

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Mason S4181

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State of Tennessee Knox County: Circuit Court for said County at August Sessions 1832

On this 22nd of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Circuit Court of Knox County now sitting Edward Mason a resident of said County and State, aged between eighty and ninety years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That sometime in the spring of 1780 as he now believes he was drafted in Wythe County Virginia as a private for a tour of three months for the purpose of aiding in the defense of Charleston which was at that time the siege to by the British Army – he states that he was enrolled at Fort Chisel [Ft. Chiswell] in said Wythe County in a company commanded by Captain __ Campbell, his other officers he does not now recollect – Applicant states that he marched from Fort Chisel and crossed New River at Harbands ferry, and continued on to the Moravian towns in North Carolina – here intelligence was received that Charleston had surrendered to the British and applicant together with the whole force which had rendezvoused at Fort Chisel were discharged and returned home. Applicant states that two months of the time for which he had been drafted had expired at the time when he was discharged – Applicant states that Colonel William Campbell had the command of the Regiment in which he enrolled, and believes he had the supreme command from Fort Chisel to the Moravian towns. Applicant states that sometime during the next fall he was again called out in Wythe County Virginia by Colonel Campbell for the purpose of marching across the mountains against the British and Tories. Applicant states that he believes Isaac Campbell was his Captain, and that the whole Army was under the command of Colonel Campbell – his Regiment marched for several days towards the enemy, when upon hearing that the British and Tories were encamped at Kings Mountain, Colonel Campbell ordered a portion of his light troops to advance by a forced march to attack the enemy – Applicant states that himself and Company were left behind with orders to pursue as fast as practicable. Applicant states that he did not reach Kings Mountain but that the battle there had been fought, and he with the men who were with him were met by the main Army when they were returning from the battle. Applicant states that after the battle he took a tour around through the Country for the purpose of suppressing the Tories until the three months for which he had been called out had expired, when he returned home – Applicant states that sometime after this campaign how long he does not recollect he was drafted as a private in a company commanded by Captain William Love, which company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Cloyd [Joseph Cloyd] – that he rendezvoused at Harbands ferry on New River in Wythe County Virginia – that he entered the service for a tour of three months, and marched under the said Colonel across to the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin [River] where they came up with a party of Tories, gave them battle [October 14, 1780] and dispersed them – Applicant states that

after this affair his Regiment scouted about through the Country hunting for the Tories for some time when they were marched to the Moravian towns North Carolina where they were discharged the three months for which they had been drafted having expired – Applicant states that in the battle of the Shallow Ford, a Mr. Francis [Capt. Henry Francis] who was with the American Army was killed. Applicant states that he has served eight months as a private in the American Army of the Revolutionary war viz. two tours of three months each and a tour of two months as above stated, besides some short excursions with a scouting party – Applicant states that he was born in England and came to America when he was but fifteen years old – that he was sold out to pay his passage and was bought by the widow of Archibald Rhea of Augusta County Virginia at Santon [Staunton] Va with whom he lived four years, part of which he lived in Augusta County Virginia and part in Wythe County Virginia where he was married and continued to live during the whole of the Revolutionary War and for several years after, when he moved to Knox County Tennessee into the same neighborhood where he has lived ever since and where he now lives – Applicant states that he has no record of his age, but he believes from information derived from his parents that he is nearly 90 years old – Applicant states that his impression now is that he received a written discharge for each of his tours of duty, but believing that they would never be of any service to him, he took no care of them and they have been lost – he states positively that he has not at this time any of said discharges, nor any documentary evidence whatever of his service – he further states that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – Applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Edward Mason, X his mark

[Michael Davis and John Brown 2 justices of the peace for Knox County Tennessee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Knox County: Personally appeared before me Zac Boothe an acting Justice of the Peace for said County Edward Mason a citizen of said County aged between 80 and 90 years who having been sworn doth on his oath make the following additional or amendatory declaration in order to obtain the provision of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – That he served in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war as a private, as stated in his former and foregoing declaration, 8 months for which he claims a pension – he states that the reason why he did not procure the certificate of a clergyman to his former declaration was that there was and now is no resident clergyman in his neighborhood. He states that the individuals to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and to the reputation of of the neighborhood in relation to his services in the Revolutionary war are Michael Davis, John Brown, Zachariah Haynes, John Doyle and others.

S/ Edward Mason, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]