

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mason S9390

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: SS

On this second day of October in the year while Lord 1832, Personally appeared before the Honorable Richard Gantt in open Court in the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas of Pickens District in the State aforesaid now sitting John Mason Senior aged Seventy-five 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 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year __ with Captain Isaac Hix [sic, Isaac Hicks?] in Mecklenburg County Virginia for three years and served under him for the time he was part of the time under Colonel Screven [James Screven] and Colonel White [John White], went with Captain Hix to Georgia, was at the Battle at Briar Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]¹ was there taken prisoner and kept nine months. He got away from the enemy. He was at the battle of Savannah called the siege [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 9, 1779],² was at the Battle of the Long causeway under Colonel Habersham [Joseph Habersham?]. He was afterwards a volunteer with General Greene [Nathanael Greene] & with him at the Battle at Guilford NC [March 15, 1781].³ He had a discharge or certificate of Captain Hix ~~which~~ of his faithful services for the term of his Enlistment, which he says he gave to Colonel Grisham of Pendleton several years ago to send with his application for a Pension under the Act of 1818 & those supplementary thereto. He is very poor and unable to hunt up his companions in the Revolutionary war if there be any living of which he has not informed. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court
S/ William L. Keith, Clerk

S/ John Mason, X his mark

[Jacob Lewis, a clergyman, and William Swords gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Joseph Grisham gave testimony that he repaired an application for a pension on behalf of John Mason and sent with it a discharge certificate given by Captain Isaac Hix.]

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

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Georgia Rabun County:

Personally came before me William Williams a Justice of the peace for said County came Edward Williams and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on oath that John Mason did serve a tour of service in the old revolution war against Great Britain under General Howe [Robert Howe] & General Elbert [Samuel Elbert] in the battle at Savannah. Sworn to and subscribed this 16th of April 1819

S/ William Williams, JP

S/ Edward Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Edward Williams".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private or 2 years in the Virginia [sic, Georgia] Continental line.]