

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel P. Minzies (Menzies) W25713

Hannah Minzies f40VA

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State of Kentucky Woodford [County] Sct.

On this 1 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Woodford now sitting Samuel P Minzies a resident of the County aforesaid in the seventy fourth year of his age 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.


That at the commencement of the Revolutionary war he resided in the County of Northumberland State of Virginia. That after the Battle of Lexington which was fought April 19<sup>th</sup> 1775 the State of Virginia raised two regiments of regular troops commanded by Colonels Woodford and Patrick Henry also several Battalions of minute men. That the field Officers were Colonel William Peachy, Peter Thornton and Major Thomas Jones. That he volunteered as a soldier in that service under Captain Thomas Jones (afterwards promoted to major as stated above) who was elected as all platoon Officers, were in the Battalion by the men. That in the fall of the same year Barracks were erected and the Battalion went into winter Quarters – That in the spring of 1776 they were discharged from that service which was a six months duration – that the Battalion was in training all winter and when discharged were well disciplined – there was no fighting during this term of service. That in the year 1778 he was one of the Hundred Cavalry who volunteered under General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] then Governor of Virginia and were marched on to Philadelphia where they arrived shortly after the evacuation of that place by the British and the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] fought that there place of rendezvous whilst preparing for this March to Philadelphia under General Nelson was at Port Royal on the Rappahannock River – that whilst at Philadelphia thought it advisable to discharge General Nelson's volunteer Corps (as it was expected the enemy was going into winter Quarters) which was done and that they received the printed thanks of Congress – the time of service in this Campaign was three months – they likewise returned Home the best & most comfortable way they could devise within themselves they having received no pay for any of this term of service – That in the year 1779 He received the appointment of Lieutenant in Captain King's Company which appointment was conferred on him either by the County Court of Northumberland or by the County Lieutenant of said County. He does not recollect distinctly which, fifty-three or four years having since elapsed – that there were no field Officers in this term of service it being subject to the orders of the County Lieutenant alone – that there duty whilst on this Campaign was to protect the coast bordering on the Potomac River and the inlets of the Chesapeake Bay –

That in the year 1780 the service was similar to the preceding year and was at great importance in protecting the property of the inhabitants along the coast of the Potomac against the depredations of the British and Tories – that at one time of this service the British ship of war

*Roebuck* lay in the River Potomac and on her departure from said waters carried off some of the Negroes, but committed no other acts of depredation now recollected – that within the 2 last years service mentioned (as far as can be recollected he thinks that ten months of the time was taken up with actual duty, but so great a length of time having elapsed he can't speak distinctly on this point – that the Troops for this service were made up by drafts from the militia which were occasionally relieved. The officers held their appointments until that winter's Session was over & then resumed their ranks.

That early in the year 1781 he was taken from the coasting service and appointed Captain by the County Lieutenant of Northumberland to command a company of drafted men to join other Troops to be marched with the greatest possible haste to intercept the retreat of Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] from Charlottesville to Richmond to the former of which places Tarlton was endeavoring to get for the purpose of breaking up the Virginia Legislature then in session – which object being effected our orders to march in prevention of this act was countermanded – that after he had returned home he resumed the command of Lieutenant in Captain King's Company a company of drafted men who was ordered to march to the siege of York and that they halted about the distance of fifteen miles from Gloucester Town where they joined other Troops under the command of Colonel James Innis and that after the assembling of all the Troops destined for that service (the siege of York) the command devolved on General Weedon [George Weedon] – that after some time training at that place (15 miles from Gloucester Town) they advanced nearer to Gloucester Town the place where the British were garrisoned – that after halting some little time the Americans advanced to Sorrells farm a short distance from the British Garrison where they made their encampment, and here at the mouth of Sorrell's lane some skirmishing took place between a foraging party of the enemy and the Americans in which affair the enemy were repulsed. That Captain Keene, [who] commanded the company in which he marched & joined the forces commanded by General Weedon as stated above, returned home before the time of service had expired and the command of Captain Keene's company devolved on him and after the termination of the three months tour he marched the company home and on his return the County Court of Northumberland prepared another tour of service and appointed him Captain of a company which Company he marched and joined the Army near Gloucester Town and remained on duty Commissioned as above stated until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] – that there were four regiments of militia on the Gloucester side commanded by Colonels Baytop, Campbell, Griffin & Mercer – that Mercer commanded the Regiment of Grenadiers taken out of the line– that there [were] several Companies of Horse under the command of Colonel Webb – that the Marines that were landed from Count De Grasse's fleet were on the same side of the York River that for regiments commanded by General Weedon were and commanded by General Levze [?]<sup>1</sup> and a Regiment

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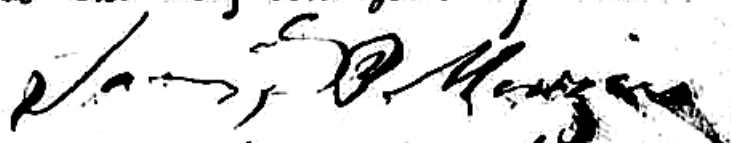
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(more or less) of French Hessians [?]<sup>2</sup> under the Com'd of Col. Armon [Charles Armand].

That the whole time of his service was a volunteer Soldier for 6 months in a minute Battalion –, 3 months a volunteer soldier under the command of General Nelson, 10 months in the coasting service and 4 ½ months in the expedition to Charlottesville and at the siege of York – making in all one year 11 months and a half (say 9 months a volunteer private, 13 months acting as Lieutenant and one and a half months as Captain.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel P. Minzies



[Benjamin W Rhoton, a clergyman, and William B Blackburn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Samuel P Minzies who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

For nine months I served as a Private

For thirteen months I served as a Lieutenant

For one month & fifteen days I served as a Captain

And for such service I claim a pension

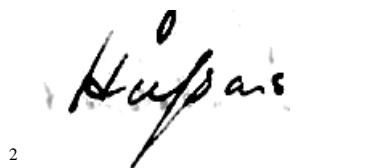
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[p 14: On July 2, 1855, in Woodford County Kentucky, Hannah Minzies, 72, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel B. [sic] Minzies; a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married Samuel P Minzies in Woodford County Kentucky May 16, 1821; that they were married by the Reverend B. Lakin; that her name prior to her marriage was Hannah Hunt; and that her husband died in Woodford County Kentucky February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1833.

S/ Hannah Menzeis [sic]

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*Hannoh Menzies*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$235.83 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as follows 6 months as a private in the infantry; 3 months as a private in the cavalry; 13 months as Lieutenant in the infantry; and one and a half months as Captain in the infantry. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]