

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Lemaster (Lamaster) W797 Mary Lemaster f54VA
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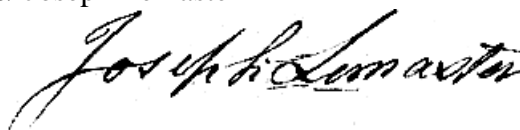
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State of Tennessee Maury County Sct.: 21st of June 1819

This Day before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts in & for the State aforesaid king Joseph Lemaster an inhabitant of the said County who being first sworn to declare & speak the truth & nothing but the truth touching his service in the Army of the United States in the time of the revolutionary War with a view to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress in that case made & provided Declares & says that on the 26th of December in the years 1776 – at a place now Morgan town [Morganton] in the State of Virginia he enlisted in Captain David Scot [David Scott's] Company in the 13th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Cawford [William Crawford] for three years Service in the Army of the United States that he served out the three years & more for he was not Discharged until the first day of March in the year 1780 by Colonel Richard Campbell then Lieutenant Colonel of the 9th Virginia Regiment – he was at the Battle of German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], then marched back to Pittsburgh & was in several battles with the with the Indians that he obtained a warrant from the State of Virginia for two hundred acres of land in consideration of his military service which warrant he now has he offered it for sale in the State of Ohio last winter but the highest offer that was made him for it was \$15 a hundred acres – he is now in the 61st year of his age is afflicted with the Rheumatism & other Diseases incident to old age he has no means of subsistence but from his manual labor when he is enabled effectively to perform & he is in such very reduced circumstances in life as to require assistance from his Country for support. That he has no other evidence to offer in support of his Claim to a pension but his own oath – His Discharge being filed in the proper office in Virginia in order to obtain his Land Warrant aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Lemaster



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The State of Tennessee Williamson County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions July Term 1823

This day Joseph Lemaster appeared in open Court and filed his declaration for the purpose of obtaining a pension with a Schedule of his estate thereto annexed which were subscribed and sworn to in open Court which declaration and schedule are in the words and figures following to wit: On this 16th day of July 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record so constituted by act of Assembly for the County of Williamson Joseph Lemaster

resident in said County aged sixty-five 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 the 18th of March 1818, the 1st of May 1820 and the first of March 1823. That he the said Joseph Lemaster enlisted for the Term of three years on the 26th of December in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain George Berry in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson in the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the Corps until the first of March 1780 when he was discharged from the said service at Fort Pitt in the State of Pennsylvania. 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. I have a military warrant in the hands of the surveyor or any State of Ohio for two hundred acres of land, one fourth of which I have agreed to give him if he should lay it: but I am informed & believe that there is but little probability of its ever being done. I have a Judgment for \$172.50 with costs against the man who is insolvent his name is William Smith one note of \$27 not due, a lien on a note of \$635 in the hands of my son in law to whom I justly owe \$81 but as I have been living with him sometime and as he has repeatedly lent me money I do not consider it my own. I have other sums owing to me amounting to about ___ but as the debtors have fled from this State & gone I know not whither, I have no prospect of ever receiving them. I have one mare & colt, kitchen furniture & farming utensils & seven head of sheep. I am by occupation a farmer but from continual indisposition have not been able to prosecute my labors for 18 months past. I have seven children five daughters and two sons all of whom are married except two daughters Mary & Eliza, the first twenty-four years of age the latter sixteen: by their own exertions they are able to support themselves my wife lives amongst her children at no settled place, and is incapable of doing much work. I have now made a schedule before I was enrolled on the pension list in consequence of a petition sent by me from Maury County Tennessee, where I then resided to the Secretary of War, from whom I received a certificate of such emolument I drew on the pension agent at Nashville until the passage of the law requiring schedules of property holden by the pensioners, but have drawn known since.

S/ Jos. Lemaster¹

[the court valued the schedule of property at \$152]

[p 7: On May 20, 1839 in Maury County Tennessee, Mary Lamaster [sic], 81, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Joseph Lemaster, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her husband Joseph Lemaster removed to Abbeville County or Abbeville District South Carolina in 1792 where he married the applicant; that the applicant and her husband moved to the state of Tennessee many years before his death; that her husband died in the County of Williamson while on a visit to his relations in August 1826. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On August 27, 1839, the widow filed a supplemental affidavit in which she states she has no record of her marriage nor of the births of her children but that her son John W Lamaster has a family record showing that he was born October 21, 1793.]

¹ handwriting identical to the body of the application – consequently I do not think it is an original signature

[Note: Facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Mary Waddell; she was the daughter of John and Mary Waddell; the widow died April 16, 1845; the widow and the veteran had 7 children 5 daughters and 2 sons but the only ones named in the file are son John W LaMaster and daughters Mary and Elizabeth;

John Waddell Lemaster and Nancy Lee Almond were married October 11, 1821 and had the following children:

Mary Elizabeth Lemaster born August 29, 1822

Marcus Lafayette Lemaster born December 10, 1824: died July 25, 1825

Saphrona Ann Lemaster born August 5, 1827

Charlott Rabakah born March 9, 1830

John Brown Lemaster, son of John W and Nancy Lee Lemaster departed this life August 29, 1833

James Knox Polk Lemaster, son of John W and Nancy Lee Lemaster departed this life May 18, 1836.

The veteran, Joseph Lemaster, had brothers named Isaac, Richard, Benjamin and Thomas and sisters Mary, Charity and Cathryne

the widow, Mary Waddell, had brothers named John, William, George and James and sisters named Jane and Elizabeth.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing June 21, 1819, for service as a Sergeant in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] indexed under "Joseph Lamasters"

I Certify that Joseph Lamasters was a Soldier under my Command in the 13th Virginia Regiment and served 3 years & was duly Discharged by Colonel Gibson
April 7, 1806

S/ David Scott

[indecipherable word or words] William Price Please to let David Scott Sen. Draw my land Warrants

S/ Joseph Lamasters

Benjamin Lamasters

Thomas Lamasters April 17, 1806

No such name on the list of Continental Soldiers in this Office

Land Office 21 May 1806 [indecipherable signature]

The image shows a handwritten document with two distinct sections. The top section is a certificate of discharge, written in cursive, stating: "I certify that Joseph Lamasters was a soldier under my Command in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment and served three years & was duly Discharged by Col. Gibson April 7, 1806". The signature "David Scott" is written below this text. The bottom section is a request for land warrants, written in cursive: "Wm. William Price. Please to let David Scott Sen. Draw my land warrants - Benjamin Lamasters Thomas Lamasters". The date "April 17, 1806" is written in the middle of this section. At the bottom, there is a reference to "the list of Cont. Soldiers in this Office" and "Land Office 21 May 1806".

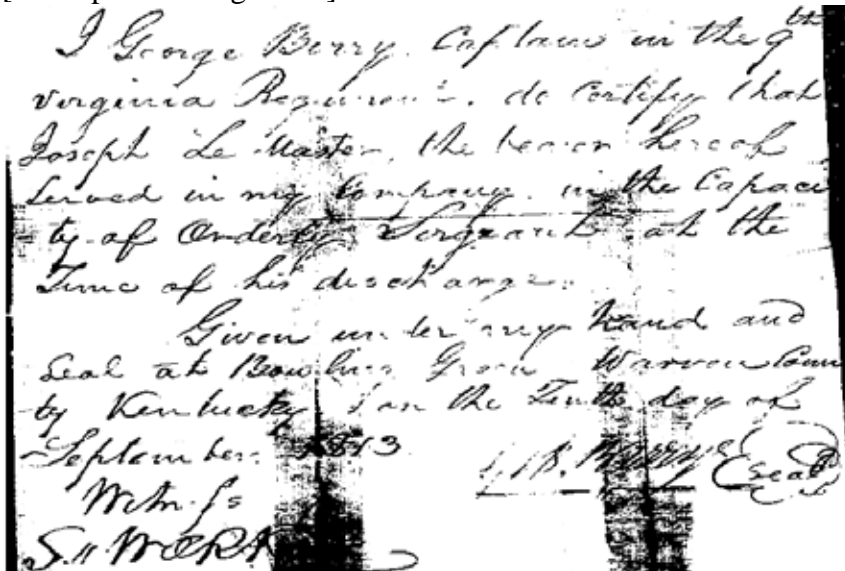
separate file:

I George Berry Captain of the 9th Virginia Regiment do certify that Joseph LeMaster the bearer hereof served in my Company in the Capacity of Orderly Sergeant at the time of his discharge. Given under my hand and seal at Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky on the 10th day of September 1813

S/ Geo. Berry

Witness

[indecipherable signature]



I George Berry, Captain in the 9th Virginia Regiment, do certify that Joseph LeMaster, the bearer hereof served in my Company, in the Capacity of Orderly Sergeant, at the Time of his discharge.

Given under my hand and Seal at Bowling Green Warren County Kentucky on the Tenth day of September 1813.

Wm. J. S. W. R. A.

Geo. Berry Seal