

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Masters S36057

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District of Indiana } Sct

Be it remembered that on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1819 before me one of the associate Judges for the County of Franklin state of Indiana personally appeared John Masters a resident of the County aforesaid aged 69 years who being duly sworn according to law made oath. That during the war of the Revolution against Great Britain sometime he believes in the year 1780 he entered into the service of the united states in the Company of Infantry commanded by Capt Lovely [William Lewis Lovely] called Eighteen months men in the state of Virginia. That he marched in said Company to the County of Chesterfield state last afors'd and joined the corps under the command of Col. Davis [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500]. that he marched from that place to North Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hawes [Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450] of the Virginia Line and joined the Regiment under Col. Green [John Green BLWt866-500], the whole under the commanded of Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. That he was in the Battles of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781], the Siege of Ninety-Six [SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] the Battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] that he continued in the regular service of his Country against the common enemy until the winter of 1782 when his time of service having expired he was honorably discharged That he has lost his discharge and hath not now the means of proving its contents, nor the manner nor time of his serving. That he has never received any pay for his said services and is now in reduced circumstances and requires the assistance of his country for support

John hisXmark Masters

State of Indiana Franklin County SS      Franklin Circuit court on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our lord Eighteen hundred & twenty personally appeared in open court being a court of record within and for the county of Franklin and state of Indiana John Masters aged sixty one years resident in said county of Franklin who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war in the company successively commanded by Captains Lovely (Lieutenant Sildan) William Coward [see endnote] in the third regiment of the Virginia line Colonels Green and Hawes Major Snead [Smith Snead BLWt2056-400] and who is inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Indiana agency at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1819 as per certificate numbered (15.006) & dated 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1819 And I John Masters do solemnly swear 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 person 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 John Master his mark.... here follows his property one horse worth sixty dollars one cow worth fifteen Dollars one sucking calf worth Two dollars Sixteen large & small hogs twenty dollars Two old ploughs two dollars Two axes three dollars one sett knives & forks, much worn seventy five cents four old chaires two dollars one d[itt]o Table Two dollars one set of cups & sausers one dollar one set of plates one dollar amounting in the whole to one hundred and eight dollars and seventy five cents I am a farmer by occupation but not well able to pursue it being old and infirm & having had my left sholder fractured by a fall my wife & one son lives with me She is upwards sixty five years old & he is twenty one years old

John Masters his mark

The State of Indiana }  
Franklin County } SS: Be it remembered that on the seventh day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty three, before me Henry Jenkinson a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally came John Masters a Revolutionary Soldier and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that some time about the years one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight or nine that he this said deponant did Inlist in the serves of the United States under the command of Captain Lovely near Petersburge [sic: Petersburg] in Virgini, and afterwards he was transferred under the command of Captain Wilson of the third regiment of the Virgini Lines which was commanded by Cor's. Green and Haws, who was commanded by Gen'l. Green; and this deponant saith that at the battle of Utaw Springs that Capt Wilson was killed [see endnote], after which Capt. Coward took command of said company, and at the close of war that he this said deponant received his Discharge from Major Sneed; & this deponant further saith that at the time he entered the serves of the United States that he was promised one hundred & sixty acers of Land, which Land he has never received nor no vouchers to procure said land and pursuant to an act of Congress approved March first one thousand eight hundred and twenty three he this said deponent believes he is entitled to a warrant to secure said Land in Military Lands lying between the Little Miami River & the Scioto River [in Ohio] there to be located as other Continettal rights are, and further saith not. Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year first above written.

John hisXmark Masters

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The State of Indiana } SS  
Franklin County } Be it remembered that on the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1824 before me Henry Jenkinson a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid Personally appeared John Masters, a Revolutionary Soldier and being duly Sworn according to law Deposeth and saith that in and about three years Pryor to the Close of the Revolutionary war he this said deponant Inlisted into the service of the United States for the term of three years in the State of Virginia under the Command of Captain Lovely in the Third Virginia Regiment Commanded by Coronal Green and that he was transfered from Capt Lovelys Company under Captain Wilson who was killed in the Battle of the Utaw Springs after which this Deponant was Commanded by Capt Coward under whom he served untill he recived his Discharge by Major Sneed soon after the Close of the war And this Deponant further Saith that at the time of his Enlistment he was promised a tract of Land which he this said Deponant has never Receivd and further this Deponant saith not Sworn and Subscribed to before me the Day and date first above written

John hisXmark Masters

NOTES:

I could find no record of a Capt. William Coward or William Cowherd. Nor is there a record of a Capt. Wilson killed at the Battle of Eutaw Springs.

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse includes the following: Jn'o. Masters/ age 19/ height 5 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>/ planter/ born and residing in Prince William County/ light hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

In [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) is a power of attorney by John Masters dated 16 June 1825.