

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mayhew S9401

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North Carolina Iredell County

On this 22 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, John Mayhew of the County of Iredell and State aforesaid aged about seventy-five years in February last, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, that he the said John Mayhew entered the service of the United States as a volunteer militia soldier for three months in Loudoun County Virginia in the year of the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] in the company commanded by Captain Spur [Richard Spurr], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Coleman; that they marched from Loudoun County by Hagerstown in the State of Maryland, Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania where they remained about two weeks to have their arms repaired; from thence they went on towards Germantown, but did not arrive at Germantown till after the battle, and and the British being in possession of that place, presented the Regiment in which he was from approaching nearer to it than four or five miles as well as he now recollects; that they remained in the vicinity of Germantown till the expiration of his term of service, when he was discharged, but did not obtain a written discharge; that he distinctly remembers the fact of General Washington's having command of the Troops at this time, and place which he thinks was the Valley Forge; that he has not now in his possession any documentary proof of this his first term of service; that living now in North Carolina four hundred miles from the place of his former residence, it is not in his power to procure the testimony of persons knowing the fact that he did serve in the revolutionary war except the testimony of his Brother Aaron Mayhew whose deposition will be obtained and annexed to his declaration. The Reverend Jacob Hill a clergyman of the Methodist Church and residing near to me on the opposite side of the River in Lincoln County; and David McCreary who is my neighbor residing in Iredell County will it is believed be able to certify in the manner required by the rules of the Department, and that their certificate will, if obtained, be also annexed to this declaration. These gentlemen being fifteen or twenty miles from the Court House, and it being inconvenient now to produce them as witnesses is the reason their testimony is not offered at this time –

And the said John Mayhew further declares that he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia soldier for the period of three months, but being otherwise occupied in business he hired a substitute, in the year as well as he now recollects, immediately following that in which he first served, – or perhaps, it might have been the second year afterwards, his memory not enabling him at this time to speak positively –

And the said John Mayhew further declares that he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia soldier for the purpose of guarding the Hessians who had been

captured he thinks at the battle of Trenton [December 26, 1776]; that he was under the command of Captain Spur or Captain Lewis¹ of the County of Loudoun, but he cannot now say which of them was in service at this time; that the call was not for any particular period; that he remained in service for the purpose aforesaid as long as was deemed necessary.

And the said John Mayhew further declares that he again entered the service all of the United States for the period of three months, as a drafted militia soldier in the County of Loudoun and State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Lewis and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Clapum [Josias Clapham] in the year when Cornwallis was taken at York Town [October 19, 1781] in Virginia; that they marched from Loudoun County by Fredericksburg on to York Town. That the Regiment in which he served was ordered to the opposite side of the York River, to prevent the enemy from passing out in that direction; that he remained in this situation until the enemy was captured; and after that event the Regiment was ordered up the country to guard the Prisoners; that he does not now recollect whether his term of three months had expired or when he was discharged, but he remained in service as long as was deemed necessary, and on leaving the service did not obtain a written discharge – as to this term of service the said John Mayhew has other testimony to offer than that above referred to –

And the said John Mayhew 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

S/ A. Timonton, CCK

S/ John Mayhew, X his mark

[James McRee, a clergyman, and David McCreary gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Iredell County: Before me Alexander Torrance one of the justices of the peace for the County aforesaid personally appeared Aaron Mayhew on the 8th day of September 1832 after being sworn in solemn form of law Saith to the best of his recollection his brother John Mayhew served in the revolutionary War three towers [tours] if not more each tour three months I believe.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

S/ A. Torrance

S/ Aaron Mayhew, X his mark

State of North Carolina Iredell County

This day personally came John Mayhew before me the subscribing Justice of the peace for said County and being sworn in due form of law made the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

That by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he is not able to swear positively to the length of his service but to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below

That his first tour in the Militia he was a volunteer under Captain Spur in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Coleman that he joined his Corps at Leesburg in Loudoun County Virginia joined the main Army near Germantown in Pennsylvania and remained with the Army under General Washington till the time of his service expired. – 3 months

His 2nd tour he was drafted for the purpose of guarding the Hessians under the command of either Captain Spur or Captain Lewis, is uncertain how long he was engaged not less than 1.00 [month]

¹ There were three captains in the Loudoun militia by the name of Lewis: to wit: John, Joseph and Thomas.

His 3rd tour was in the foot and he was in the Army on the Gloucester side at the time of Cornwallis siege this service was for

3.00 [months]

7.00 [months]

He was born in Prince George County Maryland 13th February 1758.

He has a record of his age in a Bible in his Bible in his possession

He was living in Loudoun County Virginia at the time he was called into service & has lived in Iredell County North Carolina for 30 years where he now lives.

He was a volunteer in his final Service and in other services he was drafted as stated before.

He remembers to have seen General Washington, and others officers of the Army in the different service.

Colonel Clapham commanded the Regiment at Gloucester in which he served.

He never received any discharge that he now remembers.

He refers to James McRee D. D. and Aaron Mayhew.

Sworn & subscribed May 20, 1833 before

S/ J. Campbell, JP

S/ John Mayhew, X his mark

[Facts in file Veteran died April 2, 1838 leaving a widow whose name is not given; there is no reference to the children, if any, of the veteran and his wife in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]