

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laurence Maiden S7190

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North Carolina Iredell County

On this 15th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, appeared before me Absalom B Blackburn one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Laurence Maiden Senior a resident of the County of Iredell & State of North Carolina aforesaid, aged 78 years, who first being 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 under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was called into the service of the United States during the War of the Revolution, that he served a tour of duty under Capt. Reed [Samuel Reid], principally about Charlotte in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, that he served 2 months, & that General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] commanded the troops in that Section of Country at the time he served -- that he has no documentary evidence, & that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service -- & that he does not recollect the day or year that he was called into the service.

2nd That he was called on to go in pursuit of Bryan [Samuel Bryan a/k/a Samuel Bryant] the noted Tory leader and his band of Confederates & that in this service & in guarding of a magazine that was established near Salisbury Rowan County North Carolina, he served one month under Capt. Jacob Nichols -- that whilst on this tour he joined other troops commanded by Major Lewis & Col. Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland]-- that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service, but that he believes that Andrew Carson<sup>1</sup> of Iredell County North Carolina can testify to the same -- the date of this service likewise he does not recollect.

3rd That he served a three months tour of duty principally in the neighborhood of Wilmington North Carolina, in harassing the retreat of the British & Tories from the interior of the State, which service he believes was rendered in the latter part of the year 1780 & beginning of 1781 -- that he was commanded by Capt. Osborne [James Osborn] & Col. Isaacks [probably Samuel Isaacs] -- that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

These three tours of duty he served personally, making in the whole six months actual service rendered his country in her struggle for liberty -- & further that he was called on to serve a five months tour of duty, which service he did not perform personally but by Substitute.

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<sup>1</sup> [Andrew Carson S8173](#)

And further, he states that he was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1754 -- that he has at present no record of his age -- that at the time he was called into the Service of the United States he resided in Rowan (now Iredell) County North Carolina & that he continues to reside in said County -- that he was in every instance called into the Service by draft -- that the troops to which he belonged were commonly small detachments engaged mostly in scouring the Country & protecting the inhabitants from the Tory depredations, seldom joining any large body of troops, he does not particularly recollect any Regular, Continental or Militia officers, other than those already mentioned -- that he received discharges from Capt. Reed, Capt. Jacob Nichols -- & Col. Isaacks, which several discharges he kept until they became much time worn & finally lost -- that he has been long known to Col. Francis Young, Placebo Houston & Jas. Patterson & Andrew Carson, all of whom live in Iredell County North Carolina & immediately in the neighborhood where he has resided, & that he believes that they can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or 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

Test: S/ A. B. Blackburn, JP

S/ Laurence Maiden

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurence Maiden". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

I Andrew Carson, residing in the County of Iredell & State of North Carolina, hereby certify, that I have been well acquainted with Lawrence Maiden who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration for more than 50 years, & that I do know him to have been a Soldier of the revolution -- that I know that he served with myself & others that went in pursuit of the noted Tory Col. Bryan & his associates, that said Maiden served at the time one month, & perhaps a few days more -- that we resided in the same neighborhood during the war, & although the above short tour was the only one that we served together; yet said Maiden was reputed to have served, & generally believed in the neighborhood at that time & ever since to have served other tours of duty in defense of his Country -- I have no doubt but what he obtained discharges at the time he rendered the service, but being naturally negligent & careless of whatever he possessed, & moreover having long since become quite reduced in his circumstances, which has rendered him still more so, I do not doubt but what he has lost his discharges. I have always considered Lawrence Maiden an honest man; & one that would declare the truth when called upon to do so, & such as being his character for veracity in the neighborhood where he has lived -- & I do fully believed in the truth of the above declaration that he has submitted & sworn to.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Test: S/ AB Blackburn, JP

S/ Andrew Carson

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[Francis Young & Placebo Houston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[James Patterson, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

North Carolina Iredell County:

This day personally appeared before me Absalom B. Blackburn one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County aforesaid, Lawrence Maiden Senior (who has sworn to & subscribed the preceding declaration) & after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that from old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the exact day of his entering the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution But as well as he does now recollect the tour which he served in pursuit of Bryan & his Tories was in the year 1780 & he believes in June & July & in this opinion he is confirmed by the evidence of James Holmes<sup>2</sup> whose affidavit he has been unable to procure and is hereunto annexed, and that the tour which he served about Charlotte Mecklenburg North Carolina under Capt. Reed was in the latter part of the year 1780 & beginning of the year 1781. But a short time before the death of General Davidson & further that the tour which he served about Wilmington North Carolina was in the latter part of the year 1781 sometime after the Battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] & about the time that the British under Cornwallis left North Carolina & not in the year of 1780 as stated in his declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed this 4th day of February 1833

Test: S/ AB Blackburn, JP

S/ Laurence Maiden

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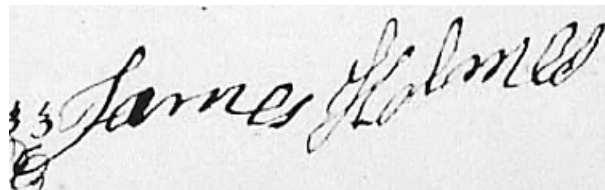
North Carolina Iredell County:

This day personally appeared before me the Absalom the Blackburn one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for said County James Holmes & after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he was in the Service of the United States in the War of the Revolution with Lawrence Maiden at the time we were in pursuit of Bryan & his Tory companions & that he believes that said service was rendered in June & July 1780 -- & further that he believes the said Maiden served the tours mentioned above at the periods therein stated but cannot be positive, as he was not with him, But that he was acquainted with said Maiden during the War & knew that he was frequently in the Army during the War & about the periods he has stated.

Sworn to & subscribed before made this 4th February 1833

S/ AB Blackburn, JP

S/ James Holmes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Holmes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There are some faint markings to the left of the signature, possibly a date or initials.

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

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<sup>2</sup> [James Holmes W4697](#)