

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Mason S38172

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Original Claim

Declaration, in order to be placed on the pension list, under the act of the 18th March, 1818 County of Lunenburg State of Virginia, to wit, on this 9th Day of May 1825, personally appeared in open court, (being a Court of record for the County of Lunenburg aforesaid) Peter Mason resident in said County aged sixty-eight years, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820: that he, the said Peter Mason enlisted for the term of 12 months on the __ day of __ in the year 1776, in the State of Virginia, Prince Edward County, in the company commanded by Captain George Handley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jos. Harbarham [sic, Joseph Habersham] in the line of the State of Georgia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 6th the summer 1777 when he was discharged from the service, in Savannah in the State of Georgia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension: that he held an estate for the life of his wife, who has died in the last 12 months whereby he is entirely deprived of that resource – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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. That, since the 18th of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property that as above said, I have lost the Estate for the life of my wife, which I then held -- & that all the property I now have it is the clothes I wear. Sworn to, and declared, on the 9th day of May 1825 in presence of the Court

S/ Wm H. Taylor, Clerk

By Colonel Joseph Habersham, of the first Battalion of Continental Troops of Georgia, in the Service of the United States of America

These are to certify, That the Bearer hereof, Peter Mason a private soldier, has served in the above Regiment, and in Captain George Handley's Company, for the space of 12 months, for which term he enlisted, and is hereby discharged from the said Regiment, he having received his

Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other just Demands, from the Time of his enlisting in the said Regiment, to the Day of his Discharge, as appears by his Receipt on the back hereof.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the Battalion at Savannah, this 6th day of September 1777

To

All whom it concerns.

S/ Jos. Habersham

By Colonel JOSEPH HABERSHAM, of the First Battalion of Continental Troops of Georgia, in the Service of the United States of America.

That the Bearer hereof, *John Mason* a *Private* in the above Regiment, and in Captain *Mason's* Company, for the Space of *12* Months, for which Term he enlisted, and is hereby discharged from the said Regiment; he having received his Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other just Demands, from the Time of his enlisting in the said Regiment, to this Day of his Discharge, as appears by his Receipt on the Back hereof.

GIVEN under my Hand, and the Seal of the Battalion, at Savannah, this *Sixth* Day of *Sept* 1777

To
All whom it concerns.

J. Habersham

[reverse]

I do acknowledge to have received all my Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other just Demands, from the Day of my enlisting in the said Regiment, to the Day of my Discharge.

S/ Peter Mason

I do acknowledge to have received all my Pay, Arrears of Pay, Clothing, and all other just Demands, from the Day of my enlisting into the said Regiment, to this Day of my Discharge.

Peter Mason

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 9, 1825, for service as a private for one year in the Georgia Continental line.]