

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Mayfield S36692

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State of Indiana Knox County Sct.

Be it remembered that on this 7th day of January 1828 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County of Knox Micajah Mayfield now of Sullivan County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, That sometime in the month of January 1779 he enlisted as a soldier in the State of Virginia and he understood that it was the first Virginia Regiment. That the spring following he was moved under the command of Colonel John Montgomery to what was then called the Illinois Country, and remained there in service until the summer 1780 when he removed to Fort Jefferson on the Mississippi [River] where he remained until the 8th of June 1781 when he ascended the Ohio [River] under the command of Captain George to Louisville where he remained in the service under the command of Major Wails until he was lawfully discharged sometime in the month of March 1783 which discharge he has long since lost, This deponent further states that he is now in his 80th year and so infirm that he is unable to procure a comfortable living that he is nearly Blind and has for several years been entirely dependent on the Liberality of his friends who are not in affluent circumstances, he therefore hopes and prays the bounty of the Government may be extended to him and that he may be placed on the pension list as early as practicable, he should have applied earlier but from his remote and private situation he was ignorant of the proffered bounty of the Government.

Signed acknowledged and sworn to before me this 7th day of January 1828

S/ Joseph Chambers, JP

S/ Micajah Mayfield, X his mark

Commonwealth of Kentucky Shelby County Sct.

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of December 1827 – Major Bland W Ballard¹ a citizen of this County personally appeared and made oath before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the said County and Commonwealth that he knows Cage Mayfield of Green County Indiana; that he knew said Mayfield as a soldier in the year 1780, 1781 and 1782. That said Mayfield had enlisted in the service before this affiant knew him, he does not now recollect the name of said Mayfield's Captain, but he well recollects that he said Mayfield was in the Battalion at the falls of the Ohio in the years aforesaid commanded by Major Wails, under the command of General Clarke [George Rogers Clark]. That after Mayfield served faithfully as a soldier, a private, to the end of the war, and this Affiant was present when he was discharged at Louisville, by the order of General Clarke which discharge the said Mayfield says he has lost. Said Mayfield is old infirm and blind, and very poor, and will be greatly benefited by the aid of

¹ [Bland W. Ballard W20655](#)

the Government of the United States.

S/ Bland W Ballard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bland W Ballard". The signature is written in black ink on a white background and is underlined with a thick, dark horizontal line.

State of Indiana Sullivan County: SS

Be it known that before me James Love a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Micajah Mayfield and made oath in due form of law, that he is the identical Micajah Mayfield named in an act passed by the first session of the 21st Congress for the relief of sundry Revolutionary and other officers and soldiers and for other purposes, approved May 20th 1830, that he is entitled to a pension of \$8 per month on account of wounds and disabilities received or of services rendered to the United States during the Revolutionary War. That he enlisted sometime in the year 1779 under Jesse Evans Captain, John Montgomery Colonel, George R Clark General, and served under Captain Evans one year, then enlisted a second time for three years, but served three years & six [?] months, a part of said time under Captain Richard Brashears, sometime under Captain George of the artillery, and some time under Captain Holmes, and was discharged in the year 1783 under Major Wales, or Major Crittenden, at or near what is now known as Louisville Kentucky, as a private in the first Virginia Regiment, That he presented his claim to Congress in 1828 through Colonel Thomas H Blake who was then the member of Congress from this district, That he now resides in Sullivan County State aforesaid and has resided in said County and State about 9 years previous to which he resided in the state of Kentucky.

S/ Micajah Mayfield, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the 5th day of January 1831 before me
S/ James Love, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January one 1828, for service as a private for 4 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

To the Honorable the Executive &c of the State of Virginia

The undersigned would respectfully represent to You the following material facts, upon which he rests the present application which he is now making for a Land bounty under the Laws of Virginia. In the Year seventeen hundred and seventy nine, he was enlisted on New River in Virginia, to serve in the first Virginia Regiment, for one year under Captain Jesse Evans [S15826], which Term of Service he filled. immediately after its expiration he again enlisted under Captain Nichola Beshiers and served untill in March seventeen hundred and eighty three, under General Rodgers Clark when he was discharged at Louisville Kentucky, by Major Walls, during these Terms of service he served entirely in the Western Country. Since his discharge at Louisville untill the year 1821 he has lived in Kentucky and from 1821 to the present Time for sixteen years he has resided in Sullivan County Indiana. That he is now ninety four years old and very infirm. That he knows of no Revolutionary Soldier or Officer who is acquainted with any of his services during the Revolution except Major Bland Ballard of the County of Shelby in Kentucky and that on account of his infirmities he is unable to procure his Testimony. There is also evidence of his services upon Record in the public offices of Virginia to which he would respectfully refer you – he would further state that he has never transferred any claim whatever that he has had upon the State of Virginia for Land which is due him for his services during the Revolutionary War, to any person whatsoever – he therefore prays you that you order a Warrant to be issued by the Secretary of State of Virginia for the Land bounty which your Laws authorize him to receive and your Petitioner &c
[9 Sep 1837] Micajah hisXmark Mayfield

NOTE: Commissioner John H. Smith on 20 Aug 1835 summarized Mayfield's claim for the Governor of Virginia, concluding as follows: "He enlisted, before the 1st day of April 1781, for the war, and serv'd to the end of it; and, therefore, should be allow'd 200 acres of land in addition to the 100 acres already receiv'd."