

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Maxwell S34972

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William Maxwell a citizen of the United States and now residing in Cecil County in the State of Maryland doth declare that he enlisted in the War of the Revolution in the month of March or April 1776 for the remainder of that year under Captain Joseph Stedham of the Delaware regiment Colonel John Heslett [John Haslett or Hazlett] and remained accordingly a common Soldier for the remainder of said year; In the month of February 1777 he enlisted for three years or during the War under Captain Enoch Anderson Colonel David Hall and remained in the service an orderly Sergeant until the 3rd day of November 1783 at which time he was regularly discharged and that he is now a cripple and not able to obtain a livelihood.

The State of Maryland Cecil County, April Term

Then came into open Court William Maxwell and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the several facts and circumstances stated in the afore Declaration are true.
April 9th 1818

Sworn to in Open Court

Test S/ James Sewall, Clk.

We Peter Jaquett,¹ Caleb P. Bennett² and Edward Roche³ all of the County of New Castle in the State of Delaware formally commissioned Officers of the Delaware regiment in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War: –

Do hereby Certify, That we are personally well acquainted with William Maxwell of Cecil County Maryland who is now an applicant for a Pension – and that he the said William Maxwell did serve in the said Delaware Regiment to our certain knowledge as a Corporal, and as a Sergeant in the said Regiment from the spring of the year 1777 until the conclusion of the said War: and that he was a brave, orderly, active and useful Officer in his Station: and further we verily believe that he is deserving of the Pension.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands at Wilmington in the State of Delaware the 2nd day of September A.D. 1818.

S/ P. Jacquett late Capt.

S/ C. P. Bennett

S/ Edw Roche

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² [Caleb P. Bennett S35779](#)

³ [Edward Roche S36257](#)

P. Jaquett late Capt.
C. P. Bennett
Edw. Roche

State of Delaware New Castle County

Before me John Way one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the State aforesaid personally came on this 14 day of September A.D. 1818 Peter Jaquett, Caleb P Bennett and Edward Roche (all of the County of New Castle aforesaid formally commissioned Officers of the Delaware Regiment in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War) persons by me well known and worthy of Faith and Credit. And they said Peter Jaquett, Caleb P Bennett and Edward Roche on their several oaths by me duly administered do severally depose and say. That they were personally well acquainted with William Maxwell of Cecil County, Maryland: who is now an applicant for a Pension. That to their certain knowledge he the said William Maxwell did serve in the Delaware Regiment in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War as a Corporal and Sergeant in the said Regiment from the spring of 1777 to the end of the War. That he the said William Maxwell was a brave, orderly, intelligent and useful Officer in his station. That he is now and has been for some time past a Cripple and cannot move but with the assistance of Crutches: And we do verily believe that he is truly deserving, and in need of the Pension.

S/ P. Jaquett
S/ C. P. Bennett
S/ Edw. Roche

Maryland Cecil County: SS

On this 11th day of September 1820 Personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record proceeding according to the course of common Law with unlimited Jurisdiction in point of amount for the said County William Maxwell aged Sixty-five years resident in said County and State who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: that he enlisted in the Delaware regiment in the Spring of the year 1776 in Captain Joseph Stedham's company Colonel John Heslett and served during the remainder of that year: in February 1777 he reenlisted in the Delaware Regiment in Captain Enoch Anderson's Company Colonel David Hall and continued in the Delaware Regiment from that time until the end of the Revolutionary War when on the 3rd of November 1783 he was regularly Discharged at New Castle Delaware: five years the latter part of the time last above mentioned he served in the capacity of Sergeant; that he has lost the certificate of discharge which was given him on the 3rd of November 1783; that he was in the Battles of Long Island [August 27, 1776], White Plains [October 28, 1776], Trenton [December 26, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Second Battle of Cambden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781], and cannonading of New Brunswick and a number of skirmishes, that at the April court of 1818 he made oath to a

declaration to the foregoing effect and obtained a pension thereupon. The Certificate of which is numbered 7370. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 18th 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

Sworn to in open court

S/ James Sewall, Clk.

Schedule of the property of William Maxwell

2 Horses	1 dung fork	8 plates
11 cows	1 ax	2 potracks
3 young Cattle	1 Mane Medges [?]	2 old Chests
15 sheep	2 old tables	1 Hogshead
3 hogs	6 chairs	2 cyder Barrels
1 old Cart	1 chest of drawers	1 wash tub
1 plow & plow Gears	1 set of teacups & saucers	2 Buckets
1 Harrow	2 pots	3 clocks
2 Spades	1 bake Oven	2 milk Pans
2 shovels	1 Griddle	1 old cupboard
2 Mattocks	1 frying pan	1 Tea kettle
3 hoes	1 fire shovel & tongs	2 pair pot hooks
1 Hay fork	1 set knives & forks	\$200

That I have been [a] laborer, but by reason of infirmity am unable to support my wife and family having a son named Allen aged 19 years and a daughter named Jane aged 15 years the age of my wife is about Sixty years, the debts owing to me well about balance those I owe; I have been a cripple on crutches four years and upwards and do not expect to be restored to the use of my limbs.

S/ William Maxwell

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 9th, 1818, for service as a private for 6 years in the Delaware Continental line.]