

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Maiden W5098

Docia Hall¹

f35VA

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State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS

On this 28th day of December 1843 personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Docia Hall, a resident of Rockingham County and State of Virginia aged ninety years (to the best of her recollection and belief) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836, and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd 1837: That she was married to James Maiden, who was a Soldier in the War of the revolution, and that he Enlisted into the Army in the year of __ in the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia, under the Command of Captain David Laird, that she believes that the term for which he Enlisted was for during the War, that he continued in the Army for three years or more, when he was wounded and he received his discharge, in consequence of said wound, for the proof of his Services in the revolutionary war aforesaid she must refer to the proof hereto annexed; She further declares that she was married to the said James Maiden the __ day of August in the year 1775 or 1776 to the best of her belief, that her marriage with said James Maiden took place two years previous to his Enlisting into the Army, and at the time of said Enlistment she had one child: She has no record evidence of her marriage with the said James Maiden and does not know if any now can be found; that her husband the aforesaid James Maiden has been dead forty-seven or forty-eight years the day and year not recollected; that she was afterwards married to Bazil Hall, who died on the __ day of August in the year of __ and that she still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

S/ Docia Hall, X her mark

State of Virginia Rockingham County: SS Be it known that on this 10th day of February 1845 before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared James Meadows,² aged eighty-eight years (to the best of his knowledge and belief) and made oath in due form of law, that he was well acquainted with James Maiden or Maden, and he does well know that the said James Maiden or Maden did enlist as a Soldier in the revolutionary war, under the command of Captain David Laird, for the term of three years, that he affiant had a brother Francis Meadows, that enlisted at the same time with said Maiden, under said Captain David Laird, and for the same term of three years, and he does know that the said Maiden and the said Francis Meadows marched under the command of said Captain Laird to join the Army;

¹ former widow

² FPA S8895

affiant cannot now state the year said enlistments took place in, but does know they enlisted early in the war, that he affiant enlisted and served two years and eight months in the regular Army, to guard the prisoners at Albemarle barracks, and was discharged some 4 or 5 months before the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]; and they were enlisted some 2 or 3 years before his own enlistment, affiant understood and does believe that the said Captain Laird was broke of his commission as Captain, in consequence of misconduct, and that Nathan Lamb succeeded him in command of the Company to which said Maiden belonged, affiant further states that he understood that said Lamb, and his brother Francis Meadows, was taken prisoners at Charleston [May 12, 1780], and affiant further states that he has heard his brother say that he and said Maiden belonged either to the 3rd or 5th Virginia Regiment; and affiant further states that he does well know that said James Maiden and Docia his wife were married before he the said Maiden's enlisted into the Army, and that the said Docia's maiden name was Docia Lee.

S/ James Meadows, X his mark

[Facts in file: The veteran and his wife had several children , their oldest child, Sally, was about 67 or 68 years of age in 1845 ; the names of no other children are given in this file ; the widow's maiden name was Docia Lee; Jonathan Lee and Zachariah Lee were both living in 1844 in Botetourt County Virginia; their relationship, if any to the widow is not stated; the widow 2nd husband Bazil Hall died in Botetourt County Virginia in 1838 or 1839.]

[Veterans former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$76.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service of 23 months in the Virginia service.