers 3 calves \$26.00, one sow & pigs 3 Shoats \$11.00. two plows 2 harrows \$7.00 – Ten acres of Rye growing \$30.00, one hoe & ax \$1.00 Household goods \$4.00 amounting to \$179.00 — I have no debts due me — I am indebted to sundry persons in the sum of

\$269.90. I am by occupation a Wheelright, but unable to support myself at that employment and not able to do more than a half days work at any business. My family consists of a Wife, Mary Mapes aged 58 years, John Mapes Jun'r aged 18 years & Hannah Conner aged 11 years the capacity of my wife is not sufficient to Contribute to my support, or her own John Mapes affirmed the third day of July AD 1820

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I Certify that John Mapes inlisted in the Legion commanded by Lt Colo Hen[ry] Lee in the year of seventeen hundred & seventy eight as a Dragoon & continu[ed] to serve as such untill the conclusi[on] of the revolutionary war. James Heard [pension application S540] March 30<sup>th</sup> 1821 Late Capt Dragoons in Lees Legion

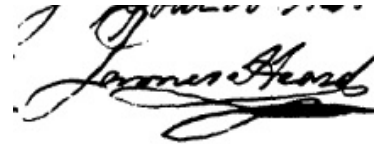


[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as John Mapes or Maypes.]

Princeton Febru'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1821

Sir [Mr John Mapes, near Haddonfield NJ]/ If you have not receiv'd your land warrant, from Virginia, you had better write to Major Pryor of Richmond to know the cause of its not issuing. Mr James Cooper [James B. Cooper S47185] will aid you on the occasion. I have done every thing in my power to obtain it for you.

I am  
Sir your ob't se't  
James Heard



Rhaway [sic: Rahway NJ] June 13<sup>th</sup> 1821

Mr John Mapes/ Sir/

I receiv'd a letter under date 2<sup>d</sup> inst. from General Bloomfield, informing me that you call'd on him at Burlington, & requested him to write to me on the subject of your Bounty land due you from Virginia. I enclosed my certificate stating your services in the Revolutionary war to you about two months ago which I presume you forwarded to Richmond in order to obtain your Warrant – it seems from a letter which I lately receiv'd from Virginia that the present Executive, have rejected a number of claims lately – Viz. William Fulkerson [S34362]. Jacob Gideon [S13144] &c &c for what reason I am unacquainted. Those men as well as yourself are as much intitled to land as those who have receiv'd it – however I shall write to the Governor of Virginia shortly to know the cause of those claims being rejected and will inform you of the result.

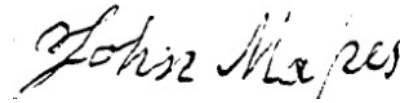
I am/ Sir respect'ly/ your Svt

[signature cut off in online image, but handwriting is that of James Heard]

State of New Jersey }  
County of Gloucester Ss. }

I John Mapes, (or Maypes) aged Eighty years do upon solemn affirmation testify and declare, that in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eighty, I enlisted for the term of “during the war” and served in the Regiment No. [blank] under the command of Colonel Lee of the Virginia Line, and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, when I was regularly discharged from the said Regiment, commanded by Colonel Lee. I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the State of Virginia nor have I ever assigned or transferred

my claim in any manner whatsoever. [Power of attorney to Col. Joseph Watson follows.]  
[Certified 15 July 1830]



State of New Jersey }  
Gloucester County Ss }

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1830 before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Gloucester. Personally came James B Cooper, who being duly affirmed according to Law; upon his solemn affirmation saith, that he is a Commissioned Officer in the Navy of the United States. and served in Lee's Legion of the Virginia Line during the Revolutionary War. And was personally acquainted with John Mapes, a Soldier in the first troop of said Legion, who served until the Peace of 1783 and was regularly discharged in the State of South Carolina at the close of the war. And this affirmant further states that after the War he this affirmant finding that a number of persons were of the name of James Cooper, he this affirmant assumed the letter B. in the middle of his name for a distinction. And that he has ever since been known, called, & distinguished by the name of James B. Cooper



War Department/ Bounty Land Office/ June 13<sup>th</sup> 1831

I certify that, it appears from the Records in this office, that Land Warrant No. 13.529 for 100 Acres issued on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 1792 in the name of John Mapes, for his services as a Private in Lees Legion in the War of the Revolution

Wm. Gordon First Clerk

NOTE: Horses in Lee's Legion are not reputed to have been able to sing. "Corps" was probably intended rather than "Choir."