

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Humphery Majors

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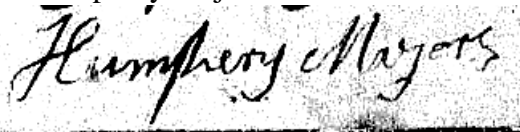
Virginia Madison County SS

On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Madison now sitting Humphrey Majors a resident of Madison County Virginia aged Seventy-five 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the month of February the date has escaped my memory but is [it] was either in 1776, 77 or 78 I was drafted for a Tour of two months or three my memory fails to say which from the County of Culpeper Virginia (now Madison) where I then resided and still reside, I was attached to a company commanded by Captain William Staunton the Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Thornton. I march[ed] from Culpeper to the Town of Falmouth Virginia where the Troops were stationed for the purpose of having an eye to the movements of the enemy on the Rappahannock and Potomac rivers. I was engaged during this Tour in various reconnoitering services. In the fall of the same year that I served the above Tour I was again drafted from the County I resided in when first drafted for a tour of Two months the Company to which I was attached was commanded by Captain Reub [Reubin?] Beale [?] the Regiment commanded by Colonel Edmunds, I marched to the tide water Country in Virginia and as low down as Williamsburg where the Troops with which I served was under the command of General Mathews. In the interim between the above first and second Tours I was detailed to assist in driving cattle from the County of Culpeper [to] the County of New Kent and Virginia. I was only one month on this duty, and was detailed by Captain Davenport for the purpose. In the year 1779 or 1780 I was again drafted for a Tour of two months from the County and State resided in when first drafted, The Company to which I was attached was Commanded by Captain John Bell the Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Slaughter, I was march[ed] again to the tide water Country in Virginia and the greater part of the time in the Counties of James City, Charles City and New Kent in Virginia keeping a look out on York River and James River. In the month of August 1781 I was again drafted from the County of Culpeper Virginia and attached to the Company Commanded by Captain Robert Pollard, the Regiment was under the Command of Colonel Alcock. I joined the American Troops under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and General Lafayette at Raccoon Ford in the County from which I was drafted, From the Raccoon Ford marched with the American Army under General Lafayette again to the tide water Country in the vicinity of Richmond Virginia. From the neighborhood of Richmond the Army marched to the vicinity of old Jamestown where I was engaged in a fearful rencounter with the enemy a part if not the whole force under Lord Cornwallis after sustaining my post long enough to have 5

deliberate fires with my Rifle we had to retreat with the loss of a good many. A short time after the above engagement and a little while before the commencement of the Siege of Yorktown, and at the time the militia from the upper Country were assembling I was detailed to assist in driving a large Drove of Cattle out of the reach of the enemy and in consequence of this service was not present at the Siege or surrender of Yorktown, At the latter end of my tour I was engaged in guarding the troops taken at York as far as Fredericksburg where I was discharged. The whole term of my service in the Militia in the above Tours was ten months, From all these tours I was honorably discharged and the discharge is long since lost, I have no knowledge of any person who can testify to all the different tours I served in the Militia, I here with enclosed the affidavit of James Clatterbuck and others who can testify to the greater part of my service, I was born in the County of Caroline Virginia in the year 1757. I have often seen the Register of my Birth it is now in the possession of my nephew William Majors of Culpeper, I have resided in the County of Madison ever since the year 1774 or 75, I refer to my neighbors Colonel Linn Banks William Finks, Angus Rucker and Churchill Gibbs – The two last surviving officers of the Revolution. He 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Humphery Majors



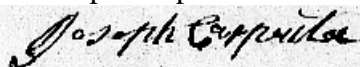
[John Klelher [?]¹, a clergyman, and Joseph Carpenter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]a

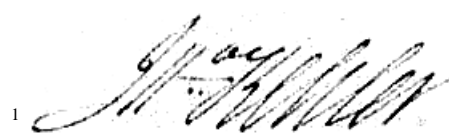
I James Clatterbuck² of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged Seventy-two years in May last, do hereby certify that to my knowledge Humphrey Majors of Madison County Virginia served 2 or 3 tours in the Militia I was myself a soldier at the same time and well remember him in the service, Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of September 1832.

S/ James Clatterbuck, X his mark

I Joseph Carpenter³ of the County of Madison and State of Virginia do hereby certify that in the war of the Revolution – and towards the end of it he was drafted 2 or 3 times in the Militia from the County of Culpeper Virginia. I take pleasure in saying that Humphrey Majors of the County of Madison was drafted several times and served in the militia from the County of Culpeper Virginia, I have been well acquainted with Mr. Majors before the war of the Revolution and ever since. He has resided in the County of Madison ever since I knew him, Given under my hand this 27th day of September 1832

S/ Joseph Carpenter





² [James Clatterbuck S9179](#)

³ There is no federal pension application for a veteran by this name claiming service in the Virginia militia. Consequently, this may be the only evidence of his service contained in the federal pension documents.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia militia.]