Pension application of William Maxey W8412

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Service  Maxey William  Number
VA  Nancy  W8412

Son of Bedford

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5273 Kentucky
Nancy Maxey
Widow of William
Who served in the Revolutionary War, as a Private
Va. Line
Inscribed on the roll at the rate of 20 dollars 00

Kentucky County of Monroe Sct.

On this 21 day of November 1846 personally appeared before me Ben F. Bedford a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid Mrs. Nancy Maxey widow of William Maxey Senr. dec'd and after being duly sworn for that purpose on her oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the laws of Congress passed for the benefit of widows of Revolutionary soldiers.

This declarant states that she was 82 years of age on the 4th day of Oct. 1846 according to the family register. That her deceased husband was born on the 11th day of February 1759 according to the said register and died on the 27th day of May 1833 being at his death 74 years 3 months old. That he died in the country of Monroe where he settled in the year 1806.

The declarant states that she was the only wife of her said husband that she was married to him the said Williams Maxey in the county of Halifax in the county of Halifax in the state of Virginia on the 9th day of September 1784 at the house of John Fisher by Thomas Dobson.

The declarant states that she has the family record kept by her said husband which shows the age of marriage of herself and her husband she states that between 30 and 40 years ago the old family record was transcribed into a new family Bible which she yet has and whether the original record was preserved by her husband she does not know. Said record she thinks was transcribed into the New Bible as aforesaid by his son John Maxey. She has caused the same to be taken out of her family Bible and which is herewith enclosed marked A as part hereof.

She states that she became acquainted with her deceased husband sometime after the close of the Revolutionary War. That before that time she was not acquainted with him, and knew nothing personally about his Revolutionary services, But she states that she often from the time of her acquaintance with him till his death heard him talk of his Revolutionary services and
of the battles he was in. She does not distinctly recollect how long he said he served, for She is now very old and did not tax her recollection with these things, but from her own recollection of his conversations on the subject and from what she is informed by others who heard him talk of his services she thinks he serve Nine months. She states that his services in the Revolution was a subject which he often talked of during his lifetime and from the time of her acquaintance with him. The declarant states that the fact if her said deceased husband serving in the Revolutionary War was notorious among his old acquaintances. She does not recall what officers he served under but is informed that Captain John Glenn [sic, John Glenn1] was his captain and that his company belonged to the 4th Virginia regiment commanded by Coln. Anthony Street, she never charged her recollection with the names of the officers and therefore she is unable to state further on that subject. She states that she has frequently heard her said dec’d husband state that he was engaged in the siege of York at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], her said husband as she informed and believes was in that served and engaged in the battle at Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781]; She does not remember any other battles he spoke of having been engaged in.

Declarant states that she was born and raised in Lunenburg County Virginia and her said husband was raised in Hallifax County Virginia when he resided to the time of his marriage, declarant states that the said William Maxey dec’d was her only husband that she is his widow; she has no doubt of his having been a soldier of the revolution, nor of his having served at least 9 months she states that her and her husband moved from Virginia some three or four years after their marriage and settled in Kentucky. That during his lifetime she has heard him assign as a reason why he would not apply for a pension, that persons were applying whom he did not think was entitled and that he was able to live without it, he however did not live quite a year after the passage of the act of the June 1832: declarant states that her said husband left her at his death a competency and therefore she had not until recently intended to apply for a pension but she is now old and to a very great extent helpless and stands in need of the pittance she is entitled to on account of her husband’s services in the revolution. She has not made application for her pension until the present time for the reasons above mentioned. She prays the benefit of the laws of Congress to which she is entitled.

She states that she does not know of any person now living by whom she can prove the revolutionary services of her said husband except Pleasant Haley2 who was a revolutionary soldier and who is a pensioner, she is informed that a man by the name of John Bromfield who was a revolutionary soldier pensioner, served with her said husband, and frequently spoke of her husband’s services but he died several years ago in this county. She could prove if required that sd. Bromfield often spoke of serving and being in battles with the said William Maxey dec’d. Said Haley resides in the county of Monroe, Ky. Sworn by to and subscribed on this 21 day of November 1846 before me

Ben. F. Bedford J.P.

her
Nancy X Maxey
mark

[f p. 39]
State of Kentucky Monroe County: SS

1 Records indicate that Capt. John Glenn was a militia Capt. from Lunenburg County Virginia
2 FPA S25192
This day personally appeared before me Benjamin F Bedford a Justice of the peace in and for Monroe County aforesaid Plesant Haley [sic] aged about 86 or 7 years and after being first duly sworn according to law deponeth and saith that he was acquainted with William Maxey late of Monroe County Kentucky in the state of Virginia in Lunenburg and Halifax County during the revolutionary war and he states that the said William Maxey served as a private in the Militia under Capt. John Glenn in the fourth Regiment commanded by Col. Anthony Street he further states he was in company with said Maxey at the battle of Guilford in March sometime but does not recollect the day of the month he states that they continued in the service until the next fall and they were separated near little York he was left with a small party on the opposite side of the River and the said William Maxey crossed over at the time of the siege of York at the surrender of Cornwallis he does not now recollect of said Maxey having been in any other battles except the two above stated nor does he recollect the time the said Maxey served except as above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of April 1846
S/ Ben F. Bedford, JP MC   S/ Plesant Haley, X his mark

[f p. 43: On February 10, 1846 in Barren County Kentucky, John Fisher gave testimony that he is about 88 years old; that he knew William and Nancy Maxey in the state of Virginia; that they were lawfully married in his house and in his presence in the County of Halifax in Virginia in the year 1784 or about that time. He signed his affidavit with his Mark.]

[f p. 35]
The Amended declaration of Nancy Maxey widow of William Maxey deceased confirmatory of a declaration made by her for the purpose of drawing a pension under the act granting the Widows of Revolutionary Soldiers pensions and filed in the Pension office at Washington City. She states and believes from the best information she is in possession of (to wit) hearing her deceased husband talking to his friends that he has served in the war of the Revolution nine months in different tours. She did not intend to state in her former declaration that her husband served nine months continuously but that she believed that he served in all nine months.

She recollects that he often spoke of serving one term as a substitute for his brother Josiah Maxey on account of his having a family and two tours as a volunteer. She further states that her husband died on the 27th day of May 1833 that he spoke of the act allowing pensions which was passed a short time previous to his death and said that he was entitled to a pension under that act but that he never attended to it being in feeble health and other reasons stated in the formal declaration. She states that she was christened by the name of Anna Williams but was always and has ever since been called Nancy – that she always in signing her name to any writing use the name of Nancy and she does not know whether that marriage license was taken out in the name of Anna Williams or Nancy Williams.

Witness my hand this 4th day of January 1847.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and date above mentioned.
S/ John B. Gee, JPMC   S/ Nancy Maxey, X her Mark

[f p. 37: On November 20, 1849 in Monroe County Kentucky, Radford Maxey gave testimony that he is a son of William Maxey who was a soldier of the Revolution and died May 27th 1833 leaving a widow, Nancy Maxey who has made application for a pension; that he believes the statements made by his mother in her application are true; that he is now 63 years of age.
On November 24, 1849 in Monroe County Kentucky, Edward Maxey, 57, gave testimony that he is the son and 5th child of William Maxey who was a soldier of the Revolution and died May 27, 1833 leaving a widow Nancy Maxey.

On November 21, 1846 in Monroe County Kentucky, John Maxey gave testimony that in the year 1812 his father William Maxey Senior procured a new family Bible end of which affiant transcribed the old family record; that said record shows he, affiant, was born December 8, 1787.

Rev and 1812 Wars section

Mr. Robert A. Ellis
1165 N. Broadway
Knoxville
Tennessee

March 20, 1930.

Dear sir;
I advise you from the papers in the revolutionary war pension claim w 8412 it appears that William Maxey the son of Radford Maxey senior and his wife Elisabeth was born February 11 1759.

While a resident of Halifax county Virginia where he was reared he served one tour under Captain John Glenn and Colonel Anthony Street in the Virginia troops and was at the battle of Guilford and Siege of Yorktown.

He also served at other times, his entire service amounting to nine months, no further details given except that at one time he served as a substitute for his brother Josiah Maxey.

He died May 27, 1833 in Monroe County Kentucky where he settled in 1806.

Soldier married September 1784 in Halifax county Virginia. Nancy or Anna Williams born October 4 1764 in Lunenburg county Virginia. Neither had been previously married. She was the daughter of James Williams and his wife Anne.

Soldier’s window Nancy was allowed pension on her application executed November 21 1846 while a resident of Monroe county Kentucky. The names of the following children are given:
Radford who was aged sixty three years in 1849
John born December 1787
Edward the fifth child
Robert C born September 9, 1796
Henry P. born September 9, 1798
Rice born July 25, 1800
Nancy W. born January 17, 18—illegible
The following also appears: that James W. Maxey and Anne his wife were married August 29, 1811; Varney Andrews and Mary W. Maxey were married September 10, 1826 and their first child, William Allen was born September 30, 1827 and died October 20, 1827 the relationship of these persons to the soldier is not stated.
Very truly yours,
Earl D Church Commissioner