

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Maney (Many)W7398

Keziah Maney

f57NC[sic, VA]

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State of Tennessee Blount County: 2nd Judicial Circuit

This 31st day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of said State Personally appeared Martin Maney who is in the seventieth year of his age and as he states upon oath resides in Blount County who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the late act of Congress which provides for persons engaged in the land or naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war. To wit that he said Martin Manny as well as he recollects about the 4th of December 1775 he at the Long Island of Holston in the County of Washington State of North Carolina now Tennessee he enlisted in the service of the United Colonies for two years in a company commanded by Capt. James Knox in the 8th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg] afterwards General Muhlenberg which two years he faithfully served and was discharged at Valley Forge by General Woodard [William Woodford] and some time in the fall of the year 1779 in the County before named having returned to his place of residence and served several tours against the Indians he enlisted again in the Service of the United States for three years in a Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. George Matthews [also spelled George Mathews]. The company was in Col. Matthew's Regiment was commanded by Capt. Berry [probably George Berry]. That he faithfully served the United States said three years for which he enlisted and was discharged at Valley Forge by General Muhlenberg both of which discharges are by accident lost. That he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and the White Plains [October 28, 1776]. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service other than his own oath. That he never was a Pensioner of the United States or any State aforesaid service and hereby relinquishes to the United States all claim of a Pension except under the provision of the before recited act. That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

Sworn to and declared before me the date first above written.

Sworn to before made this 31st July 1818

S/ Martin Maney, X his mark

S/ Thos. Emmerson

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

On this 6th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid Martin Maney aged Sixty-nine years formerly a Citizen of Blount County in the State of Tennessee but now Resident in the County of Buncombe State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows (to wit) That he enlisted in the Continental Establishment in the month of December 1775 in the company commanded by Capt. James Knox in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Col. Muhlenberg for the term of two years. And after the expiration of said term, he again Enlisted in the Company commanded by Capt. Woodford in the 9th Regiment of the Virginia line Continental establishment commanded by Col. Matthews. That he continued in said service until regularly discharged at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. That he was in the Battles of Germantown & at the White Plains, he has formerly while in the State of Tennessee filed a declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress passed 18th of March 1818 dated as well as now Recollected July 1818 which a Pension Certificate was issued No. 5336 dated 15th of January 1819

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th 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 18th 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

Two small horse beasts	\$80
6 Pewter Plates	3
1 Do Dish	1
2/ ½ Gallon Pewter Basons	1
1 Gallon do	1
5 knives & forks	0.50
1 small oven	<u>1</u>
	\$87.50

And my family consists of my wife 56 years of age my son 17 years of age & myself 69 years of age -- I have no occupation but that of a farmer and am rendered him incapable of pursuing that through weakness of eye sight.

S/ Martin Maney, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed in open Court 16th of March 1821.

[p 20, on October 11, 1843, in Yancey County North Carolina, Keziah Maney, 80, filed for a widow's pension stating that she married her husband near Jonesboro East Tennessee in the month of September in the year 1781; "She further declared that she was married to her said husband the aforesaid Martin Many prior to the expiration of the last period of his services, in the War of the Revolution viz. that her said husband was in the Army at the time she was married to him, he "...was one of a company of Cavalry that were stationed at a place called Campbell's Station which is on the waters of Big Limestone Creek, which service he soon left after we were married. The next service that her said husband was called into was in the summer of the year 1782 the summer following their marriage her said husband Martin Many was drafted for a Tour of service under Capt. James Wilson & Col. Sevier to go out on to Tennessee River against the

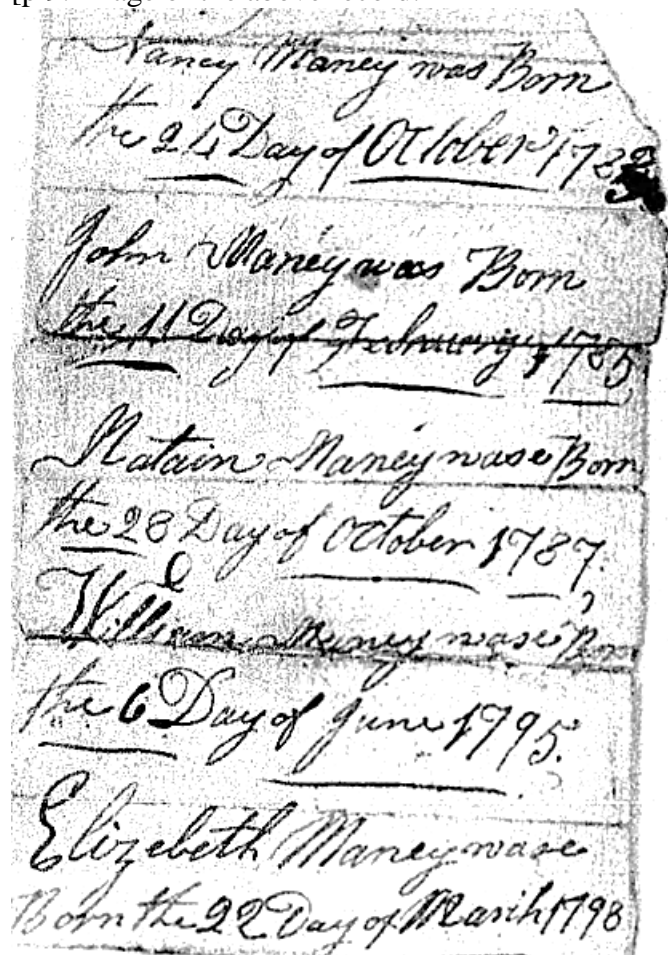
Indians and Tories which tour of service he performed & was discharged and came home to her at which time she was a stating with her mother near Jonesboro Tennessee, the above was a tour of three months she thinks. Furthermore, that her said husband was out frequently after the above tour as a scout but did not perform any regulars term of service...." She signed her application with her mark]

[p 13, On October 11, 1843, John Many, son of Martin Many, stating "that he has his father's original family Record which he now exhibits showing the dates of the births of his Children by his wife Keziah of which (I certify) the following is a true copy

- Nancy Many was born the 24th day of October 1783
- John Many was born the 11th day of February 1785
- Martin Many was born the 28th day of October 1787
- William Many was born the 6th day of June 1795
- Elizabeth Many was born the 22nd day of March 1798..."

John Many
[Signature]

[p 9: image of the above record:



[p 49: On October 11, 1843 in Yancey County North Carolina, Absalom Medcalf gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted for some 50 years with Martin Many, late a pensioner and now deceased, and his wife Keziah who is applying for a pension; that he has repeatedly her the veteran speak of his service during the revolution; that the widow's maiden name was Keziah Vann; that the veteran married her "while he was in the service, he the said Martin Many was doing duty in the Cavalry, which Tour of service expired soon after the marriage. And that in the year following or summer after their marriage said Martin Many was drafted into the Army again under Captain James Wilso [sic, James Wilson] Colonel Sevier he left his wife at her mother's and went into service & served out the tour for which he had been drafted. And as a reason in particular why this affiant remembers this term of service is that said Martin Many did shoot down & kill an Indian that had secreted himself in the fork of a tree which Indian head he brought into the Camp and it was Exhibited. Furthermore that this affiant did some 25 or 30 years ago spend a part of a day & night with said Captain Wilson & said Martin Many and on that occasion he the affiant heard the parties talk over the Circumstances of the tour of service that said Many had served with said Captain Wilson against the Indians, which tour of service was performed not long after Martin Many's marriage with his wife Keziah. Again that this affiant has always understood from said Many that he performed other services, that after his marriage till the close of the War which was about two [years] he was most of the time in the service as a scouter of the country where he lived, but did not perform but one regular tour of service after his marriage, was on one occasion drafted but hired a substitute for which he gave a bay mare that was about the close of the war about 2 years after his marriage."



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State of Tennessee Washington County:

On this 28th day of February 1844 came James Sevier¹ before me Wilson Atkinson a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that he was acquainted with Martin Many a soldier of the Revolution formerly of this County, that he the deponent served a tour of duty with said Martin Many under deponent's father Col. John Sevier which was a tour of three months in the year 1780.

This deponent further stated on his oath, that his father Col. John Sevier was out in the year of 1782 against the Indians in the Western part of the State, and whether said Martin Many served this tour this deponent cannot say.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before
S/ Wilson Atkinson, JP

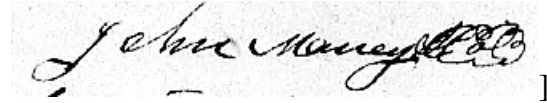
S/ Jas. Sevier



[p 16: On April 16, 1851, John Maney, 67, filed in Yancey County North Carolina a claim under the 1838 act stating that he is the legitimate child of Keziah Maney, the widow of Martin Maney

¹ [James Sevier S45889](#)

who was a pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month for his services in the revolution; that his father died April 15, 1830 leaving his mother a widow; that she applied under the 1836 act but her claim was rejected for want of proof of marriage; that the following are all of the living children of his parents: John, James, William Maney and Nancy Midcalf [sic, Medcalf?], wife of Absolum Midcalf; that his mother never remarried; and that his mother died December 20, 1849.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Maney". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. To the right of the signature is a closing bracket "]"

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Keziah Vann or Van]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 31, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$80 per annum.]

[Note: Possibly the same man as [Martin Maney VAS482](#)]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of North [Carolina] Buncombe County

This eighth day of January 1823 came Martin Many [sic] before me Zebelon Baird Esquire one of the Justices of the peace for said County Martin Maney [sic] who being sworn according to Law, deposeth & Saith that he enlisted in the Continental Army Virginia line on the Big Island of Holston under John Stat [? Steet?] Ensign in the company of Captain Overton in the ninth Virginia Regiment about the last of the year 1776 for the Term of three years & that he served his full time out and was honorably discharged at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by General Muhlenberg – that he lost his discharge during the same war on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians somewhere on the French Broad River that he knows not of one of the old soldiers remaining who served with him or any other means to prove his services by but his own oath.

S/ Z. Baird, JP

S/ Martin Maney, X his mark