

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Mason S8996

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State of Virginia Accomack County

William Mason, son of Adam Mason, a Revolutionary Soldier, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in [order] to obtain for Adam Mason's child the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 2nd 1832 [sic, June 7th, 1832]. It appears by the records of the Court and other evidence that his father Adam Mason he was enrolled in a Company of militia commanded by Captain Underhill attached to the second Regiment of Virginia militia commanded by Colonel Southey Simpson till his death, and then by Colonel George Corbin to the end of the war; I have also been informed that he served many tours in keeping guard on both sea and bay side in said County. His father at the time of his death was a resident of this County and age seventy-six at the time of his death. It is, proven by reputable persons who served with him, that he was on duty in keeping guard, marches, alarms &c upwards of two years.

S/ Wm Mason



[Richard Ayres and G. N. H. Scherer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

At a Court hold for Accomack County on the 25th day of November 1833

It is ordered to be certified to J. L. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions of the United States, that it appears to the Court by the most satisfactory evidence as well as from tradition in this County, and the affidavit¹ of William Watson² a credible person taken before Walter D Bayne a Justice of the Peace on the 5th day of July 1833 the said William Watson being a soldier of the Revolution that Adam Mason an applicant for a pension served and was actually in Camp and on duty in the Field and in Garrison two years as a soldier in the militia of this County during the Revolutionary War, and that from his age & known patriotism he must have served and actually been on duty as long or longer than Jacob Edwards³, Custis Bull,⁴ Edmund Read,⁵

¹ no such affidavit appears in this file

² [William Watson R11210](#)

³ FPA S10609

⁴ [Custis \(Curtis\) Bull S18338](#)

⁵ [Edmund Read S18564](#)

Daniel Bull,⁶ John Harmon⁷ and Bowdoin Snead⁸ to each of whom a pension has been granted by the United States for their services performed in this County and in the same Regiment of militia in which the said Adam Mason served.

At a Court held for Accomack County on the 30th day of December 1850 –
It is ordered to be certified, that it appears to the Court by satisfactory evidence that Adam Mason a revolutionary soldier made his declaration before this Court on the __ day of __ 183_, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of June 7th 1832. It is also ordered to be certified that he was a resident of this County, and that he died in the same County on or about the 15th day of November 1835; that he left no widow, but left one child, whose name is William Mason, who is now living in the County.

[Attested by John W Gillet, the clerk of court for Accomack County, Virginia.]

State of Virginia Accomack County: SS I Benjamin Colonna, aged 89 years a revolutionary soldier, do hereby certify, that I have lived in the immediate neighborhood, and was well acquainted with Adam Mason, during his whole life, and I am positively certain he served in the Revolutionary war, he belonged to the best of my recollection to the Company commanded by Captain Underhill, attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Southey Simpson to my certain knowledge all the Military Companies in the County were frequently called out to guard and defend exposed situations in the County, from my knowledge of the services performed by the Company commanded by Captain Underhill, I am confident Adam Mason, was on military duty during the revolutionary war more than 2 years, but the exact time he was in service, I cannot after this long lapse of time say with certainty.

S/ Benjamin Colonna

[attested June 14, 1851 in Accomack County Virginia.]

[Veteran's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending November 1, 1835 when he died. The pension was granted for his services as a private in the Virginia service.]

⁶ [Daniel Bull S18337](#)

⁷ FPA S18006

⁸ [Bowdoin \(Bowden\) Snead W7196](#)