

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Declaration of Charles Mayse S8879

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

State of Virginia Amherst County to wit:

And on this fifteenth day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court before the justices of the county court of Amherst now sitting Charles Mayse a resident of the county of Amherst and state of Virginia aged seventy years on the 22nd day of May last past 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 entered the service of the United States as a militia man from the county of Amherst and state of Virginia in the year 1779 or 1780 under the command of Capt Turner. That he marched from said county to the barracks near Charlottesville in Albemarle County Virginia where he was employed during the whole of this tour principally in guarding British prisoners. This was a three months tour and after the completion of it he returned to his home in the county of Amherst. Shortly afterward he was again called on to perform another tour of militia duty. He then marched from the county aforesaid under the command of Capt Younger Landrum to join Genl Green's [sic, so spelled throughout and corrected to Greene. The officer in question is General Nathanael Greene] Army in North Carolina and did join that army a few days after the battle at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 15, 1781] this was in the year 1781 and was attached to Lawson's Brigade and Colo John Holcombe's Regiment. He remained with Genl Greene's Army for three months which was the term of service he was then required to perform and was discharged on Deep River in South Carolina. He then returned home and was at no other time in the service of the United States during the War of the Revolution. He obtained no written discharge at the end of either of the above mentioned tours of duty. He performed two tours of duty of three months each making in all six months and was engaged in no battle. Besides the captains above mentioned from under whose immediate command he was he recollects the following named officers to wit: at the barracks Genl Taylor Commander in Chief, Captains Price [Rice?], Porter [?], John Woodroof [sic, so spelled throughout, corrected to Woodruff] and David Woodruff. In his second tour he recollects Genl Greene Commander in Chief, Colo Green [sic, John Greene], Genl Stevens, Colo Holcombe, Maj Hubbard. That he was born in the year 1760 in the county of Amherst in the state of Virginia and has resided there ever since and still resides there. And that the only record of his age is a copy taken from a memorandum kept by his father of the ages of all his children. That he has no documentary evidence to establish his service. That he knows of no persons other than those who's certificates are hereto attached by whom he can prove his service most of those who served with him being either dead or removed to places unknown to him. That he does not reside in the neighborhood of any minister of the gospel and cannot therefore avail himself of such kind of testimony. 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.

Charles Mayse [signature in the handwriting of the court clerk]

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

And the court proceeded to propound the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to the petitioner in the order in which they are given whose answers are hereto attached, viz:

To question 1st He answers and says he was born in the county of Amherst in the state of Virginia in the year 1763.¹

To question 2nd He says he has a copy of a memorandum left by his father of the ages of all his children.

To question 3rd He says he was living in the county of Amherst when called into the service that he has lived there ever since and now lives there.

To question 4th He says he was drafted in the several tours of duty he performed.

To question 5th he says his memory is bad and cannot mention many of the officers whom he once knew he however recalls Genl Taylor, Colo. Taylor, Captains Price [Rice?], Porter, John Woodruff and David Woodruff, Genl Greene, Genl Stevens, Genl Lawson, Colo. Holcombe, Maj Hubbard, and Capt Landrum.

To question 6th He never received any written discharge from the service.

To question 7th He refers to William Cashwell [pension W3771], Elijah Mayse and Austin Carpenter.

I Austin Carpenter residing in the county of Amherst hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Charles Masey who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that I believe him to be seventy years of age, that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that I concur in that opinion.

Austin Carpenter

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Amherst County to wit:

This day Elijah Masey, a man of fine character and whose statements are entitled to the utmost credit, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that he is well acquainted and has been acquainted from his earliest childhood with Charles Masey who is about applying for a pension under the act of Congress of June 7th 1832. This affiant knows that said Charles Masey performed two tours of three months duty each in the War of the Revolution. The first was a tour of three months performed at the barracks near Charlottesville in the county of Albemarle and as well as this affiant now recollects was in the year 1779 or 1780. This tour was performed under the command of Capt Turner. The second tour was performed under Capt Landrum shortly after the tour of duty performed at the barracks in which tour said Charles Masey marched to the state of North Carolina to join Genl Greens [sic, Greene's] Army. Altho [sic, Although] this affiant did not serve himself with said Charles Mayse yet he is enabled to speak with great certainty as to the above statement because he lived in the same house with said Charles Masey at that time and saw him start under the above mentioned officers to perform the said service and knows that he was absent from home the said three months in each tour and always understood that said Charles Masey performed his duty in a soldier like manner. Given under my hand this 13th day of July 1833.

Elijah Masey

Amherst County to wit:

This day William Cashwell [pension W3771] a citizen of the county of Amherst of great respectability and whose statements are entitled to credit made oath before me a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid that he is well acquainted with Charles Masey, that he knows that said Masey was in the War of the Revolution and that this affiant served one tour of three months duty with said Masey. That he marched from the county of Amherst under Capt Younger Landrum and joined Genl Greens [sic, Greene's] Army in North Carolina and that said Masey served out his full tour of duty under Genl Green [sic, Greene]. Given under my hand this 17th of June 1833. R. Hensley

[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.]

¹ Mr. Mayse declares his birth year to be 1760 in the body of his declaration but he also says he is 70 years old. The date of his pension declaration is July 15, 1833. Given this date, the age of 70 corresponds to the birth year of 1763 Mr. Mayse provides in response to question 1.