

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Makemson (Malcomson, Malkemson) ¹ W7407 Mary f50SC

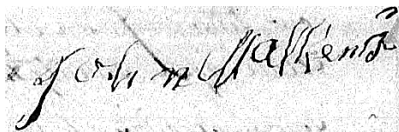
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State of Georgia DeKalb County: On this day personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court of said County of DeKalb, now sitting, John Makemson a resident of said County & State, aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the Militia service of the United States under the following named officers viz. Captain James Martin, and served as herein stated, in the year '79, as volunteer, and was in the battle at Briar Creek [Briar Creek, March 3, 1779],² and was at said battle under the special command of Major Ross [Francis Ross] who was commanded by General Ash [sic, John Ashe], that he started in the said service from York District South Carolina a three months campaign & in the year thereafter as he believes, he entered the said militia service, again under Captain Peters [John Peters], and marched to the South, and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]; but was under the special command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], at the Hanging Rock battle [August 6, 1780],³ which Tour was also a three months campaign; and in the same year he again entered the said Militia service under Captain Chambers [perhaps a mistake an attempt to identify Captain John Chalmers of the New Acquisition District militia Regiment], and marched to Black River, which Tour was also termed a three months campaign, but was in no engagement during the latter Tour of service, & was at other times frequently small Tours in the said service of the United States Militia, & does think that the latter small Tours would amount to at least three months service, that the whole would amount to at least one years services. That he was frequently dismissed from the service by the said officers heretofore named, but if he did obtain any regular discharges the same has been so long a lapse of time been lost or destroyed. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Makemson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Makemson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

¹ BLWt29336-160-55

² <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of October 1832

S/ W. F. Colquitt, JP

[Elijah Bird, a clergyman, and Thomas Kennady gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 41: On July 9, 1833 in DeKalb County Georgia, the veteran gave an almost identical, word for word restatement of his application at the end of which he added the following...

"... he states he has no documentary evidence of his service he further states that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service he states that he has a record of his age in his Bible and was born on the 15th of February in the year 1760, he further states that he was born in the County of Down in Ireland and states he left there in 1772 he states that he then lived in York District South Carolina 12 years & removed from there to Union District of the same State and resided there 43 years and moved from thence to the State of Georgia DeKalb County where he now resides about 14 miles from Decatur in said County he states he is known to Daniel Stone, Robert Wood, William Staine[?], Oliver Clark & Jesse F. Cleveland who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and as to their belief of his having served in the revolution all of whom reside in said County he states he served 33 months tours and at least 3 months more at different times, and served all the time as a private and a volunteer and in the militia of South Carolina...." Green W. Baker and Daniel Stone gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On February 11, 1853, Mary Makemson, 94, filed in DeKalb County Georgia a claim for a widows pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of John Makemson, a pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him September 4th 1780; that he died November 15, 1843 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 47: On March 16, 1854 in Fulton County Georgia, the widow, aged about 92, gave further testimony in support of her application for a pension; that she has no record of her marriage it having been destroyed in a fire of a house long ago; nor has she any record of the ages of her children but that from her best recollection she thinks the following accurately shows the dates of their birth:

David born November 15, 1786

Margret born January 30, 1789

Sarah born November __, 1790

Elizabeth born January 10, 1792

Andrew born August 14, 1795

Mary born April 6, 1797

Alexander born August 6, 1799]

[p 29: On April 3rd, 1854 in all Lumpkin County Georgia, Henry Kennedy, 71, gave testimony in support of the widow's application for a pension. In this document states that his earliest recollection was of living in Union District South Carolina immediate neighbors to John Makemson and his wife Mary; that they were reputed as man and wife; that he was born in 1783; that he recalls distinctly being at the house of the veteran at the time of the birth of the veteran's first child David about the year 1787 or 1788 as his, the affiant's, mother was called upon as a midwife to deliver the child and affiant accompanied her. He signed his affidavit with his mark.

In a later supporting affidavit dated March 16, 1854 and filed in Fulton County Georgia, this affiant then states his age as 68; he states that he believes the widow's recollection of the dates of birth of her children is correct. He signed this affidavit Thomas Kennady

Thomas Kennady]

[p 13: The widow filed for her bounty land entitlement in Fulton County, Georgia, on March 30, 1855 at which time she stated she was 92 years old.]

[p 18: Elizabeth Nesbitt, wife of Robert Nesbitt, gave an affidavit in New York District South Carolina that she was present at the marriage of her sister of Mary Stewart to John Makemson at her father's residence about a mile and a half from Yorkville in the state of South Carolina; that they were married by John McCaw a magistrate. She gave this affidavit on January 30, 1854. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 9 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to John Malcomson⁵ pp 4
Audited Account No. 4743A
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[p 2]
John Malcomson His Account of Sundries for Militia use Amounting to £14.2.10 ¼ Stg.
[Sterling]
Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]
J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General
To be certified
ED

[p 3]
State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to John Malcomson
Personal service 51 days all of Horseman's Duty at 20/ per day⁶ £51.0.0
Do 31 days Do 31.0.0
Do 14 Days Footman's Duty at 10/ per day 7.0.0
Total £99.0.0
14.2.10 ¼

Sworn to May 10th, 1783 Wm Tate, JP

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

⁵ Indexed under the name "Malcolms, John"

⁶ 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a mounted militia man providing his own horse and equipment

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Camden District } Personal appeared before Me Alexander Slurt [?]⁷ & Mathew Dickson and
made oath that a Sadle Belonging to John Macomson [sic] is worth £10 old Sadle he lost at Briar
Creek Defate

Sworn to May [illegible]

Wm Tate, JP

Alexander Slurt