

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Maye (May) S7188

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State of North Carolina Martin County: SS

On this 16th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting William May [sic] who has been residing for some time past in Hyde County in said State but previous a resident of Martin aged Eighty-six years on 26<sup>th</sup> instant 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated --

The first tour he served three months as a volunteer under Capt. Ballard [James Ballard] of Martin County & was marched somewhere to the westward. The place he cannot distinctly recollect. The field officers he cannot recollect. This he thinks was about the commencement of the War. He further states that he has served two other tours of three months each as a volunteer and once a tour of three months as a substitute for Aaron Duggan and once also a tour of three months as a substitute for Samuel Virgin. In consequence of the great inroad time has made on his memory he cannot distinctly specify the different officers under whom he served and the different places to which he was marched, they having become confused in his mind from the different tours. He recollects that during the time he served he was once at least under the command of Col. McKinnie [perhaps Lt. Col. Kenneth McKenzie who was known to have served under Col. Whitmell Hill in the Martin County, NC, militia] & Col. Hill [Whitmell Hill] and General Greene [Nathanael Greene] -- he was in no battle but that of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]<sup>1</sup> and was not engaged personally in that but was at the Court House in sight of the battleground: He states that he was entrusted with the money of Col. McKinnie, Col. Hill & Major Everett [John Everett] the commanding field officers of the Regiment to which he was attached and ordered to secure it and for that purpose was permitted to remain in the Court House where some of our men were preparing cartridges. He states that he was born in Princess Anne County in Virginia but that he removed to Martin County in the year 1771 -- and has resided in Martin ever since with the exception of the last 3 or 4 months. 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. He has lost all his discharges & relies upon the evidence herewith submitted.

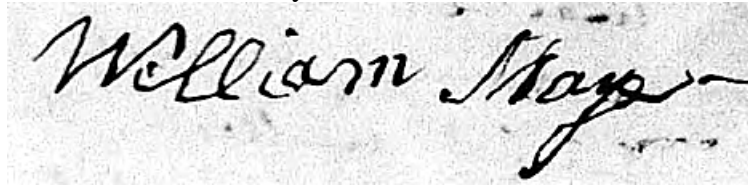
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

S/ Thomas W. Watts, Clerk

S/ William Maye

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Maye". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

[Joseph Biggs, a clergyman, & James Burroughs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Martin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1833  
William Maye the applicant making the foregoing declaration appeared in open Court & after being duly sworn makes the following amendment to this his original declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. He states that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear or state the periods of the war when he served: his memory is so much impaired by old age he cannot recollect any other officers than those stated in his declaration except Capt. Hunter [perhaps Captain Thomas Hunter of the Martin County North Carolina militia] and General Butler [John Butler] the last of whom he was with at Ramsey's Mills after the battle of Guilford –  
answer to the first interrogatory -- I was born in Princess Anne County Virginia on the 26th of January 1747

Answer to 2nd interrogatory -- I have no record of my age.

Answer to 3rd interrogatory -- I lived in this County when called into service and have continued my residence ever since

Answer to 4th -- I never was drafted but always volunteered except the two terms I served as a substitute --

Answer to 5th Interrogatory -- As I have before stated I cannot recollect any other officers under whom I served except those I have said my memory failing me -- and the circumstances of my service I cannot detail with more accuracy than I have done it has been so long ago --

Answer to 6th interrogatory -- I received regular discharges every time but I did not take care of them as I did not expect they would not be of use to me.

Answer to 7th Interrogatory -- I could state many but I refer to the affidavit of Joseph Biggs as clergyman & James Burroughs and the affidavits of the members comprising the Court.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 9 July 1833

S/ Thomas W. Watts, clerk

S/ William Maye

[Veteran died January 4, 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina militia.]