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Pension Application of Mackness Bowman S6691

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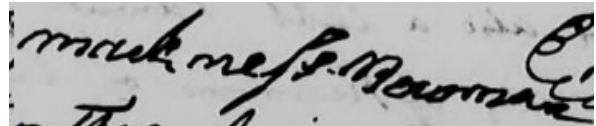
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State of Virginia and County of Chesterfield to wit

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the county court of Chesterfield Mackness Bowman a resident of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia aged seventy four years in November next who being duly sworn first, according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the State troops of the State of Virginia on the sixteenth day of August 1777 with Lieutenant Thomas Clay and served in the second state regiment of artillery commanded by Col Thomas Marshall [VAS494]. The field officers were Col Marshall, Major Declumer & major Mazaret [sic: John Mazarett R16059] and the company officers of the company to which he was attached were Capt Henry Quarles [R17253] of King William county in this state and Lieutenant Thomas Clay. There was a second Lieutenant that I have forgotten his name. Elias Edmonds [VAS2004] was the oldest captain in the regiments and Quarles was the second. Gideon Johnson [S38089] and [Thomas] Pollard, William Spiller, Saml Blackwell [Samuel Blackwell], Christ Roane [Christopher Roane X635], & Peter Wright were also captains. There was also a Capt Pannill [David Pennell VAS117]. He also deposes that he was discharged in the city of Richmond on the 22nd day August 1780 & that his captain at the time of the discharge at Richmond was William Spiller who marched them home. His discharge was signed by order of Col Elias Edmonds. John Mazaret Major. second Regmt Va State Artillery. He enlisted for one term of three years and served it out. He was a resident of the county of Chesterfield at the time of is enlistment and has resided in it ever since. He was at the battle at of Petersburg but not in the action [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781]. This was while he was in the militia with whom I served two tours of duty of two months each When first enlisting he was marched by Lieutenant Clay to Williamsburg and York and Hampton. While we were at York the British took Portsmouth and we were marched to Smithfield. In the Spring of the year 1780 we were marched from Williamsburg through Petersburg and crossed into North Carolina at Taylors ferry and went to Hillsborough and by Guildford [sic: Guilford] through Salisbury and within about forty or fifty miles of the hanging rock [Lancaster County SC]. We were at a place called Fifer & when we heard of Bufords defeat [Col. Abraham Buford's defeat at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] now at a place called Rocky river [Cabarrus County NC] and retreating to Hillsborough and there joined a body of troops commanded he thinks by De Kalb; General [William] Smallwood was there also. We then marched to some iron works at Deep river with the cannon and afterwards returned to Hillsborough with the field pieces, which we left there and came on home. He states that his Capt at the time he left Hillsborough was Thomas Clay who had become a Capt, but he was marched home by William Spiller.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

A close-up photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink. The signature is written on a light-colored, possibly aged, paper. The name 'Mackness Bowman' is clearly legible, though the ink is somewhat faded and the handwriting is somewhat slanted. There are some additional scribbles and lines around the signature, possibly indicating a date or other details, but they are not clearly legible.

NOTE: Jacob Flournoy (S8492) and Thomas Newby (S5812) certified Bowman's declaration. [Bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) include a copy of Mackness Bowman's discharge signed by John Mazarett, but the online image is too poor for transcription.