

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Maxwell <sup>1</sup> W5329 Debby [Deborah] Maxwell f56NC  
Transcribed by Will Graves 6/23/14

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State of North Carolina County of Guilford: SS

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared William Maxwell resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Seventy years in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid, 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 of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he has been living in the County of Guilford since he was of the age of seven [?, very faint] years, that he was living in said County at the time he entered the service and has ever since his discharge continued to live in said County. He has no record of his age but from information derived from his parents he has no doubt but that he is of the age above stated.

That he entered into the service of the United States about the 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> of August under the command of Colonel John Paisley Captain Andrew Wilson & Lieutenant Harly in Captain Wilson's Company of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, a volunteer and that he served in said Company and Regiment for the space of three months at the expiration of which time he received a written discharge from Captain Forbus [Arthur Forbis] and General William L. Davidson [William Lee Davidson] at the Yadkin River which discharge he has preserved and has in his possession at this day.

Sometime in the month of August he left Martinsville in the County of Guilford marched to the Yadkin [River] where he remained encamped for about two weeks, and then was marched into the County of Mecklenburg and joined the forces under the command of General W L Davidson, where he remained the greater part of the time till he was discharged.

That he went as a volunteer with Colonel John Paisley from the headquarters of General Davidson to meet and oppose the British upon their entry into Charlotte, that he was drawn up in line of battle with the forces then under command of Colonel Washington [William Washington?] and Colonel Davie [William Richardson Davie] about four miles distant from Charlotte between that place and Salisbury, from which situation they retreated and again joined the main Army of General Davidson who was then retreating in the direction of Salisbury, so soon after which time he received the discharge spoken of above – Again in the month of September 1781 under the recommendation of Captain Wilson he entered the service of the United States under the authority and command of Major Rutherford who kept a public store of provisions and ammunition at Martinsville in the County of Guilford as a bearer of dispatches

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and letters between the northern and southern divisions of the U.S. Army. That he was engaged in this employment for the space of three months during which time he was exposed to great fatigue, privations and dangers from having to ride at great speed and frequently both night and day and from having to pass through a settlement of Tories by whom he was frequently annoyed and pursued. After the expiration of his time of service he was again discharged by Major Rutherford at Martinsburg which discharge has been lost or mislaid.

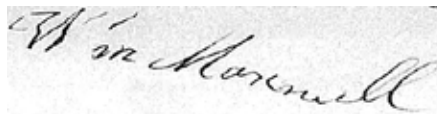
In addition to the foregoing services he was subject to a call at any time when at home as a minute man whenever the dangers of the country required them to be called out. On one occasion he went into the County of Randolph under the command of Captain Hamilton [Thomas Hamilton] and Captain Whitesell [Henry Whitesell] against the body of Tories who they heard were assembled and took a large number of them prisoners after this he was discharged by his Captain. Until he was again called out in the spring of 1781 under Captain Wilson and marched to Martinsville in order to protect the records and buildings of the public from destruction but he was after a short time discharged with the rest of the militia there assembled for the purpose of concealing their property from the ravages of the British and Tories which at that time was very great.

He has been for many years acquainted with James Finly who well knows of his services under General Davidson, they both having received their discharge and returning home at the same time, but he knows of no person living by whom he can prove the rest of his services.

He is known in his present neighborhood to Joseph Denny, James Fulton, Doctor J A Faulkes who are well acquainted with him and with his character for honesty and veracity. He is like as well known to the Reverend Thompson whose attendance at court it is difficult for him at this time to procure and with the Reverend Daniel Dion [Daniel Deans] present in Court. 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/ Wm Maxwell



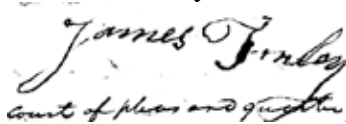
[p 41: Daniel Deans & James Fulton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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I James Finly [sic]<sup>2</sup> of the County of Guilford & State of North Carolina do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with William Maxwell of the County & State aforesaid, that he is a man of good moral character & indisputable veracity – I further certify that the aforesaid William Maxwell was a soldier of the revolutionary war and that I served in the same Regiment with him for the term of 3 months.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Finley



[p 10: On June 15, 1843 in Guilford County North Carolina, Debby Maxwell, 78, filed for a

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<sup>2</sup> [James Finley S6838](#)

widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Maxwell, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$22.10 per annum; that she married him in 1790; that her husband died June 16, 1837 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 14: On September 8, 1855 in Guilford County North Carolina, Debborah Maxwell [sic], aged 88, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Maxwell, a revolutionary war pensioner. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 35: Certificate of the Guilford County Clerk of court that he has searched the records in his office and found no evidence of a marriage license bond issued for the marriage of of William Maxwell & Debby Anders.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.10 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in 19 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]