

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Maxey S8991
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State of Virginia Buckingham County: SS

On this 30th day of July 1841, personally appeared before us Justices of the peace in and for the said County, John Maxey, a resident of said County & state aged 84 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 on the first day of March in the year __ , and served until discharged on the first day of June then next, making a tour of three months; that his officers were General __, Colonel __ Harvey __, Major __, and Captains William Anderson and Harding Perkins that this three months tour was served at Albemarle Barracks in guarding the British prisoners at that place; that he then lived in Buckingham County, State of Virginia; that he was drafted into service; that the country through which he passed was that lying between Buckingham Court House, and the Albemarle Barracks in Albemarle County – these counties being separated by James River; and that the names of the Continental Regiments and companies he served with were __; that he has no documentary evidence having lost his original discharge nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services in this tour; that he again entered the service of the United States (living at the same place) on the first of September 1781 – was marched to Yorktown in the State of Virginia – witnessed the surrender of the British forces at that place was marched thence according to the best of his recollection to Winchester, State of Virginia – and being honorably discharged he returned home on the first day of December, making a second tour of three months; that his officers during this second tour were General __, Colonel __, Major John Moseby [could be John Moseley] as Captain; that having lost his original discharge from this tour also, he has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to the length of this latter tour, that 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 in the Union.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before us

S/ John Ayers, JP
S/ John M Harris, JP

S/ John Maxey Senior



State of Virginia Buckingham County: SS

On this 4th day of September 1841 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, John Maxey, the claimant named within, and being duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath, assign the following reasons for not making earlier application for his pension: – That in the year 1834, William N Patterson undertook to procure his pension, obtain the necessary evidence, took my declaration in open Court, and promised me he would attend to it, until it was acted on at Washington; that two or three years afterwards he applied to Mr. Patterson to notes something about it when said Patterson informed him that he had lost or mislaid it; that having already been put to [too] much trouble about it, and feeling still able and willing to work for his low living, he took no other steps towards it until he was struck down with the palsy, and rendered unable any longer to support by his labor; that he then proceeded to make the within Declaration.

He further testifies, in addition to what is stated in his Declaration, that he was, after the surrender of Yorktown, marched to Winchester in guarding the prisoners to that place served in that capacity until relieved by a company of militia from Frederick County Virginia; that he then and there procure his discharge, gave it to his Captain to draw his pay upon, and ultimately lost both his discharge & his pay for two months – the pay for one month he received in form of a certificate which he afterwards used in payment of his taxes at home; that he was in active service from the date of his enlistment till he was discharged.

S/ John Ayers, JP

S/ John Maxey

[John Ayers, a clergyman, and Isaac Baber gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Questions put to John Maxey, the within named claimant, and his answers thereto:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – In Buckingham County, State of Virginia in the year 1756

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. Yes, in Abram Maxey's possession

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. In the County of Buckingham; have lived there since the Revolutionary War, and now live there.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted into service

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Washington, Marquis De Lafayette

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. Yes; Captain Cunnington or Cunningham

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. George Chambers, Ed Maxey, Isaac Baber, George Baber, John Agee, Wm Maxey, Reverend John Ayres, Clopton Chambers

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The affidavit of Mr. Charles Howell of Buckingham County Virginia (aged 82 years) to establish the pension claim of John Maxey of said County and State who states that he recollects that said Maxey was drafted and marched to the Albemarle Barracks under a draft of three months; he was also drafted and marched to the Eastern part of Virginia on a three months tour both of which times he marched from the County of Buckingham and in the last mentioned tour he was at the Battle of Little York in 1781 – and this affiant was there with him.

S/ Chas. Howel¹

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chas. Howel", written in a cursive style.

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This is to certify that I have known John Maxey, now claiming a Pension and whose declaration is now with the Commissioner of Pensions for the period of fifty-one years; that I saw him while he was on duty at Yorktown, but never knew the length of his tour; that I have always understood he went from that place to Winchester on duty; that he has always been regarded as a soldier of the Revolution, and is now so regarded by his neighbors, some of whom have known him and lived by him for the term of fifty years, that I have read his Declaration, and believe every word he there states concerning his Revolutionary Services; & that he now is, and has been for the past forty-odd years, and exemplary member of the Baptist Church sustaining in all the relations of a man and Christian, and unimpeachable character.

S/ Charles Howel
Revy. Pensioner

[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 [Charles Howel S5561](#)