Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mallihan (Mallihon, Mallihin) R6852  f5VA

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John Mallihin of Nicholas [?] County Hails from Lewis County [VA now WV]

Applicant

Col. Asa Squires of Lewis County a Gentlemen of character, has known Mallihin fer [for] twenty & so years. Knows he must be too young to have done [done] Service in the war of the Revolution as a Soldier [Soldier]—his case has produced a great deal of talk in his neighborhood, has frequently heard the near relatives of Mallihin Laugh [laugh] at the Idea of his being placed in the Pension Roll.

John F. Singleton has had frequent conversations [conversations] with Mallihin about his age, and from his recollection of those conversations, he is perpetly [perfectly] Satisfied that Mallihon is about fifty eight years old.

P. B. Byrne [Byone or Bryan?]1 knows Mallihon, has heard a great deal Said about his application fir [for] a Pension. "The Very Mention of it" exacts [exacts] ridicule [ridicule] amung [among] them who know him—he is about 55 or 60 yrs. old.

A true Copy

S/ W. G. Singleton

Nov. 11, 1834

[Note: C. Leon Harris has compiled an amazing record of the activities of W. G. Singleton and his crusade to uncover fraud in pension cases. See David W. Sleeth S6111. Thanks also to Leon for helping me decipher Singleton's challenging handwriting.]