

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gabriel Madison<sup>1</sup> W8418      Mira Madison      f66VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves      2/18/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Jessamine County: SS

On this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1843 personally appeared before me William Bronaugh an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Mira Madison resident of the County of Jasmine State of Virginia, aged upwards of eighty years and who is by reason of bodily infirmity prevented from appearing in Open Court and who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Gabriel Madison who was a Captain of Marines during the Revolutionary War and commanded as such in actual service upwards of three years, and became severely wounded during his service, and then retired from service as a supernumerary Officer. His service commenced during the year 1776 and ended in the year 1779. She further declares that it was on account of the severeness of the wound he received while filling the office of Captain of Marines that caused him to retire from the service as a supernumerary officer & the wound was of that character which affected him until his death. She further declares that after her said husband had recovered somewhat from the illness caused by the wound he received during the time he commanded as said Officer of Marines, he came to Kentucky, it being before the termination of the war, and she thinks did some militia service and commanded as Colonel. She further declares that her said husband resided in Hanover County Virginia when he entered the service and entered as a volunteer, and she cannot state the Battles in which he was engaged in the circuit of his travels as he commanded a vessel on sea. She further declares that her said husband became entitled to Bounty Land and Half Pay from the State of Virginia for his service as an officer of her state line and Captain of Marines. And that he would often during his life speak of Bounty Land & Half Pay being due him from the State of Virginia for his service in her Line as Captain of Marines during said war. And she declares that the reason her said husband did not make application to Virginia for half pay and Bounty Land that was due him was that he came to Kentucky before the close of the Revolutionary War and never again returned to Virginia during his life, and that he always designed obtaining his Land and money from Virginia for his service in her line during said War, and she declares that she knows that it was his intention so to do even until his death which event took place in the year 1804 in Jessamine County Kentucky. She further Declares that her said husband was a Brother of Rowland Madison who was a Captain of the Regular Continental Line of Virginia during the Revolutionary War and in service at the same time her aforesaid husband was Captain of Marines, and that the heirs of said Rowland some six years after her husband's death received

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<sup>1</sup> And Va. Half Pay

warrants from the State of Virginia for 4000 acres of Land for his service in the Continental Line of Virginia in said war. And said Land was located in the State of Ohio. And she positively declares that she long since has designed applying for the Land Bounty due her husband for his service, and also his Pay but she has negligently postponed doing so even until the present day. She also declares that George Madison who was an officer during the late war with Great Britain and afterwards elected Governor of the State of Kentucky was a Brother of her said husband and that James Madison once President of the United States was a near relation of her said husband. She also declares that her said husband & Colonel Joseph Crockett were intimate acquaintances in the State of Virginia and also in Kentucky even down to the death of her said husband and often as she has heard them talk over there Revolutionary Struggles. She further Declares that she was married to the said Gabriel Madison on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1784, that her husband the aforesaid Gabriel Madison died on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1804. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Wm Bronaugh, JP

S/ Mira Madison, X her mark

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State of Kentucky County of jazz among: SS

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1844 personally appeared before the undersigned, a justice of the peace for said County, Mrs. Mirah Madison a resident of said County aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836; that she is the widow of Gabriel Madison – who was a Captain in the Marine service of the United States during the War of the revolution, but what length of time he served is not known to her. She does not recollect either to have heard of the name of the ship to which at any time he was attached. He was on one tour of service at sea, severely injured in his right leg; she does not think it was in battle, but during a storm. She was married to said Gabriel on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1785 in what was then Fayette County, Kentucky, the records of which court have been destroyed by fire, so that there is no record of said marriage to be found. After the said Gabriel left the Marine service, he removed to Kentucky where he served in the militia service as a volunteer, holding the rank of colonel of militia; and in that rank was present at the battle of the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782], where he was slightly wounded. He was frequently engaged in tours of service against the Indians, both before and after the peace of 1783 – but the length of those tours is unknown to her. Her said husband died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1804, and she has remained a widow ever since, as will more fully appear by proof hereto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written.

S/ Mirah Madison, X her mark

[p. 8: On February 15, 1843 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Mrs. Eliza L Allen gave testimony that she is the daughter of Gabriel and Mira Madison; that she is now 54 years of age having proof of her age taken from a leaf of the Bible of her husband Francis W Allen; that her parents had one child older than herself but who is not now living; that her father was a Captain of Marines; she describes the services of her father substantially as set forth in her mother's application.

*Eliza L Allen*

[p. 7: family record:

Francis W Allen born 30<sup>th</sup> June 1779

Eliza L Allen born the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 1788

Francis W Allen and Eliza his wife married November 24, 1804

Madison Allen born the 8 July 1806

Richard Allen born the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 1808]

[p. 10: On October 6, 1845 in Woodford County Kentucky Jane L Robertson wife of William Robertson made application for the arrears of pension due her mother Mira Madison under the 1838 act; that she is the daughter of Gabriel and Mira Madison

*Jane L Robertson  
Elizabetta Allen*

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A pay Roll for Capt. Gabriel Madison's Company of Militia drawn into actual Service on an expedition against the Indians under the Command of Brigadier General Geo. R. Clark [George Rogers Clark

	When entered	When Discharged	Days in Service	Pay p/day	L S D
Gabriel Madison Capt.	22 October 1782	3 November 1782	13	6/4	4.9.4
Robert Bowman Lieutenant	"	"	13	5/	3.5.0
Anthony Lindusky Ens.	"	"	13	2/	2.6.0
Nathan Allen Sergt.	"	"	13	2/	2.6.0
Elisha Prewitt	Do	"	13	1/4	0.17.4
Thomas Springer	"	"	"	"	0.17.4
Peter Pelly [could be Petty]	"	"	"	"	0.17.4
Henry Thomas	"	"	"	"	0.17.4

Lincoln Sect.

Then follows twenty four other names

Gabriel Madison made oath before me that this above  
pay Roll was just Benjamin Logan C. L.

[certified March 21, 1844 by Jas. E. Heath as a true copy of portion of a record in the VA Auditor's office]

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In Council – Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> 1776

A Certificate being returned of the review of Lieutenant Gabriel Madison's Quota of Marines the same was ordered to be registered and that a Commission issue accordingly.  
Executive Department June 25<sup>th</sup> 1845

The foregoing is a true copy of an entry in the Journal of the Council of Virginia of the date prefixed.

S/ Wm. H. Richardson, SC

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State of Kentucky Fayette County: On this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1843 Personally appeared before me John Brown an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mr. Elijah Foley a resident of Fayette County Kentucky and personally known to me and known to be a gentleman of unquestionable integrity and who after being first duly sworn to state the truth & the whole truth to be made as evidence on the application of Mrs. Mira Madison for the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1838 – saith to wit that he now resides within the distance of one & a half miles from Mrs. Madison who resides over the Jessamine County line and that he has known her ever since the year of our Lord 1784 – and that she was married in that year to wit 1784 to Gabriel Madison who was an officer in the Revolutionary War and served to deponent's knowledge a long while as Colonel of militia in Kentucky – Deponent saith that in the year 1779 he deponent moved to Kentucky and moved to Bowman's Station on Dicks River & in the year thereafter said Gabriel Madison came to Kentucky with a company of men and said Gabriel Madison war the honor on his arrival to Kentucky of having been long been a Captain of Marines in the Virginia Line, in said Revolutionary War. Deponent saith that he was always reputed during his life in Kentucky & in the Country where he lived as having command 4 years as said Captain of Marines in the Virginia State Navy during said war. Deponent knows well that when said Gabriel Madison came to this Country that he thereafter commanded until the close of the war as Colonel of militia – deponent knows that he was with General George Rogers Clark and General Clark was the Commander of the whole troops and deponent knows that said Colonel Madison was not only a stationed officer but went across the Ohio River to the Picaway towns as Colonel commanding a line of troops , and deponent remembers that said Colonel Madison commanded in several campaigns North West of the Ohio River every time it was necessary to go over – and did also command at the Battle of the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782] in the year of 1781 or 1782 as Captain [word written over and could be "Colonel"] deponent knows this particularly for he had some of his brother Officers killed in the said Battle, and two of them particularly were Colonel Madison's nearest Associates their names word John Todd and Major Trigg and deponent says with certainty that said Colonel Madison together with Major Hynes came to Kentucky in the year 1780 & he thinks in the spring of that year and commanded from his arrival until the close of the war as Colonel of the militia service – and deponent knows that said Officer Gabriel Madison was married to his wife in the year 1784 and lived in peace and harmony until his death which took place in the year 1804 – And that his said wife has continued a widow ever since & never married – and still his widow – & now resides in Jessamine County Kentucky & is a Lady of the highest standing & is also the whole family. He saith further that the County Clerk's office for the County of Fayette was about 40 years ago burned up and the records of said office was burned up – Deponent saith that Colonel Todd commanded at the Blue Licks also as Colonel.

S/ Elijah Foley

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Williamsburg in Virginia February 5<sup>th</sup> 1779

Sundries Dr. to G. W.

Colonel John Montgomery. Govn Warrant Gabriel Maddison [sic] to  
recruit men for the Illinois Expedition On Account £3,000.0.0

Militia Dr. to G. W.

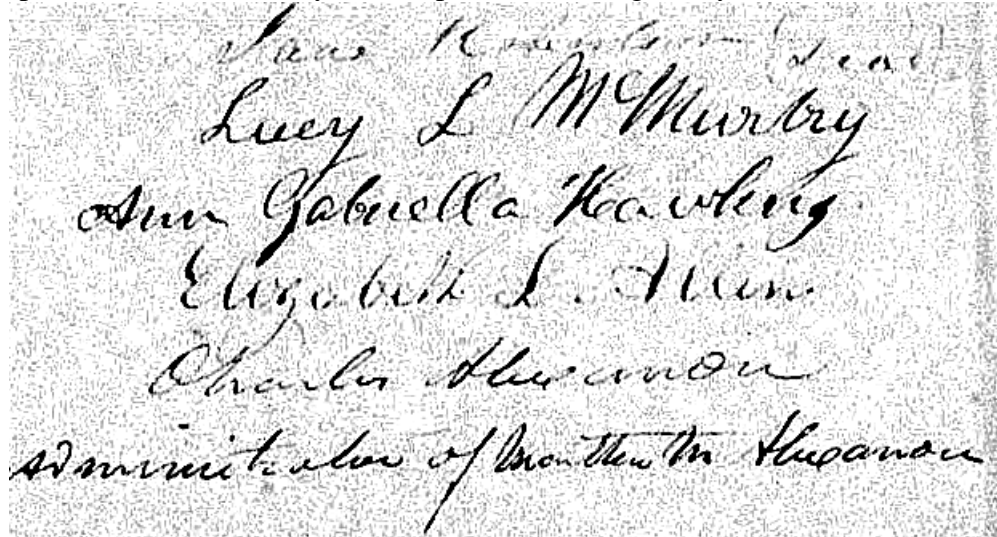
Warrant to Gabriel Maddison for his expenses in Traveling  
from Montgomery County for money to raise men for Illinois expedition 75.0.0

The above is truly copied from a Journal kept at Williamsburg, page 27

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1845

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Aud. P. Acct.

[p. 61: Power of attorney dated April 29, 1851 signed by the heirs of Gabriel Madison as follows



The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads: "Charles Alexander Administrator of the Estate of Gabriel Madison". The text is written in black ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[Facts in file: veteran died either April 14 or 15 1804 in Jessamine County Kentucky; the veteran married either December 12, 1784 or March 15, 1785 (the widow gave both dates in documents filed by her) in Fayette County Kentucky; the widow's maiden name is not set forth in the file; the widow died May 9, 1845; the children of the veteran and his wife mentioned in the file documents include the following:

Eliza or Elizabeth L Allen

Jane L Robertson, wife of Doctor William Robertson of Woodford County, Kentucky

Lucy L McMurtry, a widow

Ann Gabriella Hawkins, wife of Strother J. Hawkins

Martha Alexander, wife of Charles Alexander; she was deceased by 1851.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$373.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband's service as a Lieutenant & Captain in the Virginia line.]