

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Mayo<sup>1</sup> W5341

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At a Court of Monthly Session held for Fluvanna County on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1819.

This day Benjamin Mayo resident of this County aged about sixty-three years personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the War of the Revolution sometime in the year 1777 that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Moses Hawkins of the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis of the Virginia line and Continental establishment and he served as a soldier as aforesaid upwards of thirteen months and quit the service in consequence of a discharge which is lost or mislaid that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence of his said Services. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Benjamin Mayo served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common Enemy the term of thirteen months aforesaid and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a pension in the manner prescribed by 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" he is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War. [Attested in Fluvanna County Virginia by John Timberlake, clerk of the court.]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1822 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of record by the laws of said State Benjamin Mayo aged about sixty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said Benjamin Mayo enlisted for the term of three years in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Moses Hawkins in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in said Corps until the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1778 when he was discharged from the said Corps in the State of Pennsylvania (before the expiration of three years in consequence of great indisposition). That he was in the battles of Brandy Wine [Brandywine, September 11, 1777], White Plains [October 28, 1776] and Somerset Courthouse [January 20, 1777] and produced in support of his said services a paper in the following words and figures to wit "The Commissaries on the road from this to Virginia or hereby requested to supply Stephen

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and Benjamin Mayo with provisions they being discharged having served the time for which they were enlisted. Given under my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1778 at Dudley Forge in Pennsylvania (signed) Chas. Lewis Colonel Commanding 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia brigade" also another paper in the following words and figures to wit "Virginia Albemarle County to wit: This day Edward Hughes<sup>2</sup> of said County of lawful age personally appeared before me John R Jones a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he served in the regular service a tour of duty of three years with Benjamin Mayo during the Revolutionary War under Captain Moses Hawkins of the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis and that he is not interested with the said Mayo. I further certify that the said Edward Hughes is considered a man of good character. Given under my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1822 (signed) Jno. R. Jones {Seal} "with a Certificate their own endorsed in the following words and figures to wit: "Albemarle County Court Office to wit: I Alexander Garrell Clerk of the Court of said County do hereby certify that John R Jones whose signature is annexed to the within Certificate is an acting justice of the peace in and for said County duly commissioned and qualified as such and that do faith and credit is and might be paid to his acts as such as well out of the Court as therein. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 1822 in the 46 year of the Commonwealth. Alex Garrell C. C." Also a Certificate from under the hand and seal of William C Adams a justice of the peace for the said County of Fluvanna in the following words and figures to wit "Virginia Fluvanna County to wit This day John Jones of the County of Albemarle County of lawful age personally appeared before me William C Adams a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County and made oath that he served a tower [tour] of duty of upwards of twelve months with Benjamin Mayo during the revolutionary War under Captain Moses Hawkins of the 14<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Lewis. Given under my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1821 (signed) Wm C. Adams {Seal}"

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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I 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 to wit one sorrel mare, one sorrel Colt (two years old), two Cows, one yearling, three Hogs, seven chairs, six knives and forks, six plates, one dish, one pine table, one chest and two beds and furniture. The said Declarant further states that he is by occupation a common laborer which he is illy able to follow, and that his family consist of a Wife aged forty-eight years three sons to wit one aged twenty years another aged sixteen years and the other aged thirteen years who are as able as usual to support themselves except his wife who is very much afflicted with the Rheumatism

(signed)

S/ Benjamin Mayo

[p 11: On August 25, 1853 in Fluvanna County Virginia, Judith Mayo, 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Mayo, a private in the revolutionary war and pensioner of the United States; that she was married to him May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1800;

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<sup>2</sup> [Edward Hughes S5574](#)

that her husband died January 22, 1826 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On May 2, 1855 in Fluvanna County Virginia, the widow, 81, made application for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Benjamin Mayo. She signed this application with her mark.]

[p 17: On November 22, 1853 in Fluvanna County Virginia, John H Mayo gave testimony that Benjamin Mayo died January 22, 1826 and that Judith Mayo is his widow. His relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated. Likewise on the same date and in the same County, Richardson Mayo gave an affidavit of Benjamin Mayo having died in January 1726 and that Judith Mayo is his widow. His relationship, if any, to either the veteran or his widow is not stated.]

[p 19: On November 16, 1853 in Fluvanna County Virginia, Landy L. Mayo gave testimony that it is his belief and knowledge that Judith Mayo is the widow of Benjamin Mayo and that to the best of his recollection Benjamin Mayo died in the month of January 1826. Again, his relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or the widow is not stated.]

[Facts in file: the veteran married Judith L Hunt May 7, 1800; the record of their marriage is recorded in the office of the clerk of court of Fluvanna County Virginia; the widow died June 5, 1856, place not shown.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 24, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]