

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Littleberry Mason W23190 Rebecca Hardaway¹

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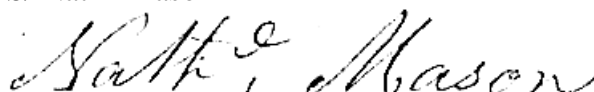
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State of Virginia County of Sussex: SS

On this 4th day of September 1851, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court, in and for said County, Nathaniel Mason, Executor of Rebecca Hardaway, and a resident of the said County, aged 51 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, makes this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7th of July 1838, entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows". That he is the Executor of the said Rebecca Hardaway having duly qualified as such in the County Court of Sussex County; that your affiant Nathaniel Mason and Mary Spencer, wife of John Spencer, were the only surviving children of Rebecca Hardaway and that the said Mary Spencer, has since died leaving several children; that the said Rebecca Hardaway, was the widow of Littleberry Mason, who was a Paymaster in the 15th Regiment of Virginia in the war of the Revolution. He further states that she was married to the said Littleberry Mason on the __ day of __ 17__, that her husband the said Littleberry Mason died on the __ day of __ 18__, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place before the first day of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated. He further stated that after the decease of said Littleberry Mason, she married John Hardaway on the 24th day of August, who died on the 18th day of September 1824 and that there were no children of the marriage with John Hardaway. All of which will appear by evidence here with enclosed.

S/ Nath'l Mason



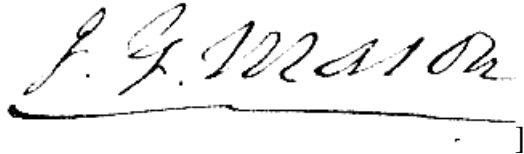
[p 6: copy of a marriage bond dated January 20, 1783 issued to Littleberry Mason & William Blunt in Southampton County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of Littleberry Mason to Rebecca Blunt.]

[p 9: copy of an affidavit given in Sussex County Virginia on September 4, 1851 by Littleberry W Mason of lawful age that Rebecca Hardaway widow of John Hardaway had previously been married to Littleberry Mason; that she Rebecca departed this life in the month of May 1845 leaving surviving her only Nathaniel Mason and Mary Spencer.]

[p 10: Affidavit by J. Y. Mason stating that Captain Littleberry Mason of Sussex County and his

¹ Former widow

wife Rebecca, had the following children: Henry, David E, William B, Nathanael and Mary, wife of John Spencer of Greenville County Virginia; that Littleberry Mason was granted bounty land by the state of Virginia for services rendered by him as an officer, paymaster in the Continental establishment in a unit commanded by Colonel David Mason, father of said Littleberry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. G. Mason". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

[p 13: Certificate of probate of the will of Littleberry Mason in Sussex County Virginia on July 2, 1807 in which Jordan Richardson was named executor.]

[p 21: Certificate of probate of the will of Rebecca Hardaway in Sussex County Virginia July 3, 1845 in which Nathaniel Mason was named executor.]

[p 30: copy of a marriage bond dated August 22nd, 1816 issued to John Hardaway & Drury Magee in Sussex County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of John Hardaway with Mrs. Rebecca Mason.]

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Portsmouth – July 26, 1832

I certify I belonged to the 15th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War – commanded by Colonel David Mason & which was enlisted for three years – Littleberry Mason of Sussex County went out as paymaster to the 15th Regiment & continued in service in that capacity during the term of enlistment of said Regiment – viz. three years.

S/ Jesse Nicholson

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[Veteran's former widow's heirs were pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 (ending May 1, 1845 when she died), for her former husband's service as Paymaster in the Virginia line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 8-page file

[p 2: original of Jesse Nicholson's affidavit transcribed above]

Portsmouth July 30th 1832

I certify I belonged to the
18th Virginia Regiment on continen-
tal establishment in the Revolutionary
War commanded by Colo. David
Mason & which was enlisted for
three years. Littleberry Mason
of Sussex County, went out as pay-
master to the 15th Regiment & con-
tinued in service in that capacity
during the term of enlistment of
said Regiment viz- three years.

L. Littleberry

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Auditor's Office July 21, 1832

Littleberry Mason, a paymaster in the Virginia line on Continental establishment received
a certificate on the 30 April 1783 for the balance of his full pay amounting to £55.17.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, A P A