

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Manker (Marker)¹ W9942 Sarah Manker f67VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 2/25/13

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The State of Ohio Highland County SS:

On the 28th day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Manker a resident of said County aged 68 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated:

The following interrogatories were put by said Court to said Applicant to which the annexed answers were returned.

1st.Q. Where & in what year were you born? Answer I was born in the State of Maryland about 30 miles from Baltimore on the 7th day of February A.D. 1765

2nd Question. Have you any record of your age? Answer. I have not.

3rd Question. There were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

Answer. I lived when called into service in Berkeley County Virginia. After the close of the war lived there 8 years, I then moved to Hampshire County Virginia & lived there about 8 years – moved to Fayette County Pennsylvania lived there 2 years moved to Belmont County Ohio lived there 13 years & moved to Clinton County Ohio lived there [indecipherable number, could be "2" or "8"]² years & moved to Highland County Ohio where I have ever since resided.

4th Question. How were you called into service?

Answer. The first tour of my service I was drafted for the second I volunteered.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service. –

In the month of October 1781 I was drafted for the Virginia militia at the County of Berkeley in the State for a 6 months tour. In this tour of my service I served under Captain William Baldwin & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ Riddle. Soon after I was drafted I marched under said officers towards Yorktown Virginia which was then occupied by the British Army under General Cornwallis & besieged by the American Army under General Washington. Our intention was to joined the American Army but before we arrived at Yorktown the British Army had surrendered [October 19, 1781] & a part of the prisoners were on their way towards

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Winchester under a guard – We were ordered by our commanding officer to join this guard & we marched to Winchester where I served out my time of 6 months in guarding said prisoners. After which I received a written discharge from my Captain at said town of Winchester for 6 months service & returned home –

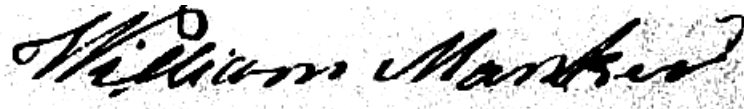
In July 1790 – I volunteered for the Pennsylvania militia at Redstone old Fort in Brownsville in the State of Pennsylvania – to serve against the Indians. I served in this tour under Captain William Moore & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Hardin & Colonel McMullen – General Harmon was our commanding officer – We marched to the mouth of the Muskingum and North Western Territory – We took water there & landed at Fort Washington at the mouth of Licking – we remained there about 15 days when we were marched to the little Miami River to the Miami towns against the Indians (Shawnee & Wyandotts) near the old Indian town of Chillicothe the Army encamped – & I was sent out from the encampment under Colonel Hardin with 50 or 60 others against the Indians on the Miami – We were attacked by the Indians a few miles West of the Scioto River. Several of our party were killed & wounded & many of the Indians were killed – We burnt several Indian towns on the Scioto River & then joined the main Army & commenced our March towards Fort Washington – Before we had gone far toward said Fort I was again sent out under Colonel Hardin Major Wyllis & Major McMillen – We marched to Saint Joseph River & had a hard battle there with the Indians in which several of our officers & soldiers were killed & wounded – Our party claimed the victory & remained on the field of battle several hours after the firing ceased. About 150 of our men were killed – the Indians were much superior to us in number & we retreated towards the main Army which we soon after joined & continued our March to Fort Washington. I remained at Fort Washington until I served out my term of service of 8 months when I was discharged by my Captain. I received after my said tour a written discharge – I served in my tour of 8 months as orderly Sergeant in the Company commanded by said Captain William Moore.

6. Question. Did you ever receive a written discharge? A. I received written discharges after both tours of my service – both of which I have since lost.

Rezin Moberby Lewis Duckwall John Smith Samuel Bell Amos Evans & many others will testify as to my good character for veracity & as to their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. There is no clergyman in my neighborhood. – This applicant further represents that he has no documentary evidence except add affidavit made by Joseph Watson on the 28th day of October 1811 – which is hereunto attached – nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State – And further that this applicant has had to wives by whom he has had 24 children 17 of whom all boys !!!

S/ William Manker



[Rezin Moberby and Allen Pucket gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: heavily edited, see below]

Personally came before me John Mercer a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Belmont in the State of Ohio Joseph Watson and solemnly affirmed that William Manker was in General Josiah Hamners [Hanna's?] campaign in 1790 and did the duties of A Sergeant in Captain William Moore's Company. Given under my hand this 28 of October 1811

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[p 10: On May 10, 1855 in Highland County Ohio, Sarah Manker, 69, filed an application for her bounty land entitlement in which she states she is the widow of William Manker; that she married him July 1; that her husband died in Highland County Ohio April 29, 1839, 1817. She signed her application with her mark. She applied for her pension as his widow in 1857.]

[p 5: Marriage license dated July 1, 1817 for the marriage of William Manker and Sarah Powers in Champaign County Ohio.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]