

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Massey W4021

Mary Massey

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[Transcriber's note: Since the documents in this file are very confusing and none appear to have been filed by either the veteran himself or his widow but rather by individuals claiming to be the heirs of the widow, I have elected to simply quote from a letter dated October 4, 1937 giving an abstract of the contents of this file. That letter reads in relevant part as follows:

"John Massey –W. 4021

The data relative to John Massey were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.4021, based upon his service in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of John Massey were not given, nor were the names of his parents stated.

John Massey was of "Tar River", North Carolina, and served as a private in the North Carolina troops from the year, 1776 at various times, was in the battles of Sullivan's Island, Brandywine, Germantown, Monmouth, and at the taking of Cornwallis, length of service about 2 years. The names of his officers were not given.

John Massey married in 1777 or 1779 in Granville County, North Carolina, Mary Potte— (?). He died in 1826 in Lincoln County, North Carolina, and his widow, Mary Massey, died September 3, 1843 in the Lincoln or Gaston County, North Carolina.

Reference was made to the following children of John Massey and wife, Mary -- Nancy, born about 1780; Lydia, born about 1789; James, date of birth not shown; John, date of birth not shown; Sarah or Sally, born March 22, 1796; William, born about 1805.

The following children survived their mother, Mary Massey, and were allowed the pension due her -- William Massie, Nancy Robertson or Robinson, Green Massey, Sarah (Sally) McCullough or McCulloch; all of whom were living in 1846 in Lincoln County, North Carolina, with the exception of Sarah McCullough who was living in Henry County, Georgia."]