

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward D. Masters (De Masters) W2651 Sally Masters f51VA
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District of Virginia Nelson County Sct.

On this 25th day of September 1820 Edward Masters personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record held for Nelson County aged about 57 years resident in said County of Nelson and State aforesaid and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that the said Edward Masters enlisted for the term of ___ or during the war in the year 1779 on the ___ day of ___ in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Jacob Brown in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes, he does not recollect the number of the Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia in the Continental establishment that he continued in service in the said Corps until the end of the War and until he was discharged from said service in the County of Fluvanna and State aforesaid and in pursuance of the Act of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Three Head of horses, Sixteen head of Cattle, nineteen head of Hogs, five head of Sheep, two Course Tables, Nine split bottom chairs, three dishes, twelve plates, four tubs, Two Piggins, Six Table Spoons, Twelve tea Spoons, knives and forks, three trunks, two women's Saddles, one man's Saddle and Bridle amounting in all to \$334.25 and the said Edward Masters further saith that his occupation is a farmer that he is by no means able to pursue it for a sufficient support, that he has a Wife aged 45 years in tolerable health and strength that he has a daughter named Betsey Demasters born September 1797, that he has another daughter named Nancy Demasters born December 1801 and that he has another Daughter named Polly Demasters born March 1805 that he has another son named George Demasters born April 1808, that he has another son named Wiatt Demasters [Wyatt De Masters?] born November 1809 that he has another son named Cornelius Demasters born December 1811 that he has a Daughter named Sarah Ann Demasters born August 1817, that he has another Daughter named Elvira Deamasters born December 1819 all in tolerable health and that he has no other proof now of his said services than the affidavits hereto

annexed "Nelson County to wit: This day John Masters¹ personally appeared before me William B. Jacobs one of the Commonwealth Justices for the County aforesaid and after being sworn saith that Edward Masters enlisted at an early time and served several years in the Old revolutionary War and afterwards enlisted and served during the revolutionary War and further the said John Masters saith not.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of May 1820

S/ Wm B. Jacobs

Nelson County to wit:

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, Daniel Conner,² and made oath that he is well acquainted with Edward Masters of the aforesaid County, that the said Masters enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 and continued in the service from that time until the end of the War and was regularly furloughed in 1781 the said Masters was enlisted by Captain Jacob Brown then an officer in said United States service, the terms of his enlistment was for and during the war. This affiant was enlisted in the same company and continued in company with the said Masters from the time of his enlistment until furloughed at the end of the war.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May 1820

Ro. J. Kincaid

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an Act for the relief of Certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved May the 15th 1828, I Edward Masters alias Demasters in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia, do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line in the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was regularly discharge, which discharge is lost or mislaid. I was first mustered in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Booker, in the Regiment commanded by Captain Samuel Hawes, and attached to the Brigade commanded by General Peter Muhlenberg and was afterwards transferred to the Command of William Johnson in whose Company I remained until the close of the War: and also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the Reward of \$80 to which I was entitled, under a Resolution of Congress passed the 15th day of May 1778 – And I do furthermore declare that I was not on the 15th day of March 1827 on the Pension List of the United States. Given under my hand this 16th day of August 1828.

S/ Edward Masters alias Demasters, X his mark

[p 48: William Thurmond,³ 63[?]⁴, gave testimony in Amherst County Virginia on August 16, 1828 that he enlisted in the Army of the Revolution in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Booker where he became acquainted with Edward Masters alias Demasters.



¹ probably the same man as FPA W3394

² [Daniel Conner W1235](#)

³ [William Thurmond BLWt1996-100](#)

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Revolutionary Claims
Treasury Department,
September 4, 1828

Edward Masters or De Masters of ___ in the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Johnston's Company, in the ___ regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, ___, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,
Third Auditor's Office,
12th September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to ___ in the ___~~

It further appears that Edward Demasters is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

It appears that a man by the name of Edward Demasters was paid to the end of the War as a Corporal of the Virginia line, but he did not receive a Certificate for the gratuity of \$80 from which it may be inferred that he did not enlist for the War.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office
February 17th 1829

It appears from the List of Warrants issued by the Register of the Land Office at Richmond Virginia that Edward Demasters is stated to have been a Corporal for the War and as such a Warrant for 400 acres of land was issued in his name.

S/ George Graham,
Corporal

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State of Virginia County of Amherst

I Edward Demasters aged 71 years, do upon oath testify and declare that during the War of the Revolution I entered the service of the United States as a Corporal, the day and year not recollected, for the term of during the War in the Virginia Continental line, and that I enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Brown, – I afterwards served in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Booker, – in the Regiment (the number not recollected) commanded by Colonel Samuel Hawes of the Virginia Continental line, and was honorably

discharged at the end of the war, – that in evidence of his said services he is now in the semiannual receipt of a pension from the government of the United States under the Act of Congress passed in May 1828, by virtue of his pay certificate now in his possession numbered 705, signed by SD Ingram Secretary of the Treasury, and bearing date the 3rd day of August 1829, – I further declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim in any manner whatsoever, – therefore I do now assert my claim to the land to which I am entitled & as for the same.

S/ Edward D. Masters, X his mark

[attested November 2, 1833]

[p 12: Certificate of the clerk of the Amherst County Virginia court stating the return of the marriage register in that County showing the marriage of Edward Demasters and Sallie Carter by the Reverend Ezekiel Campbell in the year 1794 (date not given).]

[p 51: Copy of a marriage bond dated August 26, 1794 issued in Amherst County to Edward Demasters and William Clarkson conditioned upon the marriage of Edward Demasters to Sallie Carter, spinster of Amherst County.]

[p 13: On March 16, 1846 Sally Demasters, 71, petitioned Congress for a pension as the widow of Edward Demasters; that her husband died November 24, 1837; that because they were married in August 1794 she is deprived of the benefit of the act granting pensions to widows married prior to January one, 1794 and she petitions to be placed on the pension roll because she is extremely poor. She signed her petition with her mark.]

[p 17: On March 27, 1855 in Amherst County Virginia, the widow petitioned the United States for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Edward Masters alias De Masters; that her maiden name was Sallie Carter; that her husband died in the year 1836. She signed this application with her mark.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] in the file indexed under the name "James Demasters"]

I do Certify that on the 28th of December 1784 I settled the claim of James Demasters – and on the 1st of November 1785 I settled that of Edward Demasters for the pay respectively due them as Soldiers in the Virginia line from October 1st 1782 to the 15th of November 1783 – the latter as a Corporal – the first as a Private – Samuel Bibee's claim was also settled on the latter day from October 9th 82 to the 15th November 1783
December 20th 1799

S/ Aw Dunscomb late Commr
Acc. P. Virginia