

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Mayden W17075 (Magden) Margaret Mayden f20NC[sic, VA]

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North Carolina Wake County

On this 16th day of September 1837 personally appeared before me Allen Rogers one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Wake & State aforesaid Margaret Mayden aged 81 years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th A.D. 1836. That she is the widow of Robert Mayden formerly of the State of Virginia, who was an enlisted soldier of Infantry who was a private in the revolution. That he enlisted first for three years & left home the 18th day of June 1776 and went to the North and remained in service until January 1779 when he returned home upon a furlough, he served as he informed me under General Washington to the North in a company designated as Grandeers [sic, Grenadiers], upon his furlough he remained with me a short time in Lunenburg County & State of Virginia, where we were married & where he enlisted in 1779, when his furlough was out he then went on to Charleston to the South, to meet with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] after his first enlistment he again enlisted his whole Term of Service was six years, he informed me he was in thirteen Battles and received a wound in his left hand by a Bayonet, he received a full discharge which set forth his service &c which discharge is lost or mislaid, also a land warrant which I think got burnt up.

She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Mayden in the month of February or March 1765 by Passon [sic, Parson?] James Craig of Lunenburg County & State of Virginia in the presence of her Brother Nathaniel Laffoon<sup>1</sup> one of the Soldiers of the revolution who was now living. That her husband in the month of March 1797 was taken with a pain in his side and after an illness of 15 days died. That shortly after his death she moved from the State of Virginia as before stated, to Wake County North Carolina where she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. That she had nine children by her husband Robert Mayden six of whom died in the [sic, their] infancy. That she has only one son living by the name of John E. Mayden whose age is 62 the 11 November 1837 one daughter by the name of Marg, who is about 50 years of age & one other daughter by the name of Nancy Mayden, now Nancy Tilly aged 42 years. Sworn to and subscribed to on the day and year above written, Before me.

Witness S/ Allen Rogers, JP

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<sup>1</sup> [Nathaniel Laffoon S8813](#)

S/ Margaret Mayden, X her mark

[p 4: Gracy Potts, 77, of Wake County, gave an affidavit dated September 23, 1837 stating that she was the sister of Margaret Mayden and otherwise supporting the statements made in her sister's deposition. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 5: John E. Mayden of Wake County North Carolina also gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application -- his deposition was also dated September 23, 1837. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 6: Nathaniel Laffoon gave a deposition dated November 27, 1837 in support of his sister's application. He states in this affidavit that he did not know the particulars of the service of his brother-in-law, Robert Mayden. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

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Executive Department to Richmond Virginia in June 1, 1837

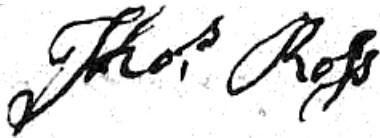
Sir: Yours of the 24th May respecting a supposed claim of Robert Mayton [sic] for Revolutionary Services is received. We have no records from which it can be certainly ascertained who are yet entitled to Land Bounty. I have examined the Register of the officers & soldiers who received certificates for balance of pay but the name of Mayton is not to be found.

It appears that Robert Mayden a Soldier of Infantry in the State Service, received a certificate & that he also received Land County -- possibly it may be the person you have inquired for.

Respectfully yours

S/ Wm H. Richardson, Secy Comr.

[p 14: Thomas Ross<sup>2</sup> gave a supporting affidavit regarding the marriage of Robert Mayden and Margaret his wife and their movements between Virginia and North Carolina. He says nothing about the services of Robert Mayden in the revolution other than to note his reputation as having been a soldier therein.



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State of North Carolina Wake County

This day came Margaret Mayden before me Allen Rogers one of the Justices of the peace for Wake County & maketh the following Amendatory declaration upon oath in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836 in order to entitle her to the benefit of her Husband's Robert Mayden's service who states upon her oath that she has no means of correctly knowing the date of her marriage unless by the Recorded age of her oldest son John E Mayden appears by Reference to his Age to have been born the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1775, that her husband Enlisted in June when her son John E Mayden was about nineteen months old. That

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<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Ross S4126](#)

the marriage between her and her husband Robert Mayden took place only a few weeks over nine months Before the Birth of her first son as above, that as to her age, She has no particular means of knowing only by a mere Recollection of what she is told. That if any mistake has occurred in the date of marriage in the declaration sent on to the department it have occurred Either in the Age of her Son John E. Mayden as Recorded or by the draftsman who drew up the declaration. That the foregoing declarations are true to the Best of her Recollection & that she have no other Means of Establishing the particular date of the marriage[.] [A]s to the Land Warrant she well remembers that he had a Land claim that he Received in consideration of his Service as a Soldier. That upon Inquiry among her children upon the Best information She can obtain, she now believes that her husband let one Henry Hayes [?] have the same of Virginia who afterwards moved to Kentucky when it was said the Warrant was to be Laid. That the facts set forth as above she believes to be True from all that she knows & what she can learn from her children. Sworn to and subscribed to before me 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1838

Witness

S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ Margaret Mayden, X her mark

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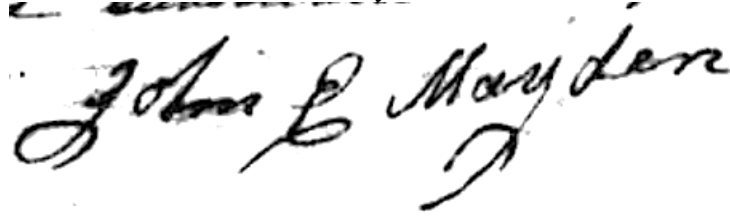
State of North Carolina Wake County

This day came John E Mayden before me Allen Rogers one of the Justices of the Peace for Wake County and maketh the amendatory declaration upon oath, in order to Entitle his Mother Margaret Mayden to the Benefit of the Act of Congress of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1836 in order to Entitle her to the Benefit of Robert Mayden Service in the Revolutionary War, and states as follows. That he is the oldest son of Robert Mayden and Margaret Mayden formerly of Lunenburg County & State of Virginia. That he well Remembers that his father served in the Revolutionary War that distinctly Remembers his final Return from the Army, that he received a discharge and also a Land Warrant to be Laid in Kentucky, some few years after his Services & return. I remember there was a Stir [?] about the Land, he lived in Lunenburg in Virginia Being Vacant Land Efforts were made by one Rice Waller to Run out the Land but was prevented by my father. My father Robert Mayden had purchased the Land of Nathaniel Laffoon of said County containing 160 Acres. But it appeared that the Title was in some way insufficient. My father Robert Mayden then employed one John Hags of Petersburg to Run out the Land, John Hags died before it was done he then Employed Henry Hags of Lunenburg County to attend to it I Remember well my father gave up to Henry Hags the Land Warrant in order as was my understanding to lay on the 160 Acres in dispute Henry Hags undertook the matter and kept off Rice Waller until Nathaniel Laffoon made my father Robert Mayden a deed. Henry Hags afterwards went to Kentucky & took up a quantity of Land among which claims I have no doubt but my father's Land Warrant was Laid if ever my father Robert Mayden received of Henry Hags any other compensation I am not aware of it. I am certain that Henry Hags had the Warrant having heard him and my father both say the Same. I never have heard of the Warrant since Henry Hags went to Kentucky.

I am certain that Margaret Mayden is the Widow of Robert Mayden, who Served in the revolution and died in Lunenburg County about forty years ago Margaret Mayden remained in Virginia after the death of Robert Mayden about 13 months I then moved her to Wake County North Carolina where she has lived ever since as a neighbor to me and that she have never since married But is now the Widow of the said Robert Mayden my father. Sworn to and Subscribed to before me 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1838

Witness  
S/ Allen Rogers, JP

S/ John E. Mayden

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Mayden". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John E. Mayden".

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for her husband service as a private in the North Carolina [sic, Virginia] service.]