

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Maxey W5351

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State of Virginia Powhatan County to wit

On this 19th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Powhatan John Maxy a Resident of the County and State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Corporal Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That his in his 69th year of age to the best of his recollection, that he knows of no Register of his age. that he is a native of the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia and lived in the said County untill he was about 16 years of age when he was put on the muster list. That he performed his first service in guarding the magazine at Prince Edward Ct House for about under the command of Alexander McClardy the Sergeant of the Guard, which was about the first of the year 1781 to the best of his recollection. That immediately after he was discharged there was a call upon the Malitia of Prince Edward, when he substituted Benjamin Hurt, and marched under the Command of a Captain whose name he does not recollect but the Major was John Overstreet, and attached to Genl. Lawsons [Robert Lawson's] Brigade, that they marched across James River at Carters Ferry [at present Cartersville] and fell down the River as low as Malvern Hills [in Henrico County] and was marched about in that region of Country with the Marquis De LaFayettes Army untill the expiration of three months, when they were discharged. As soon as he returned home his brother Shadrack Maxy was drafted and he took his place, and marched under Capt Nathaniel Cunnighan [sic: Nathaniel Cunningham] That they were marched to Petersburg and from thence to James Town and crossed the River and marched to Williamsburg where they remained untill the British Army were driven into their breast works at York Town. That they then joined the Army before York Town and continued there untill the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct], after which they were sent with the Prisoners to Winchester where they remained untill the expiration of three months when they were discharged and returned home. and since which time or shortly after he has been a resident of the County of Powhatan. Making the whole period of his services

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

State of Virginia Powhatan County to wit

On the 21st day of March 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Powhatan John Maxy a resident of said County in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832

That he was born in the County of Prince Edward in the State of Virginia, and that to the best of his knowledge and belief he will be Sixty-nine years of age in June or July next. That he knows of no Register of his age and relays upon what he has heard from his mother and other persons. That he has never lived in any other County except Prince Edward and in the County of Powhatan in which last County he has resided since shortly after the Revolutionary War) except for a few months in the adjoining County of Amelia. That he was put upon the muster roll in his sixteenth year and the first service which he performed was at Prince Edward Ct House in the early part of the year that Lord Cornwallis was taken at little York which was in 1781. That he then and there served three months as a guard to the provisions and arms deposited at that place that there was at that time only a Sergeant command them, and the Sergeant's name was Alexander McClardy that as soon as he was discharged from the guard at Prince Edward Court House he agreed to take the place of a Mr. Benjamin Hurt of Prince Edward who was called out in a Company of Malitia from Prince Edward. that this Company of Malitia was joined by another company of Malitia from Buckingham and marched under the command of Major John Overstreet of Prince Edward. that he does not now remember the name of the Captain under

whom he marched but well remembers Major Overstreet. That he served this tour three months. that they crossed the James River at Carter's Ferry and marched down on the North side of the River below Richmond to the neighborhood of Malvern Hills on s'd. River. that he remembers that his Company was attached to Colo. [Oliver] Towles Regiment and to Genl. Lawson's Brigade. that they were kept pretty constantly in motion and after the three months expired he was discharged and returned home to Prince Edward, when after a stay of about a week or a fortnight he again undertook as a substitute for his brother Shadrack Maxy who was a marry'd man, and who had been called out in another Company of Malitia from Prince Edward that his Captain then was Capt. Nath'l. Cunningham that they were march'd to Petersburg and from there to old James Town and from thence to Williamsburg where they remained untill Lord Cornwallis was driven into his breast works where they joined the main Army under Genl. Washington before little York at which place he remained untill Lord Cornwallis surrendered and was sent from there to Winchester in Virginia to guard the Prisoners, at which place they were discharged shortly after getting there. the precise length of this last tour he is unable to state but to the best of his recollection he would say that it was not less than two months.

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 John hisXmark Maxey

The affidavit of Jehu Simmons [pension application S6093] of lawful age taken before me William Mathews a justice of the peace in & for the County of Prince Edward State of Virginia the 16th day of October 1832. Who being sworn saith that John Maxey served a tour of three months with him the said Simmons in a company commanded by Captain Williamson Byrd [sic: Williamson Bird] in the year 1781 that the said Company was called out & marched from the County of Prince Edward & State of Virginia to Williamsburg where they joined the Army, when & where they were attached to a Company commanded by Capt Nath'l. Cunningham, & Charles Allen was Major but does not recollect what Reg't. they were attached to, that after remaining at Williamsburg a short time they were order to York Town where they remained until after the surrender of the British troops to the American Army & further this affiant saith not.

Jehu Simmons

The affidavit of Martha Ann Young of lawful age taken before me William Mathews a justice of the peace in & for the County of Prince Edward state of Virginia the 16th day of October 1832, who being sworn saith, that some time during the revolutionary War, her Father Benjamin Hurt was called on to perform a tour of duty, that the company to which he was attach'd rendezvous'd at Prince Edward Courthouse, that while there John Maxey agreed to take the place of her Father the said Benjamin Hurt until he the said Hurt could visit his family which lived in the said County of Prince Edward, that she understood the company was marched from the Court house aforesaid to join the army before the said Benjamin Hurt, her Father, returned, & that the said Maxey served a tour in his place which she understood was three months - and further this affiant saith not Martha Ann herXmark Young

NOTE: On 3 Mar 1843 Ann Maxey, 78, applied for a pension stating that she was married to John Maxey by Parson Elisha Maxey in Powhatan County "about the year seventeen eighty seven or nine." Another document in the file gives the date of marriage as 23 July 1792. On 30 Apr 1856 she applied for bounty land, stating that she was 93, that her maiden name was Ann Langsdon, and that John Maxey died 4 Jan 1840. Another document dated 1855 states that Edward A. Maxey of Sublett's Tavern in Powhatan County was a son of John and Ann Maxey.