

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Roger Mallory S1684

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State of Tennessee, Williamson County

Be it remembered that a Court begun & held at the Courthouse in the town of Franklin, County & State aforesaid on the 6th day being the first Monday in August, the year of our Lord 1832. Thomas Stuart one of the judges of the Circuit Courts of Law & Equity in said state being present presiding as judge on this the 5th day of September in the year aforesaid personally appeared in open court Roger Mallory, & making the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832, said Roger Mallory being a resident of the county & state above written being seventy-seven years old last May, who being first duly sworn according to law doth make on his oath the following declaration: That he was born on the 12th day of May 1755. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. That some time in October 1775 by an order of Colonel Roe Cooper of Elizabeth City County, State of Virginia, he being then a resident of said county & state was ordered out with the troops to attack or take a party of British then in a vessel on the Back[?] River. The vessel having been driven ashore by a storm, the crew had deserted the vessel. That the troops of whom he was one pursued them & took the whole of the crew, the Captain excepted, being thirteen in number. When this was done Colonel Roe Cooper & Captain James Barron commanded. In about a week after, the town of Hampton in the aforesaid county was attacked by five British vessels. To defend the town the neighboring militia were ordered out by virtue of an order of the aforesaid Colonel Roe Cooper, among whom he was one. An engagement took place in which we took four[?] of the British vessels & the crew, the Captain excepted who jumped overboard & swam to the opposite side – he thinks Col. Woodford was commander at this engagement together with Captain Bluford or Buford of the regulars. This term of service continued about a week. Some time in the spring or summer 1777 he was Drafted, then residing in York County, Virginia, & during that summer he performed there several tours of about two weeks each, that he first marched to Williamsburg, thence to Yorktown where the troops began the entrenchments upon which Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] finally built. At York Col. Carrington of the Regulars commanded us, James Shields was our Capt. In the year 1779, then residing in King William County, Virginia, he was drafted in Captain Christopher Tompkins' Company of militia. Drury Ragsdale, 1st Lieutenant & Henry Fleet, 2nd Lieutenant, & on the 10th May he was called on to join the army at Williamsburg, where he went, here Gen. Porterfield commanded, thence we were ordered to York, where Gen. Thomas Nelson of the Militia commanded. Thence we were ordered to Hampton where Colonel Geude[?] of the Regulars commanded. Thence we were again ordered to return to York where we were discharged by General Nelson. This term of service lasted three weeks. In the latter part of the year 1779, he removed to Northumberland County, Virginia, immediately on the Chesapeake Bay. Early in the spring of 1780, standing in the first division of the militia in his company, he was drafted in Capt. George Ingram's company of militia, Col. Thomas Gaskins being Col. of the county. During this year he served at different times, at least two months guarding the creeks, rivers & the inhabitants near thereto from the British & Tories. In the spring of 1781 he served as a guard to the river inhabitants & c for about a month, Ingram being his Captain & John Lidner, Lieutenant. In July 1781 being still in the first division in his company he was ordered out to Gloucester & being sick he hired one John Kent as his substitute whom he paid two hundred dollars & several articles of clothing. His substitute remained in the service till the capitulation at York. From the first of July 1781, tho he had a substitute serving in his stead he was requested by Colonel Gaskins to keep a horse & keep guard & look out for British vessels & danger of any kind & give him the information & the alarm to the county around. This service was preformed until September following when he enlisted under Captain John Tracy for one year to collect for & drive cattle & beeves to the army. In this service he continued until the

capitulation of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, after which he returned home & he never received a discharge. He never received to the amount of one cent for all his services. He was born on the 12th day of May 1755 in the County of King William, State of Virginia. That he resided as is above stated until the close of the war. In the year 1783 he removed to Frederick County, Virginia, where he resided one year, then he removed to Rockingham County, Virginia, where he resided 31 years, then he removed to Botetourt County, Va., where he resided about 11 years, & in 1825 he removed to this county, Williamson, Tennessee, where he has ever since resided. He has seen the record of his age in his father's Bible, but he never certified [?] it, & consequently has it not. He was acquainted with his brother Philip Mallory, who was first a Lieutenant & afterward a Captain with Colonel Holt Richardson, with James Quarles, Major, with Henry Quarles, Captain, with Colonel Benjamin Temple of the Horse, with Captain Giles Rains; these were Regular officers, all from King William County, Virginia, & with Thomas Pemberton, Captain of the Horse. He has no documentary evidence whereby to prove his services, nor does he know of any person residing in this state by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Roger Mallory, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open court, 5th Sept. 1832.

S/ Preston Hay, Clk. & etc.

I, John Mallory, aged 52 years, residing in Williamson County, State of Tennessee, being the son, & the only son residing in this State, of the said Roger Mallory, who has sworn to & subscribed to the above declaration hereby certify that from my earliest recollection I have repeatedly heard my father at different times rehearse, more or less in detail, the service & tours of the facts set forth in his above declaration & that I fully believe all the statements made in said declaration to be true.

S/ John Mallory

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ P. Hay, Clk. &c.

The undersigned citizens of Williamson County, State of Tennessee, certify that for many years we have been acquainted with Roger Mallory, an applicant for pension under the Act of Congress of 1832, & that we are & have been well acquainted with the John Mallory whose statement accompanies the declaration of the said Roger, & that from the character of the said Roger & John Mallory, as men of integrity, truth & honesty, we have complete confidence in their statements, & place entire confidence in the truth of their several statements. Given under our hands this 5th day of September 1832.

S/ R.P. Currin

S/ Robert Davis

S/ Thos. Hardeman

S/ W. G. Childress

S/ Robert C. Foster Sr.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court, 5th Sept. 1832.

S/ P. Hay, Clk. &c.

The State of Tennessee, Williamson County

Be it remembered, that at a Court of Pleas & Quarter sessions before & held at the Court House in the town of Franklin, Williamson County, State of Tennessee on the first day, being the first Monday in July, in the year of our Lord 1833, for the County & State aforesaid, [illegible first name] Marshall, William Johnson & John W. Miller Esquires being present presiding, the Justices of said Court &c on this the sixth day of July in the year last aforesaid, personally appeared in open court Roger Mallory &

makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June, 1832 (he the said Roger Mallory having heretofore on the 5th day of September 1832 made a Declaration for the same purpose; but which is necessary to be amend[ed], & which he commenced, but owing to the paper upon which it is written on cannot amend, on the same piece of paper – he therefore makes his new one, sending back with this, the old one), he the said Roger Mallory being a resident of the County & State first above written, & being 78 years of age, the 12th day of May last, and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration: that is to say: That he was born on the-- twelfth day of May A.D. 1755 old style in King William County, State of Virginia; that he entered the service of the United States during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, under the Officers hereinafter mentioned, & that he served as herein after stated: That in the month of October 1775, then residing in Elizabeth City County, State of Virginia, he was ordered out(which order was in the nature of a Draft of the whole of the Militia by Colonel Roe Cooper to attack a party of British then in a vessel on the Back River, the vessel was driven on shore by a storm. When the American troops arrived at the vessel, they found that the British men had deserted their vessel. The Americans burnt the vessel & then pursued the men – whom except the Captain & Lieutenant we took after several days search for them, they having been secreted. This Col. Roe Cooper was resident in & Colonel Commandant of the County & State aforesaid. The number of the British crew taken was thirteen. This service occupied him at least one week – he remembers well that we took the British crew on Sunday evening – during this service he was commanded by said Colonel R. Cooper & Captain James Barron & Francis Mallory Lieutenant. Shortly after this the British sent an officer to demand pay for the aforesaid vessel, that we burnt. This was refused. A few days afterwards, five British vessels attacked the town of Hampton, in the County aforesaid, on the said Back River. To defend the said town & surrounding country he was again, with the Militia, ordered out, by a light order by the aforesaid Colonel R. Cooper. An engagement took place in which we took one of the British vessels & the crew thereof – the Captain escaped – who swam over to the opposite side & made his escape to the other vessels – he thinks & believes that Colonel Woodford commanded at this engagement, together with Captain Bluford or Buford of the Regulars. He was engaged in the service at this time, and on this tour, at least one week. Both of these tours he served as a private in the Militia. Residing in York County State of Virginia, he was Drafted into the Spring, as he now believes, of the year 1777 – and during this year he served three several tours of, at least two weeks each. The first, as he believes, was in May – the second in August, & the third in October – and all which he was a private in the Militia. In each one of these tours he was first ordered to Williamsburg; thence he marched to York town, or little York, where Lord Cornwallis was finally captured. In the August tour the troops to which he belonged, began the entrenchments upon which Cornwallis afterwards built. At York at these several tours, Colonel Paul Carrington of the Regulars commanded & James Shields was his Captain. In the year 1779, then residing in King William County, State of Virginia, he was Drafted, as a private, in the Militia on the 10th day of May we assembled at the Court house of said County; thence we marched to join the Army at Williamsburg. His company was commanded by Captain Christopher Tompkins, Drewry Ragsdale 1st Lieutenant & Henry Fleet [?] 2nd Lieutenant. From said Court house we were commanded by Colonel John Hickman, Commandant of the County of aforesaid, to said Williamsburg – where when we arrived General Robert Porterfield assumed the command – he being then commander of the State Garrison at that place. Thence (from Williamsburg) we marched to York – here General Thomas Nelson of the Militia commanded – thence we marched to Hampton – where Colonel Francis Gande [?] of the Regulars commanded us – thence we marched again to York – here we were discharged, verbally by General Thomas Nelson. He was engaged in this term of service, at the least, three weeks. In the Fall of the year 1779 he removed to Northumberland County, Virginia immediately on the Chesapeake Bay. Early in the Spring of 1781, standing in the first Division in his Company, he was drafted as a private in the Militia, & Commanded by Captain George Ingram, John Ledner, Lieutenant, Colonel Thomas Gaskins was here the Colonel commandant of the County. During

the whole year he was directed to hold himself in readiness at a moments warning or Notice -- & being a minute man, many times & often, during this year he was in service, guarding & protecting the rivers, creeks &c. & inhabitants from the depredations of the British, & the Tories – he is certain, that his several tours of service during this year added together made, at the least, two months. During the Spring of the year 1781 he performed the same kind of services, under the same Officers, for at least one month. In July 1781 being still in the first division in his Company, he with the whole of the Division, was ordered to march to Gloucester town: being taken sick he hired a Substitute (one John Kent) to whom he paid \$200, & gave divers articles of clothing. The said John Kent, as his substitute, remained in the service until the capture of Cornwallis at York. From the first of July, though he had a substitute, in the service in his room & stead, he was required & commanded by the said Colonel Gaskins to keep a horse & to keep guard, & look out for British vessels, & danger of all kinds – and when he discovered anything of the kind to give him Gaskins the information immediately & the alarm to the surrounding Country. This service he performed from the first of July until the middle of September following. At this time he enlisted under Captain John Tracy for one year to collect & drive cattle to the Army. In this service he continued until the capitulation of Cornwallis at York. He never did receive to the amount of one cent for his said services. He was born, as before stated. He has seen the record of his age in his Father's Bible but as he [several illegible words] it, he himself has it not. The last time he saw the Bible, it was in the possession of his brother James. Where it is now he cannot say, but he supposes it is in the possession of some of the family in Virginia. When he first entered the service he lived near the town of Hampton in Elizabeth City County Virginia: from thence he removed as herein for stated, during the Revolutionary War – besides some others not herein named. Since the termination of the Revolutionary War, he has resided as follows, -- in the year 1783, he removed from Northumberland County Virginia to Frederick County, Virginia – where he resided one year – thence he removed to Rockingham County, Virginia, where he resided 31 years – thence he removed to Botetourt County, Virginia, where he resided nearly 11 years -- & in 1845 he removed to this, Williamson County, Tennessee, where has continued & now resides. In addition to the Officers above mentioned he was acquainted with his brother Philip Mallory who was first a Lieutenant & afterwards Captain – who when he first joined our Army belonged to the 11th Regiment of the Continental troops -- & with the following Regular Officers – Colonel Holt Richardson, Major James Quarles – Captain Henry Quarles, Captain Giles Raines, & Colonel Benjamin Temple of the Horse & Captain Thomas Pemberton also of the Horse, under Colonel B. Temple. He never did receive a written, or printed Discharge. He has no documentary evidence whereby to prove his said services; nor does he know of any person, residing in the State, by whom he can prove his said services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & hereby declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. He is acquainted with & known to Robert Davis, a clergyman, Robert P. Currin, Thomas Hardeman, Robert C. Foster, Jr., William G. Childress, Edward Brethett and Joseph Crockett can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolutionary We were.

Sworn to in open court 6 July 1833

S/ Roger Mallory, X his mark

S/ Thos Hardeman, Clk

[standards supporting affidavit given by Robert Davis, a clergyman, Thomas Hardeman & Joseph Crockett]