

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Smith Mason S7180

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State of Virginia County of Caroline: SS

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Caroline and State of Virginia Smith Mason a resident of and in the County of Caroline aged sixty-nine 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.

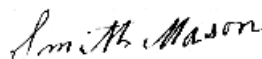
That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated. He was drafted in the Virginia militia at Caroline Court House in March 1779 under Captain James Johnston, He marched to Williamsburg through Hanover [County], and the James River Counties, under Colonel Anthony Thornton, where he was put under the command of Governor Henry [Patrick Henry], and there served as a Guard to Capital and College Landings. He served his whole Tour there being two months. – In his next Tour he was drafted in the latter part of October in the year 1779 under Captain John Tyler (George Tyler being Lieutenant) marched to Williamsburg, and went as far as New Kent Court House, was there countermanded and sent back to port Royal, stayed there two months.

In the third Tour he was in the service three months. He was drafted in the County of Caroline under Captain James Sutton, marched down below Richmond, to the Morven Hills [Malvern Hills]. He then went up to Culpeper [County] to joined the Marquis Lafayette whom he joined at the Raccoon Ford, returned to Bottoms Bridge and was there discharged –

In his fourth and last Tour he was drafted at and marched from Caroline Court House under Captain John Tyler and marched down to the Siege of York, he was stationed on the Gloucester side of the River, and remained there during the Siege after which he marched to Fredericksburg and was there regularly discharged. He was here in this tour two months – He was born on the 20th of March 1763. The register of his age is in his family Bible. He has no Revolutionary Papers and has always lived in the County of Caroline. By reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot be more particular or definite in his declaration. He has no other testimony than that of his Brother Benjamin Mason aged 67 which is hereto annexed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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/ Smith Mason

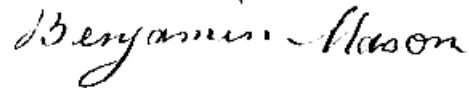


[Spilsbe Woolfolk, a clergyman, and William W Dickinson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Caroline County State of Virginia: Sct.

I Benjamin Mason aged 67 years being first duly sworn do hereby declare that the several tours and services up Smith of Mason my brother are true I having lived in the house with him and well recollecting his marches and tours as set forth in the annexed declaration. In the last tour he sets forth, I was with him as a militia man. Given under my hand this 12 November 1832

S/ Benjamin Mason

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Mason". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Benjamin Mason".

[Facts in file: Veteran died July 28, 1842, place not stated; except for the reference to his brother Benjamin Mason, there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]