

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Massey W4724

Lydia Massey

f42NC

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State of North Carolina Haywood County: Superior Court of Law October Term A. D. 1832

On this 5th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record, John Massey aged seventy-four years in the month of July last who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make, on his oath, the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and first of May 1820, that he the said John Massey entered as a private soldier in the Revolutionary war in the Continental Establishment in the month of February 1777 for the term of two years and a half in a Company commanded by Capt. James Turner [sic, Jacob Turner] in the 3rd North Carolina Regiment, that he marched to Wilmington North Carolina in the month of June of the same year as well as recollected, from there he marched to Charleston South Carolina in the month of July, under the command of General John Sumner [sic, Jethro Sumner] from there he marched to Savannah Georgia where he remained until February 1778 when he was discharged from the North Carolina troops, and attached to what was called an independent Regiment, commanded by Col. McIntosh¹ in the Company commanded by Capt. Levoe [could be Levoc] under whom he marched to the back settlements of Georgia he remained out until late in the fall when he returned to Savannah and was in the Battle at that place in December 1778² after which he rejoined the North Carolina troops under the command of Col. Little [sic, Archibald Lytle] and was in the Battle at Briar Creek on the 4th of April 1779³ where he received a wound in the left arm which rendered him unfit for duty and he was discharged. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension except the present which he thinks all to commence with his first application which was made in October 1831 and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application, that while he was able to labor and maintain his family he was unwilling to apply, but having become poor helpless and very needy he, twelve months ago felt himself bound to apply. And in pursuance of the act of the first 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

¹ There were a number of men with the surname McIntosh who served in the Georgia Continental line. Those include Lachlan McIntosh, John McIntosh and William McIntosh. It is impossible to identify which of these officers the veteran might have served under

² First Battle of Savannah: December 29, 1778

<http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/781229-savannah/>

³ Sic, The Battle of Briar Creek took place on March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

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. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court being a Court of record this 5th day of October 1832.

Sworn to in open Court 5th of October 1832.

S/ J. B. Love, Clk

S/ John Massey, X his mark

one lease of 137 acres of land of a common quality much worn and out of repair and not worth more than ten dollars per annum much in the mountains, one cow and calf, 2 yearlings worth \$16 one bed and furniture and other household furniture perhaps worth (excluding of the Bed and furniture \$6) 6 head of hogs worth \$8 amounting in all of \$40. He has no family but himself and his wife an old woman and very infirm and he himself unable to labor from old age. No changes have taken place in his property since the 18th of March 1818 with a view of reducing it to bring him within the provisions of said act.

Sworn to in open Court the 5th of October 1832.

S/ J. B. Love, Clk

S/ John Massey, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

This day came John Merrill⁴ before me John Hamilton one of the Justices of the Peace for said County and being sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that he was in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 under the command of General Ash [sic, John Ashe] at the Savannah River in Georgia at the battle of Brier Creek where he got acquainted with John Massey who was then a soldier in the Army under the command of General Elbert [Samuel Elbert] of Georgia.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of October 1833

Test: S/ J. Hamilton, JP

S/ John Merrill, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that John Massey a private Soldier of the revolution in Capt. Turner's Company of the 3rd Regiment was mustered in the year 1777 for 2 1/2 years and was discharged on the 3rd of February 1778.

Given under my hand this 16th day of May 1831

S/ Wm Hill

[p 9: On April 19, 1843 in Haywood County North Carolina Liddy Massey, 81, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of John Massey, a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him June 11, 1779; that he died May 12, 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: Copy of marriage bond given by John Massey & Arthur Fuller in Granville County North Carolina on June 7, 1779 to secure the marriage of John Massey to Lydda Sandland [Lydia Sandlin?].]

[p 13: On September 18, 1843 in Haywood County North Carolina, Lebo Massay [sic], son of the veteran, gave an affidavit in proof of the marriage of Lydia Sandlin of Bute County to John Massey and authenticating the family record.

⁴ [John Merrill S7220](#)

Lebo Massey]

[p 14 family record

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John Massey born October 7, 1782

James Massey born February 20, 1784

Sary Massey born May 20 1785

Jeremiah Massey born December one 1787

Tidey Massey born July 12, 1789

Mary Massey born March 10, 1791

Nicholas Massey born February 8, 1793

Ruth Massey born May 25 1794

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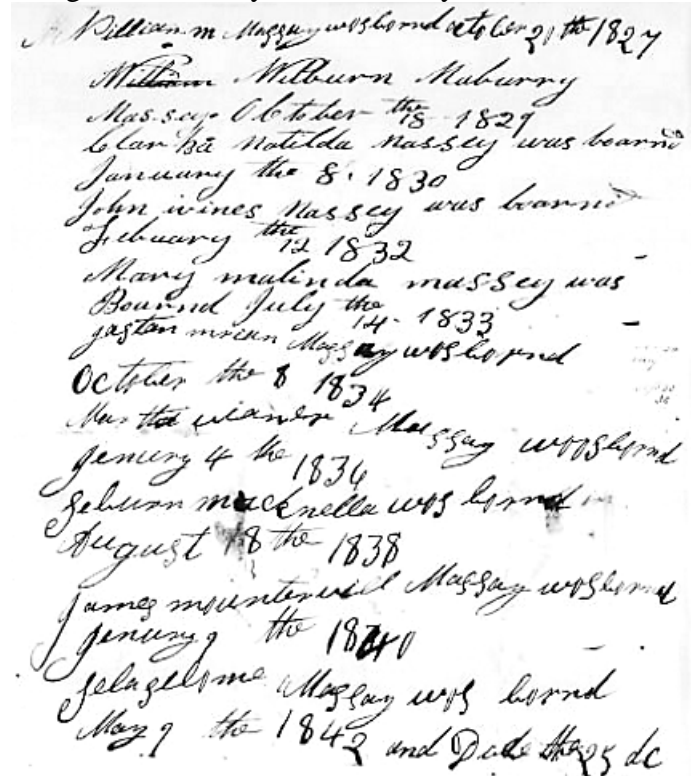
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[p 36 is a another application under the 1832 act, this one dated October 3, 1833, filed by John Massey in Haywood County in which he restates his earlier application except that in this one he refers to his wife, his officers as "Col. John Sumpter who was advanced soon after the Regiment was then commanded by Col. Armstrong"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]