Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Mason S41792

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Superior Court of Law April Term 1821

On this 25th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open court being a Court of record for said County, was Mason aged about 60 years or upwards, not exactly known, resident in the County of Lincoln in the State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: to wit, that he enlisted early in the year 1777 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Simeon Thurs [sic, Simeon Theus] & afterwards by Captain Leveshire of the second Regiment South Carolina line & Continental establishment, commanded by Colonel Charles C. Pinckney & that he continued to serve in the said corps in the service of the United States until the Siege of Charleston South Carolina in the year 17__ [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]³ the term of his enlistment being then expired he was regularly discharged but still continued to serve as a volunteer fighting in defense of said Garrison until the capitulation thereof, in the American troops of said Garrison were made prisoners of war, that he continued there a prisoner, till he found means to make his escape. That he then entered himself a volunteer in the corps of Horse commanded by General Marion [Francis Marion], and the [undeciphered word] the said troops were surprised by a party of British, he lost the above mentioned discharge with a part of his clothing, And beside the before mentioned engagement, he was in two others viz., at the siege of Savannah [September 16-October 9, 1779]⁴ and battle of Stono [June 20, 1779].⁵

And I Thomas Mason do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz.:

¹ Simeon Theus BLWt2227-300

² This MAY be a reference to Le Vacher De St. Maria BLWt615-300

³ http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/

⁴ http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

1 Pot	\$1.00
1 Bake oven	1.00
2 Blankets	2.50
1 jug	.25
1 Flask	.25
1 Earthen bowl	.12 ½
1 Knife & Fork	.25
1 Spoon	.12 ½
2 Brick layers trowels	1.50
3 Brick molds	1.50
1 Pen Knife	.25
2 Rasors [razors?]	1.50
1 Shaving Box	.60
1 Sugar Dish	.60
1 Tumbler	.12 ½
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	\$11:76 3/4

The Family of Thomas Mason consist entirely of himself, that he is a bricklayer by trade, but unable to follow it owing to age & infirmity.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court 25th of April 1821.

S/ Thomas Mason

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 25, 1821, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁶ relating to Thomas Mason pp 4

Audited Account No. 4821B

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[Note: The following is taken from Salley SC Stub book y-z, p 133:

No. 890

Lib Y Issued 26 January 1786, for Seven Pounds

Sterling for pay as Sergeant in 1st Regt. Infantry in 1780 – say to Mr. Tho^{s.} Mason, – as per Account

audited

Principal £7 Interest £0.9.9]

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Sir/ John A. Dibble

⁶ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the Just take me to the search page link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Please to Deliver Mr. [name obliterated] or Order Indents to the Amount of my account in your office for services in the first Regiment 1780

Thomas Mason March 16th 1791



Witness

Lemuel Benton, JP

To the Commissioners of the Treasury of South-Carolina 890 Y

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Presented 1/3 time by Mr. Brown in the Treasury in Charleston and repised [?] on Accot. of an obliteration an interlinear nation

John A. Dibble A. A.

[p 4] Sir,

Please to deliver to Mr. Adam Marshall or his Order and Indent belonging to me for duty done in the 1st regiment 1780 as a Soldier. Value Received this 20th August 1791

Thomas Mason

Darlington County

August 20th 1790 – This may certify that Thomas Mason in my presence sign the above Order, that he resides in the District of Cheraw in the County of Darlington

Alexander McIntosh, JP