



King's Mountain. Declarant was one of the advance guard under the command of Captain Thomas Shelby – and joined the corps under the command of Col Campbell [William Campbell] and under him Cols Shelby [Isaac Shelby] and Sevier [John Sevier]. Declarant was in the battle that was fought at that place, and he recollects that his Captain Houston received a wound in the knee, which disabled him. After the battle of King's Mountain declarant returned with his company home, and was discharged. Shortly after his return home, he again volunteered his services under Captain Richard Simmons [?] and rendezvoused near the mouth of Little River under the command of Genl Rutherford, Col Robert Smith and Major Graham – and then marched to Wilmington – and after remaining here sometime he Troop returned home. In the last listed company declarant was in service four months or upwards. During the last tour declarant was with a detachment under the command of Col Smith, while the Army lay at Wilmington, ordered to destroy or break up a party of Tories and British, which marched, or was expected to march to the Brick house. The Brick house being then in the possession of the British – should the British and Tories march from the Mills where Major Graham had been sent to dislodge them. Declarant again volunteered under his Father Capt James Maxwell in the County of Mecklenburg and was marched to near Cowan's Ford, where the British crossed the Catawba under the command of Lord Cornwallis. He was in the skirmish at Cowan's Ford where General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] fell. The command moved to the widow Torrence's [also spelled Tarrant] and from this place the corps retreated to Charlotte, before the British cavalry under the command of Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton]-- and from thence the Army retreated to the Cross roads four miles from Charlotte and at this place Major White commanded – and the corps fell back to the right and left, and the British cavalry passed on the road between the American corps – and as they passed they received the fire of our corps – and the corps then dispersed and returned home. At the cross roads George Locke [? looks like “Lacken” or “Lachin”] was killed by Tarleton. Declarant continued in service until after the battle of Guilford, and was then discharged. He cannot say what was the length of his service in this last Tour, but he thinks four months. And applicant would here state that he was in the battle at Rafts Swamp and also at the battle fought at Ramsour's Mills. Declarant has no document or record in his possession by which he can prove his services, or to form [?] the dates of his different Tours of service – nor does he know of any one now living by whom he can prove his service. He has lost his discharges. He has no record of his age and declarant lived in Mecklenburg County after the war, and has since resided in the State of Tennessee. Declarant does not recollect the names of the Regular Officers, who were attached to the Regular Troops with whom he served – though he saw many of them on his different Tours, but he has forgotten their names.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Subscribed & sworn to 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1832

S/ Wm Ledbetter

S/ William Maxwell

George McLain<sup>1</sup> a soldier of the revolution makes oath that he was at the battle fought at Rafts Swamp, and Ramsour's Mills, and he has conversed with William Maxwell about the occurrences which took place on those occasions, and from the many incidents which there occurred, and which the said William Maxwell hath related in conversation to this affiant, he is satisfied that said Maxwell was in those engagements.

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<sup>1</sup> [George McLain \(McLean\) W21793](#)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.  
Sworn to in open Court 2 October 1832

S/ Wm Ledbetter

S/ George McLean [sic]

Thomas Callen [?] knew the Father of William Maxwell in Mecklenburg County North Carolina and he also was acquainted with the said William at the same time, and during and since the revolutionary war; and he always understood in North Carolina and in Tennessee that said William Maxwell was a soldier of the revolution; and that said William has seen much service and from his acquaintance with the said William he believes him to be seventy six years of age.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Sworn to in Open Court to October 1832

S/ Wm Ledbetter, Clerk

S/ Thomas Callen

[fn p. 31—Will Graves thinks this document is misfiled and belongs to some other veteran.]

State of North Carolina Guilford County:

This day personally appeared before me William Adams a justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid William Maxwell who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

For 3 months I served as a private, as set forth in my declaration, and in the company and under the offices they are mentioned.

For 3 months I served again as a private in the year 1781

For one week I served as a volunteer and private of Randolph

For one week and 5 days I served on another occasion near the time of the battle of Guilford.

For 6 months 2 weeks and 5 days I served my country in the revolutionary war and for these services I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ William Adams, JP

S/ William Maxwell

[fn p. 40]

State of Tennessee Rutherford County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the State and County aforesaid William Maxwell, who, being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for 3 months under Capt. Charles Polk, and 3 months under Capt. Thomas Shelby -- The declarant states that he volunteered for 3 months, at a time -- and for 10 months under Capt. William Alexander in the campaign in South Carolina -- for 5 months under the command of Capt. James Houston -- for 3 months as Ensign under the command of Capt. Simmons -- 4 months as Ensign in the company of Capt. James Maxwell -- making 21

months, he served as a private, and 7 months as Ensign in the service of his country --  
and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ William Maxwell

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 30th November 1833

given under my hand the date above

S/ Jesse Stovall, JP

[fn p. 8: on September 5, 1839 in Smith County Tennessee, Elizabeth Maxwell, 71, filed for a widows pension stating that she is the widow of William Maxwell, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution; that she married him June 11, 1785; that he died December 7, 1838 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: on October 7th, 1844, and Smith County Tennessee, Samuel P. W. Maxwell, 26, grandson of William Maxwell and wife Elizabeth Maxwell filed a claim seeking the pension due his grandmother; he states that Elizabeth Maxwell, his grandmother died February 8, 1841 leaving the following children and grandchildren as her legal heirs and representatives to wit: William Maxwell, Robert Maxwell, Nancy Love, the heirs of John Maxwell deceased and the heirs of Jesse Maxwell, the heirs of Elizabeth Maxwell and the heirs of James Maxwell.]

[fn p. 12: on October 11, 1851 in Smith County Tennessee, Robert Maxwell, 46, a resident of Smith County filed seeking the amount due Elizabeth Maxwell as the widow of William Maxwell; Robert Maxwell states that he is the administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Maxwell; that William and Elizabeth were married in Mecklenburg County North Carolina on June 11 1785 as appears in the family record; that Elizabeth Maxwell left surviving her 2 children Robert Maxwell and Nancy Love.]

[fn p. 15] family record

William and Elizabeth Maxwell married June 11th 1785

Elizabeth Maxwell born April 29th 1768

Charlotte Maxwell born April 26 1789

James Maxwell born February 27th A.D. 1791

John Maxwell born February 14th A.D. 1793

Lydea Maxwell born February the 3rd A.D. 1795

William Maxwell born January 3rd A.D. 1797

Elizabeth Maxwell born December 18th A.D. 1798

Robert Maxwell born May 6th A.D. 1805

Jesse Maxwell born April 18th A.D. 1807

Nancy Maxwell born August 5th A.D. 1810