Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Patrick Masterson R7012 Mary Masterson f95VA
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State of Kentucky County of Morgan: Sct.

On this 6th day of June 1842 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Morgan County now sitting Patrick Masterson a resident of the County of Lawrence and State of Kentucky aged 82 years who being 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 and served as herein stated

That in the spring of the year 1780 he volunteered under the command of Captain William Jinnings [William Jennings] a militia Captain at a place called Hell town at the foot of Shatter hill in Shenandoah County and State of Virginia and from there we were marched to Daniel Mauks [? could Daniel Monk's] a place called the white house and the place of rendezvous & there we joined the companies from Rockbridge, Rockingham and Augusta volunteers under the command of Colonel James Clark and after joining under Colonel Clark we were marched to Albemarle crossing the Blue Ridge at Thoms Gap and when we arrived at Albemarle we joined a company called the Virginia levies under the command of Baron Steuben and General Marquis D. Lafayette at which place we remained for two or three weeks – until Cornwallis the British General marched his troop out of that neighborhood and on my arrival at Albemarle in the month of May 1780 I enlisted during the war under the command of Captain Jonathan Langlaw General Marquis D. Lafayette was the Commander in chief and from there being put under the command of Captain Abram Coons and General Baron Steuben and was marched to Richmond in the State of Virginia at which place we remained some 4 or 5 days & from there we were marched to a place called Chickahominy & we remained in this section of country during the whole of the summer winter & until the spring of 1781 from this place we were marched to the Battle of James Town I was in this Battle I was commanded by Captain Mulenburg & General Baron Steuben and after the Battle of James Town we were marched to Chickahominy & from there to Williamsburg where we joined the main Army of the United States under the command of General George Washington and from there we were marched to the Siege of York town on York River in York County & State of Virginia at this place the British were commanded by Lord Cornwallis he surrendered to General Washington on the 18th day of October 1781 [sic, October 19, 1781] and after we took the British we marched from there guarding the prisoners to a place called Winchester in Frederick County and State of Virginia at which place we remained until the 19th day of June 1781 when peace was declared & the prisoners was released on which day I received my discharge from General Muhlin Burgh [Peter Muhlenberg] and General Wings [?] which discharge was burnt up by a Mr. Thos. Gentry which

I looked left in the care of Martin Gentry while I was in the Army of the late war – he states that he served as a soldier under the officers above stated from the month of May 1780 until the 19 day of June 1782 – in all two years one month he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Patrick Masterson, X his mark

[Isaac F Williams, a clergyman, and Richard Ferguson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Morgan County: Sct.

This day personally appeared before me Isaac Cassity a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid John Kelley a resident of said County aged ninety years who being duly sworn according to law states upon his oath that he was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and that his name now stands enrolled on the pension Roll in the list for the agency of Kentucky and that he entered the service under Joel Walker in Halifax Town North Carolina he further states he was marched to Hill Town in Shanado County [Shenandoah County] State of Virginia this was in the spring of 1780 and that there he saw Patrick Masterson who he states was under the command of Captain __ Jennings and from there he states that they were marched to Albemarle Virginia where he states that Patrick Masterson was put under the command of Captain __ Coons he states that said Masterson enlisted after the deponent and that they served together under the same Commanders until they came to the battle of James Town here the deponent states that they were together at the taking of Cornwallis in October 1781 and afterwards at Winchester in Frederick County State of Virginia Prisoners and further this deponent saith not.

Subscribed and sworn to this 28 day of October 1842 S/ John Kelley, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Owsley County Sctt

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County Stephen Arther¹ a resident of Powell County Kentucky and made oath in due form of law that he has known Patrick Masterson for a great many years and that he was acquainted before either of them entered the service of the revolution and that Jonathan Langlen or Langden was a recruiting officer in the County of Bedford Virginia and in June or July before the Battle of Guilford and Patrick Masterson who is now a Pensioner was then a recruit under Langlen for the service under Muhlenberg and Baron D. Steuben he saw all Masterson after the Battle of Guilford near Williamsburg he was then out by permit he afterwards saw him in the 9th Regiment of the Virginia Blues near the Green Springs and July previous to the siege of York he then saw Masterson's company frequently from that time until they reached York town he thinks the Regiment that Masterson belonged to was commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg of the regular service often saw him while in the siege & was discharged about the same time and started home together.

S/ Stephen Arther, X his mark

¹ Stephen Arther (Arthur) R271

[p 69: on December 26, 1856 in Owsley County Kentucky, Mary Masterson filed an affidavit in which she says that she has lived in Owsley County the past 10 years and prior to that in. County Kentucky; that she married Patrick Masterson April 13, 1838 in Perry County Kentucky; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Sparks; and that her husband died in Owsley County April 10th, 1855 and that she remains his widow. She signed his affidavit with her mark.]

[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 service.]