

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mason¹ W6792 Mary Mason f25VA
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State of North Carolina Iredell County: SS

On this 6th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Superior Court of law for Iredell County now sitting the same being a Court of Record William Mason a resident of said County aged eighty years, who 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 passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he was born in Hanover County State of Virginia as he has been informed having no record of his age but believes in the year 1752.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted Soldier in the Virginia militia in the County of Mecklenburg Virginia being in the class the 3rd of the militia of that State being enrolled among the militia and in that class and was called into service as he thinks about the year 1778 in the early part of February in the company of Captain Reuben Vaughn in Colonel Mason's [David Mason's] Regiment Lieutenant Colonel Lemburrel [?]², that he marched to Harrisburg in Granville County North Carolina remained there about six weeks and marched from thence to Salisbury from thence to Charlotte North Carolina from thence to Pine tree now Camden in South Carolina, from thence to Dorchester – from thence to Stono church nine miles from thence joined head quarters where General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was commander in chief that he was in the battle of Stono on the 4th day of June [sic, June 20, 1779] – after the battle retreated to headquarters. After was marched back to Camden & was there discharged at the in the about seven months – and arrived at home about the last of August in the same year – that at other times he was in military service for a few days at a time making in all about one month; that he was ordered out to go to the siege of Yorktown and marched about 65 miles towards that place when they received orders to return home.

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 in open court the day and year aforesaid
S/ J Campbell, Clerk S/ William Mason, X his mark

[Thomas Stroud and that Philip Doddridge Hunt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On November 28 1853, in Davie County North Carolina, Mary Mason, 75, made

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application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of William Mason, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 6, 1801 in Lunenburg County Virginia; that her name at the time of her marriage was Mary Critendon [Mary Crittenden?]; that her husband died October 13, 1846; and she signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: certificate from the clerk of Lunenburg County indicating that William Mason and Polley Crittenden were joined in holy matrimony January 6, 1802 by the Reverend Matthew Dance [?.]

[p 15: On April 25, 1855 in Davie County North Carolina, the widow, then 76, made application for bounty land entitlement as the widow of William Mason in which she as that he was discharged in Moncks Corner [South Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]