

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Mayo¹ W25680 Rebecca Mayo² f98VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

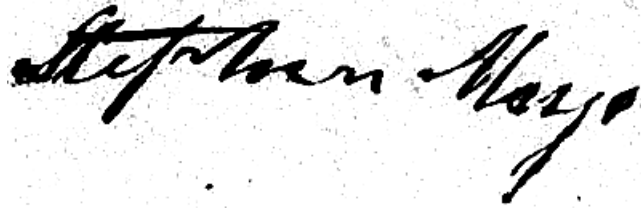
On this 27 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for Fluvanna County Stephen Mayo [looks more like "Mays" as written] a Resident of said County aged seventy-five years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the County of Albemarle in the minute service for one-year in the fall of 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Thompson [might be Nelson Thompson of Albemarle], Lieutenant Marks [might be John Marks], Major Campbell that he marched to Williamsburg from there to Burwell's Ferry returned to Williamsburg from thence to New Castle on the Pamunkey [River], thence home, that he was taken sick & remained at home but that the rest of the Troops marched to the Holston [River] against the Indians, was out between three & four months – that he enlisted again in the service of the United States on the 4th day of July 1777 in a company commanded by Captain Moses Hawkins of the County of Orange Lieutenant Thomas Holt George Holland in the 14th Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Cabell Major Stubblefield [George Stubblefield]. That he marched to the North & joined the Continental Army in the State of Pennsylvania & was attached to General Weedens [George Weedon's] Brigade; that he was at the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777], marched through the State of New Jersey, on our way to join the Army which captured Burgoyne, but were counter marched & returned to Pennsylvania, was discharged at Valley Forge the 4th of March 1778. That he was called out in the militia in 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Hatcher & served a Tour at the Albemarle Barracks guarding the prisoners taken with Burgoyne – was out two or three months – that he was not again in the militia until Spring of 1781 in a company of militia commanded by Captain Anthony Haden Ensign Booth Woodson with the Troops under General Lafayette, marched through Louisa & Orange & crossed the Rapidan [River] at raccoon Ford met General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], retired on Ships & follow the British Army to James Town where I was discharged I believe in September 1781.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & date first above written.

S/ Stephen Mayo

¹ BLWt17884-160-55

² Note on the cover sheet reads: "Next to last surviving pensioned widow of Revolutionary Soldier, Died Mch 6, 1904."

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Mayo". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the paper.

[p 7: On April 6, 1854 in Pulaski County Virginia, Rebecca Mayo, 39, made application for a pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Stephen Mayo a revolutionary pensioner; that her husband died in Fluvanna County Virginia March 16th, 1847; that she was married to him October 13, 1834 as appears in the records of the clerk's office in Fluvanna County Virginia. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: On May 17, 1855 in Pulaski County Virginia, the widow giving her age as 40 applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Stephen Mayo. In this document she states that she married him on November 24, 1834 in Fluvanna County Virginia; that they were married by John Goodman, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; that her name prior to her marriage was Rebecca Dawson; and that her husband died in Fluvanna County March 16th 1847. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 16: Certification by the Fluvanna clerk of court that a license for marriage issued to Stephen Mayo and Rebecca Dawson November 24th, 1834. For reasons not clear to me the certificate also states that there were marriage licenses issued to Lewis N Johnson & Mary A Clements January 5th, 1835 and to Stephen Clements and Dolley B. Trice January 6, 1835 – their relationship if any to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated.]

[p 20: Note: A letter dated 1939 responding to a request for information regarding this veteran and his wife contains the following3 paragraphs which give additional information from the documents contained in the file:

" In 1866, Rebecca Mayo lived with a daughter in Pulaski County, Virginia; the name of this daughter was not stated. Reference was made in 1867 to a son-in-law and family, but no names were given. In 1903, she lived with a daughter, a widow, in Pulaski County, Virginia; who was aged 70 years. Two granddaughters helped to support her (Rebecca Mayo) at that time. This widow died March 6, 1904 in Newbern, Pulaski County, Virginia.

In May 1855, when Rebecca Mayo made application for bounty land, Lauty or Lanty L Mayo was a resident of Pulaski County, Virginia. In 1867, John W Mayo was present and Pulaski County when Rebecca and Mayo made affidavit regarding the payment of her pension. No relationship between these people in the soldier's family was stated.

In the annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, submitted to Congress prior to February 1904, Mrs. Rebecca Mayo was shown as one of 2 remaining widows of soldiers of the Revolutionary War."

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned initially in a like amount. Her pension was increased from time to time as she lived until 1904. By act of Congress dated

April 8, 1904 the widow was granted a pension of \$25 per month in lieu of the pension she was then receiving.]

[p 93: contains another certificate regarding the marriage licenses issued in Fluvanna County and including in addition to the ones referred to above a license issued to John M Bryan & Mary Ann Bugg December 28th 1834.]