

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Maxey Stewart S38407

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State of Virginia County of Norfolk to with

At a Court held for the said County of Norfolk the 18th day of May 1818 Maxey Stewart a resident of the County of Norfolk and a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia this day made a declaration on oath in open Court that he enlisted in the Continental Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier under Captain Wm Hoffler [William Hoffler] in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in General __ Muhlenberg's [Peter Muhlenberg] brigade in the year 1777 and that I continued in the service for three years when the Regiment was discharged, which declaration claim confirmed by the oath of Major Wm Hoffler by whom he was enlisted & under whom he served the Court doth order the same to be Certified to the Secretary of War.

The said Maxey Stewart also made oath that his discharge has been lost and cannot now be produced, and further that from his reduced circumstances he is now actually in need of the assistance offered to the Soldiers & Seaman of the Revolutionary Army.

And at a Court held for the same County of Norfolk the 17th day of August 1818.

The Court doth certify that Maxey Stewart who hath heretofore made a declaration of his having served in the Revolutionary War and of his being in need of a pension, & aged, infirm, very indigent & in need of such pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of my office to be affixed on this 25th day of August 1818 and in the 43rd year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Wm Watson, C. N. C.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 18, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection of documents relating to bounty land claims contains documents relating to this veteran. One such document appears to be a very compromised summary by William Watson, clerk of the Norfolk County court of the testimony above set forth. Another document reads as follows:

I am well acquainted with the above named Max Stewart and do certify that he was a Soldier in the State line of the Revolutionary War.

S/ John Patterson
Feb 24, 1824

I am well acquainted with the above named Max Stewart and do hereby certify that he was a ^{soldier} ~~landowner~~ in the State service of the Revolutionary War.

Wm Hoffer
Feb. 24. 1824

Another document indexed in the Virginia State Library files relating to bounty land claims and indexed under the name "Marks Stewart" but which I believe relates to Maxey Stewart reads as follows:

I do hereby certify that Marks Stewart a soldier in the first Virginia State Regiment enlisted the first day of March 1777 for the term of three years which term he faithfully served. Given under my hand this 11th of March 1783.

S/ Wm Hoffer Capt.

? Cap Hoffer

I do hereby certify that Marks Stewart a soldier in the first Virginia State Regiment enlisted the first day of March 1777 for the term of three years which term he faithfully served. Given under my hand this 11th March 1783.

Wm Hoffer (Signature)

Asst Cap Hoffer