

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Mann W18481

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State of Virginia Chesterfield County, to wit;

On this 8th day of October A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the County Court of Chesterfield County, now sitting, Peter Mann a resident of the County of Chesterfield in the State of Virginia, aged about seventy-six 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 7th June 1832 –

That he entered as a substitute for one Samuel West, some two or three years before the siege of York, in a company of militia, but officers of which he does not recollect; they were marched down through the lower part of Virginia, and after serving out the full term of service, which he supposes was three months, was discharged.

He served three other tours of military duty, in the same companies with one Josiah Blankenship; but the memory of the applicant has been so much impaired by a severe spell of sickness which he had two or three years ago, and continued bad health ever since, that although he well recollects to have performed these tours of military service, yet he is at this time totally unable to remember and narrate minutely, the particulars of that service, with any degree of accuracy: He however recollects that the last tour of service which he performed, was at the siege of York, and that after the surrender of the British Army [October 19, 1781], he marched with the prisoners, as a guard, to Winchester, where he was discharged. – He thinks as well as his memory serves him, that he must have served as a soldier of the revolution, at several times, all put together, from eight to ten months. – He never received any written discharge, and has no documentary evidence of his military services; He must rely upon the evidence of Josiah Blankenship, and his other revolutionary companions in arms, whose memories are unimpaired, by deceased, to supply the deficiencies of this his declaration, occasioned by the causes above mentioned: That he was born in Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia as he has been informed and verily believes, there being no register of his birth that he knows of about the year 1756, he has resided in the same County ever since.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year herein first written.

S/ Peter Mann, X his mark

I Josiah Blankenship,¹ now a resident of the town of Petersburg, but lately a resident of Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia, being first duly sworn before the County Court of

¹ [Josiah Blankenship S8072](#)

Chesterfield now sitting, do hereby declare and depose, that I have long been intimately acquainted with the above mentioned claimant Peter Mann; That I well remember the said Peter Mann was called out from the militia of Chesterfield County in the year 1780, in a company commanded by Captain Joseph Royall, of which Robert Brooking was Lieutenant, which company was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Robert Goode, was marched down into the lower part of Virginia, was at Smithfield, McKay's mills [probably Mackey's Mills] &c. and after serving a tour of 6 or 8 weeks was discharged. About a month after being thus discharged, he was again called out, in the same company, under the same company officers, marched to Petersburg, from thence to Tuckahoe above Richmond, from thence to Westham, from thence to Wilson, from thence across James River to the town of Osborn, where he was discharged after serving a tour of about 10 weeks.

Sometime early in the month of September 1781, the said Peter Mann was again called out in a company of militia commanded by Captain William Smith, was marched from Chesterfield County to Williamsburg, from thence to little York, was present during the siege of that place, and after the surrender of the Army under Lord Cornwallis, marched with the prisoners to Winchester and was there discharged, having served a tour of about 6 weeks: The deponent knows that the claim of Peter man, served as stated in these 3 tours above mentioned, because he this deponent served with him each tour, in the same company, and was at the time well acquainted with him, and distinctly recollects the particulars of each tour of service. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above mentioned in open court.

S/ Josiah Blankenship, X his mark

[Anderson Phillips & Bland Blankenship gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Richard Burton a resident of Chesterfield County Virginia, being first duly sworn before the County Court of Chesterfield County now sitting, do hereby certify & depose, that I am acquainted with the above named Claimant Peter Mann; That I well remember during the revolutionary war to have heard my brother-in-law Samuel West, say that the said Peter Mann served a tour of duty as his substitute, for which he will was to give him a Negro; I also heard it spoken of in the neighborhood by others, & have no doubt but that said man did serve a tour of duty during the revolutionary war as a substitute for said West.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court, this 8th October A.D. 1832.

S/ Richard Burton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Burton". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 8: On December 14, 1839 in Chesterfield County Virginia, Mrs. Martha Mann, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Peter Mann a revolutionary war pensioner; that her maiden name was Moore; that she married Peter Mann in Chesterfield County January 5, 1785; that they were married by the Reverend Mr. Leigh; that her husband died March 3, 1836 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On December 14, 1839 in Chesterfield County Virginia Alexander Moore, 70, gave testimony in support of the widow's application adding that the veteran and his wife were married in the Church of England. He signed his affidavit with his mark. The affidavit does not state what relationship, if any, he has with the widow.]

[p 13: On June 16, 1840 in Chesterfield County Virginia, Elizabeth Anders, 85, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that the veteran and his wife had 3 children the oldest, Agnes, of whom must be over 50 years old. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Private for 8 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]