

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Mansfield S38182

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State of Virginia, to wit

At a Quarterly Court continued and held for the County of Orange at the Courthouse, on Wednesday the 27th of May, 1818 George Mansfield, aged fifty-nine years, and a resident of said County, appeared in court, this 27th day of May 1818 and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension allowed by the late 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."

That he the said George Mansfield enlisted as a soldier early in the spring of the year 1781, in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment; in the company commanded by Captain James Gunn of the State of Virginia; that he served in the said Regiment until it was disbanded in 1783; that he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and Camden [very likely the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781, also known as the 2nd battle of Camden]; and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Whereupon it is ordered to be certified, that the Court is satisfied that the said George Mansfield did serve in the revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy; And that a copy of the said declaration together with an affidavit of Henry Bowyer, sworn to before Thomas N. Burwell, a justice of the peace of the County of old tort, and dated on the 27th day of April 1818, now produced in Court by the said George Mansfield, the transmitted to the Secretary for the Department of War; pursuant to the directions of the before mentioned Act of Congress.

[Attested by Reynolds Chapman, clerk of the court]

Botetourt County, to wit,

This day came before me Thomas N Burwell a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid Henry Bowyer;¹ who being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, saith that he was Lieutenant & Adjutant in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment in the Army of the Revolution, that George Mansfield enlisted as a private in said Regiment early in the spring of the year 1781 (as well as this affiant now recollects) to serve during the then war with Great Britain and that the said George Mansfield continued in that Service until the Regiment was disbanded in the year 1783, this affiant further says that his memory is refreshed by a Certificate by him given to said Mansfield to the effect aforesaid in September 1794 which certificate is now before him.

S/ H. Bowyer

¹ [Henry Bowyer W5859](#)



State of Virginia: SS

At a quarterly court continued and held for the County of Orange at the courthouse on Tuesday the 29th of August 1820,

On this 29th day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record (being so made by the Constitution and laws of the State) for the said County George Mansfield, age sixty-one years, resident in the said County, 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 as a soldier early in the spring of the year 1781, in the first Regiment of Light Dragoons, on Continental establishment, in the company commanded by Captain James Gunn, of the State of Virginia, that he served in the said Regiment until it was disbanded in the year 1783; that he was in the battles of Guilford Courthouse, and Camden – as set forth in the declaration made before the County Court of Orange on the 27th day of May in the year 1818 – That he received a pension certificate which is numbered 6810. And 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.

Schedule of property belonging to George of Mansfield.

Two empty flour barrels and 3 stone Judgs [Jugs?] and one half bushel measure.

Signed George Mansfield, X his mark

I am by occupation a tailor but have not been able for many years to pursue it in consequence of an injury received in my eyes, whilst I was in service. I have no family.

Sworn to and declared on the 29th day of August 1820, before the County Court of Orange being a court of record.

Attested by Reynolds Chapman, clerk of court]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Dragoons.]

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

[Note: Image of what appears to be a partial certificate dated May 19 1785 signed by William Barrett, formerly a Captain in Baylor's Dragoons in which he states that Mansfield enlisted for the war 20th March 1781 [if so, then Mansfield would not have been in the service at the time at the battle of Guilford] and served until the mutiny² in May 1783.

² See note posted in [William Daingerfield \(Dangerfield\) VAS256](#)

Mr. Barrett
Bayless
May 15th 1785