

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Sherwood Maddox W2823

Elizabeth Maddox

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State of Kentucky County of Owen: Sct.

On this 3rd day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Boling County Court now sitting Sherwood Maddox a resident of the said County of Owen and State of Kentucky aged 71 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of May 1779 he volunteered as a private soldier in a company commanded by Captain Edward Mumford upon a two months Tour and served therein as such accordingly during the whole of said period, the name of the Lieutenant was Benjamin Moseby [also spelled Benjamin Mosby] and that of the Ensign Tapley Merit [Tapley Merritt or Merriott]¹. He states that at the time he volunteered as aforesaid he was a resident of Powhatan County State of Virginia and that he rendezvoused with his company immediately at Scottsville in the said County of Powhatan and at the same time several companies besides the one to which he belonged rendezvoused at the same place, and they all marched together from there said place of rendezvous to Williamsburg in Virginia and he with his said company was there attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Holt Richardson. He further states that at Williamsburg they found a good many regular soldiers under the command of General Scott who took command of the Militia and volunteers that were collecting. He further states that he remained with his said company at Williamsburg for some days and then most of the troops, himself among the rest, were then marched to Little York at which place his company and Regiment were attached to a Brigade under the command of General Nelson & they remained at that point until the expiration of his said Tour of duty having served the same out fully & faithfully and he was then verbally discharged by his officers and returned to his residence in Powhatan County Virginia.

He further states and declares that afterwards in the month of April 1780 he again volunteered as a private soldier for a tour of two months in a company commanded by the same Captain as mentioned in his above stated Tour to wit Edward Mumford and served therein accordingly – the name of the Lieutenant of his company upon this second Tour was Joseph Mayo and that of the Ensign William Clements – that he was still a resident of Powhatan County Virginia and rendezvoused with his company at Scottsville in said County & was attached to the

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Regiment of Colonel Goode – that they marched from there said place of rendezvous to a place called Shirley Hundred near the junction of the Appomattox and James Rivers – that at that time there were a number of British vessels lying in James River which frequently sent parties of men ashore to far H and among the inhabitants – that he continued in the service with his said company first at one point and then at another on said Rivers but principally at the junction of the Appomattox and James Rivers and at Richmond endeavoring to protect the country from the depredations of the British till the expiration of his said Tour when he was verbally discharged by his officers having faithfully and fully served out the tour of two months and he returned to his residence in Powhatan County.

He further states and declares that on the 26th day of December 1780 (he well remembers the day of the month from the circumstance of its being the day after Christmas day in that year and from the excessive fatigue and exposure which he underwent during the Tour he again mustered into the service of the United States as a private soldier and militia man upon a tour of two months & served accordingly in a company of Captain Edward Mumford (the same individual who was this declarant's Captain on his two former tours) Stapley Merit [sic] was the Lieutenant of his company upon this Tour and William Clements Ensign. He states that Edward Mumford was the Captain of the Company of militia to which this declarant was attached when at home and that he understood that upon this occasion the whole of the militia of his section of the Country was called out in mass and that the whole of his said Company that were able did go into service. He further states that he with his said company rendezvoused at Scottsville, together with various other Militia Companies, and they were marched from thence by Major Daniel Duvall and Adjutant Thomas Hubbard to Richmond Virginia where he was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Jack Willis, and from Richmond he was marched with the Troops to Petersburg, from thence to Smithfield, from which last place they deemed it advisable to retreat and did retreat to a place called Suffolk which had been visited only a short time before by the British and very nearly all the houses had been burnt down by them, at which place and its facility this declarant and his said company were stationed until the expiration of his said Tour when he was discharged verbally by Colonel Parker (under whose command his said company had finally come) after having served out his said Tour faithfully and fully and he then returned to his residence in Powhatan County Virginia.

He further states and declares that in August 1781 he again mustered into the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of two months and served as such on the company of Captain Hughes Woodson of which company William Smith was Lieutenant. His company was attached to Colonel Parker's Regiment and rendezvoused at Scottsville in Powhatan County and he marched with his said company and Regiment from thence to Manacan [?] Town Ferry on James River where they remained for about one week guarding a number of boats which had been collected there with stores for the use of the Army; from thence they marched to Richmond Virginia where they remained for a few days, from thence they marched to New Castle on the Pamunkey or Matoponie [Mattaponi Rivers], thence to Ruffin's ferry on Chickahominy where they joined General Sevens' [sic, Edward Stevens'?] Brigade thence to Holt's old Forge where they lay several days and from thence to Williamsburg where they remained till the arrival of General Washington in they then marched down the Country to Little York, where the British Army under the command of Cornwallis lay and commenced the siege of that place. He states and declares that after his arrival at Little York, he together with the company in which he served was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Holcum [Holcomb?] and Genl. Lawson's Brigade – that he remained with the Army till the morning of the day on which

the British capitulated [October 19, 1781] and his tour having expired, he together with his Company and some other of the militia whose terms of service had also expired were detached to Williamsburg to be discharged, having in their care and guarding about sixty prisoners who had been taken the night previous – that when he reached Williamsburg he was discharged having fully performed his said Tour of duty and he returned to his place of residence in Powhatan County Virginia – He states and declares that he performed poorly the aforesaid four Tours of duty of two months each amounting in the whole to eight months service and at the termination of each tour was honorably discharged by his officers. And that he has no documentary evidence to prove his said services and that he knows of but two persons who are now living and whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove any portion of his services the names of home are Susannah Garnett and John Carter.

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 aforesaid.

S/ Sherwood Maddox, X his mark

Interrogatories propounded by the Court –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Goochland and State of Virginia on the 15th day of December 1761

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age at home

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Powhatan County State of Virginia and after my last discharge I returned to my home in Powhatan County where I continued to reside until the year 1793 and then moved to the State of Kentucky and settled within one mile of Lindsey's Station in the now County of Scott and from thence moved to the place on which I now reside in Owen County Kentucky in the year 1805 or 6 and have since then remained on the same place –

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Answer. Upon three tours which I performed I was a volunteer and upon one I was a militia man and served out as such under a call as I understood for all the able-bodied men in the section of country where I lived.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect General Morgan and General Charles Scott of the regulars who both served a portion of the time with the Troops where I served. I joined the Brigade of General Stephens [Edward Stevens] who was from Orange or Spotsylvania County Virginia at Ruffin's Ferry on Chickahominy. I was myself at one time in a Brigade commanded by General Nelson and at another time in one commanded by General Lawson and was attached to Regiment's under the command of Colonel Holt Richardson, Colonel Goode, Colonel Jack Willis, Colonel Parker & Colonel Halkum all of whom were of the militia. I recollect to have seen General Lafayette when he landed at James Town and also frequently during the siege of York. I recollect to have joined General Washington at Williamsburg and saw him also often during the last Tour which I performed.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what

has become of it?

Answer. I never did receive a discharge in writing from any of the Tours of duty which I performed. I was always discharged verbally.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I am known to Joseph Caldwell James Herndon who are my neighbors and who can speak as to my standing and character for truth.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Sherwood Maddox, X his mark

[Joseph Caldwell, a clergyman, and James Herndon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The affidavit of John Carter² taken at the house of the subscribing Justice on the 21st day of August 1832 in Woodford County State of Kentucky to be laid before the Honorable Secretary of War of the United States on the behalf of Sherwood Maddox and applicant to be placed on the pension list or roll of the United States as a soldier of the revolution.

The affiant being of lawful age and first duly cautioned charged and sworn deposes and saith, that he was well acquainted with the applicant Sherwood Maddox in the revolutionary Army of the United States, that to my personal knowledge the said Maddox was a soldier of the revolutionary Army, that I was myself in the same service with said Maddox one Tour of duty of two or three months that during that Tour Maddox & myself were commanded by Captain Mumford Major Daniel Duvall and Colonel Willis who commanded the Regiment to which we belonged, that I was a neighbor to said Maddox in Powhatan County State of Virginia, that said Maddox went many other Tours of duty than the one that I went, that I knew he was gone and knew when he returned, but of course did not see him in the service; I have no doubt of his having served as he states, in his declaration, having read the same, as I have always [indecipherable word] him and know him to be a man of veracity, and long [indecipherable word] orderly member of the Baptist Church, and I know him to be upwards of 70 years of age, from the age that I am myself and further the deponent saith not.

S/ John Carter, X his mark

[p. 5: On April 21, 1843 in Owen County Kentucky, Elizabeth Maddox, 86, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Sherwood Maddox; that she was born in Caroline County Virginia December 15, 1756 as nearly as she can ascertain; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Furgerson [Elizabeth Ferguson?]; that she was married to Sherwood Maddox March 16, 1781 at the house of William Maddox in Cumberland County Virginia by ___ McCray an officiating clergyman; and that her husband died March 4, 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p. 7: Jacob Maddox, 56 of Owen County Kentucky gave testimony on April 21, 1843 in support of the application of his mother Elizabeth Maddox for a pension; he states that he is the oldest child of his parents.

² Probably the same man as [John B. Carter W8588](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Maddox". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background. The name is written in a single line, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and larger than the others. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[p. 10: record of births of children of veteran and his wife:

James Maddox was born June 27th 1785

Jacob Maddox was born February 22nd 1787

Sherwood Maddox was born November 3rd 1788

Frances Maddox was born September 30th 1790

David Maddox was born August 13th 1795

Larkin Maddox was born November 4th 1798

Elizabeth Maddox was born October 30th [paper damaged, year missing]

[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.]