

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Hackney S6971

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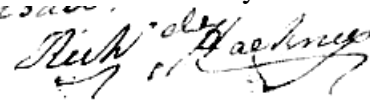
State of Virginia Fluvanna County: to wit

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November [1832] personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of the said County of Fluvanna now sitting Richard Hackney a resident of said County in the State of Virginia aged seventy-three 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the year 1777 & 1778 he resided in the County of Elizabeth City near the town of Hampton during these years he was often called into service as a militia man, upon every of parents of the British vessels in James River and sometimes he continued a week, sometimes two weeks & sometimes a month in service before he was discharged, the whole time which he spent in this kind of service was probably four months. From Elizabeth City he moved to the County of Caroline; & from that County in the fall of the year 1779 he marched as a militia man under the command of Captain John Tyler & served two months in & about Williamsburg & was there discharged. In the early part of the year he served as a militia man under the command of Captain Kelly for two months & was then employed in marching up & down the margins of James River watching the movements of the enemy & was discharged at Malvern Hills [Malvern Hills], during the same year he served another tour of two months under the command of \_\_\_ in & about the City of Richmond at the time that the British landed there & burn the tobacco warehouses in Manchester [April 30, 1781], he marched from the County of Caroline as a militia man under the command of Colonel Samuel Temple to Malvern Hills below the City of Richmond & there joined the Army under General Lafayette & marched to little York where he remained until after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], in which tour he served two months & was then discharged. During one of these tours he was at Williamsburg when Colonel Arnold [Benedict Arnold] landed at Burwell's ferry & as the British marched into the town he with the American Army marched out, the next morning he with a body of one hundred volunteers under the command of Major \_\_\_ Armistead made an attack on the British about daybreak & continued firing upon them for about two hours when Major Armistead's party retired. Colonel Mathews was the commanding officer at this time; Colonel Innis [James Innis] he thinks was however the principal commander. He has no documentary evidence of his service, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the

present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.  
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Richard Hackney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Hackney".

[George Rhodes<sup>1</sup> and John Napier gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the justices of the court of said County of Fluvanna now sitting Richard Hackney, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration supplemental to one heretofore made by him before the court, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November last, which upon being forwarded to the War Department of the United States has been returned for defects informed, proof &c which said declaration was made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. In addition to the facts therein contained he further states that he was born in 1759 in the County of Caroline – and State of Virginia, has no record of his age, and that if any was ever made, he is entirely ignorant, when and where it has been kept; that for the first four months of his service, which he now states positively to have been for that period of time, he was in the minute service under the command of Captain Mallory and was liable to be called out during the years 1777 & 1778, and that for the residue of his service through the years '79, '80 & '81, he was regularly drafted, and served until he was regularly discharged – the whole time for which he served being twelve months, unless he should be considered as in actual service, during the time, he was enrolled as a minute man, which would increase his service to a period of more than two years, during the time computed at twelve months, he was engaged in no civil pursuit whatsoever. During the whole of his terms of service, he was a private. In '79 Captain Tyler's company to which he belonged was under the command of Colonel Mathews, in the early part of '80 he was whilst in Captain Kelly's company under the command of Colonel Nelson, to the best of his recollection and belief; and the latter part of that year he was in a company commanded by Captain Stuart, and Colonel Temple and Major Armistead were field officers – one or the other certainly and probably both, according to the best of his recollection. During his service in 1781 he was a member of Captain Tyler's company, attached to the command of Colonel Temple as stated in first declaration. The length of time which has elapsed since these occurrences, and the expectation heretofore entertained that then minutia of the service could be of no importance prevents that accuracy which would otherwise a company this statement, together with the many terms of service through a period of nearly five years, all of which were under different officers and the loss of all papers connected with the service by this declarant. He has no documentary evidence of his services, and after inquiry he is confident that none can be obtained, from any living witness who can testify as to his services. He further states that he has known George Rhodes and John Napier of Fluvanna for a length of time. The first (who was a soldier of the revolution, and has been receiving a pension from the United States for several years) for something like [word written over and indecipherable] years and the latter about 50 years, who have lived in his neighborhood many years. 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

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<sup>1</sup> [George Rhodes S39041](#)

agency of any state – Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

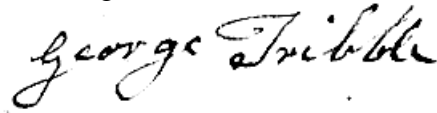
S/ Richard Hackney

[Bart G. Payne, Walker Timberlake, John Napier and George Rhodes gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I George Tribble of Spotsylvania County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Richard Hackney of the County of Fluvanna in the State aforesaid that we were raised boys in the same neighborhood in the County of Caroline and that we belonged to the same Militia Company during the revolutionary war which was commanded by Captain John Tyler and do further certify that the said Richard Hackney was called to serve a tour in the militia and marched from home but how long he remained in service I cannot recollect, say three months. Given under my hand the 27 day of November 1833

S/ George Tribble<sup>2</sup>

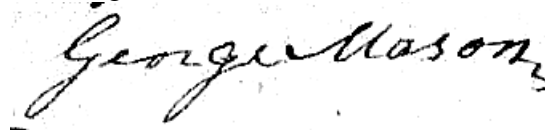


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I George Mason<sup>3</sup> of Caroline County and State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Richard Hackney in the time of the revolutionary war and lived in same neighborhood in the County of Caroline who at this time is resident of Fluvanna County and do further certify that as well as I recollect in the year 1779 we was called in the service under Captain John Tyler and marched to Williamsburg where we was stationed until General Arnold landed his force at Burwell's ferry on James River and came to Williamsburg as Arnold marched in we marched out and marched some small distance above Williamsburg next morning Major Thomas Armistead got leave of the Commanding officer to get out of the Regiment one hundred fifty volunteers and go back to Williamsburg to give Arnold a surprise and did so and I well recollect that Richard Hackney was one that marched with that party and returned to us that evening we then marched and crossed Pomonkee [Pamunkey River] at Rufins [Ruffin's] ferry and continued on to Richmond and continued there until after Arnold came to Manchester and burnt the tobacco and we were discharged from that Tour at Richmond and do not recollect being with Hackney only that Tour of six months.

Given under my hand this 30 November 1833

S/ George Mason



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"...was raised in the same neighborhood in the County of Caroline with Richard Hackney who is at this time a resident of Fluvanna: and do further certify that I knew of his being a resident of Hampton in 1777 and 1778 and that he returned to the County of Caroline where he was raised in 1779 and do further certify that the said Hackney was called in four tours three months each of

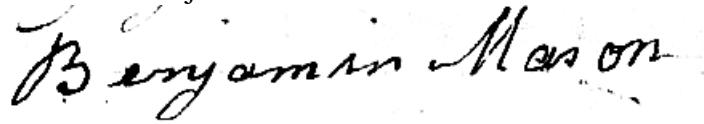
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<sup>2</sup> [George Tribble W27863](#)

<sup>3</sup> [George Mason R6995](#)

the militia service and marched from home and that one of the tours I marched with him which was at the siege of York we were separated Hackney on the York side: and I was stationed on the Gloucester side of the River. Given under my hand this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 1833

S/ Benjamin Mason

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Mason". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1836 personally appeared in open court before the court of Orange County now sitting being a court of record Richard Hackney a resident of said County and State of Virginia, aged 77 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 7 1832, That in the year 1833, being then a resident of the County of Fluvanna in the state aforesaid, he did before the court of that County make a declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the before recited act of Congress in which declaration certain services of his in the war of the Revolution were set forth and the same was forwarded to the War Department and upon consideration of which by that Department the applicant was placed upon the Pension Roll of the Agency of Virginia at the rate of forty dollars per annum. That subsequent to the making of the said declaration, after diligent search and inquiry he ascertained that some of his old fellow soldiers to wit, George Mason, Benjamin Mason and George Tribble [sic] were then living, by whom he could prove most of his services, that he sought them out at great trouble and labor to himself and obtained their affidavits which he forwarded to the War Department at Washington with the hope and expectation that upon their testimony his pension would be augmented, but in this he was disappointed – the regulations of the Department requiring that he should make a new declaration in open court and assert the whole claim. The said Richard Hackney therefore, in open court, on oath makes the following declaration in addition to his formal one, to which he refers upon file in the Department of War and which he hereby re declares – That from his advanced age and consequent natural decay of mine his recollection will not at this late period enable him to state with precision and in detail his services in the Revolutionary war, which at the time of making his former declaration were of omitted because of his want of perfect recollection and believing that he could not then obtain evidence to establish them – but after a conversation with the old soldiers before mentioned aided by his own reflections, he is now enabled to state in support of which he refers to the affidavits of the said George Mason, Benjamin Mason and George Tribble upon file in the War Department – That in March 1777 to the best of his recollection, he joined a company of Minute Men in the County of Elizabeth City commanded by Captain Edward Mallory, which company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Miles King – that the said Company, himself included, were frequently called into service at old Point Comfort and particularly when an enemy's vessel appeared in Hampton Roads and were continued in service as long as the enemy remained in the Roads or in James River – The whole time he continued in this service, he cannot at this time undertake to state positively, because of the frailty of his recollection but will state a circumstance perfectly within his recollection, which may serve to fix the time he was actually in service before spoken of – it is this – In November 1776 he, the applicant, visited an uncle of his then residing within two or three miles of the Town of Hampton and whilst upon that visit, he undertook to manage as overseer the business of Mrs. Ann Walles living on Back River near Hampton at the rate of two

hundred dollars per annum – that whilst in the service of Mrs. Walles he joined the company of Minute Men before mentioned – that his contract continued with Mrs. Walles two years at the rate aforesaid, and at the expiration of that time upon a settlement with her he received only two hundred dollars as his wages – she refusing to pay the other two hundred dollars, alleging as the reason that he was so much absent from his business in the service of the Government – that the United States would pay him at the rate of eight dollars per month and that it was not right that he should receive pay from both – from these circumstances he verily believes and so states that he was in the Army of the Revolution in the service aforesaid twelve months and upwards. That he received his discharge from the said service from the said Colonel King, which discharge he has lost – that he has no documentary evidence to support his application and that he knows of no person other than the said George Mason, Benjamin Mason & George Tribble whose affidavits are referred to, who could prove any part of his services – the former of whom, he has lately been informed and believes is dead, and the residences of the other two, if alive are unknown to him and for a further declaration of his services he again refers to the said affidavits and asks that they may be taken as part of this declaration.

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 but that of the agency of the State of Virginia.

S/ Richard Hackney

[Reynolds Chapman, William Chapman & Joseph Stevens gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]