

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Tapley Mahanes S7187

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: This day Tapley Mahanes personally appeared before me Andrew Hoyl Chairman of Lincoln County Court and made oath on the Holy Gospel in due form of law deposed and saith that he is now in the 71st year of his age, that he enlisted in the County of Lancaster and State of Virginia on the 8th day of September 1777 for the term of three years under Lieutenant William Lawson who acted under Captain Isaac Holmes which Company made a part of the second State Regiment of Virginia and although enlisted for the State Service saith that he was sent northward and there United to the Continental Army and served with them as a Continental Soldier and further saith that he had the misfortune of losing his eye sight upwards of six years sense and continues so entirely blind and further saith that it is not in his power to prove his enlistment by any other person in this Country to his knowledge.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of July 1832

S/ Tapley Mahanes, X his mark

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Sessions 16th 1833

On this 16th of July 1833 personally appeared before the said Court, Tapley Mahanes a resident of said County aged seventy-one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted as a private in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 on the 8th day of September in said year in the State of Virginia and County of Lancaster in the State Troops of said State for three years, under Lieutenant Lawson and Captain Holmes and was marched by Lieutenant Lawson to Williamsburg where he was commanded by said Captain Holmes and Colonel Masen [Mason?], that he was attached to the 2nd Regiment of State Troops of Virginia commanded by said Masen, that his Regiment was raised for the defense of said State but after remaining at Williamsburg until near Christmas of the said year when he was marched by Colonel Dabney (who took the place of Colonel Mason) and the same Captain & Lieutenant from Williamsburg through Maryland to Valley Forge where his Regiment was attached to the second Brigade of Virginia Troops commanded by General Muhlenberg which belonged to the Continental Army commanded by General Washington, that he lay with the Army at Valley Forge until the British Army evacuated Philadelphia when the Army pursued the British to Monmouth, he was taken sick before the Army reached the said place & fought said battle [June 28, 1778] and was thrown in the Hospital where he remained for some time confined at Trenton – after his recovery he joined his Regiment which had been marched on to West Point, that he was in the Storming of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] having been one that was detailed for that Purpose – that he was also

in the engagement at Powlers Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779] that he was marched about through the Mountains [?] Country about West Point &c when he was detailed in the fall of '79 to go on to Philadelphia to take charge of the prisoners that had been taken at Stony Point and sent on before and imprisoned at Philadelphia he does not remember the Officer's Name who took charge of him for that purpose, he was marched to Philadelphia where the prisoners were released from confinement and marched under a guard towards Winchester Virginia but the weather growing cold he halted in Maryland where he remained for some time when he was marched on to Williamsburg and was discharged having served until the last of May 1780, which would make very near two years & nine months but there being not quite a month he claims a pension for two years and eight months being the time that he was actually in service, he was born in Virginia and has been a Citizen of Lincoln County nearly twenty-six years & has no one here to prove his services by –

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 & year aforesaid

S/ Tapley Mahanes, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[There is a discharge copied in the Bounty Land records of VA and indexed under this veteran's name, but the image of it is illegible.]