

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of David Mabry W17072 Jeane fn27NC
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State of North Carolina Wake County: August 1832

David Mabry personally appeared in open Court in & for the County aforesaid aged 80 years who being first 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 the 7th of June 1832 -- that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated -- That he lived in the adjoining County Bute now Warren & Franklin NC when he first entered into Service that his first tour was under Capt. Green 2 or 3 years before Independence was declared that they marched against some troops under one Capt. Fordice [sic, Fordyce] that they encamped at the Great Bridge about 10 miles above Norfolk. That he was out about 2 months this trip -- That on his return he was held as minute man under Col. Nicholas Long -- that they marched for Moore's Creek Bridge to the relief of Gov. Caswell who had an engagement at the Bridge where the Tories were defeated -- That Col. Long was to take the baggage of the Tories which he did -- That they came to Smithfield on Neuse River where they held a court-martial. That in this trip he served about 2 months. That the next trip he went was in the horse under Col. Malmedy a Frenchman that they marched against the Tories and was in hearing of the Battle of General Ford which they tried to reach but did not. That they rendezvoused at the Iron [sic, Troublesome Iron Works] where they were put into the foot service by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] that he had entered for 3 months & being lame by order of Col. Reede -- he had a permit to go home that he served in this trip nearly 3 months -- That his next trip was along with Major Hogg from Tarborough to Fayetteville & from thence down the Cape Fear [River] to a Bridge 10 miles from Wilmington on a scouting expedition and was on guard to prevent the Tories from burning the Mills in the neighborhood -- that they remained in service until the news of Lord Cornwallis capture -- when they returned home -- that this was a trip of 3 months -- That he had been a tour of 3 months before this under Capt. Benjamin Seawell from Bute to Wilmington where they remained the 3 months as a guard just before Wilmington -- At that this was the year of Independence -- he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of any State.

Sworn to & sealed

S/ David Mabry

Isaac Winston¹ who now resides in the County of Franklin is well acquainted with David Mabry who has made the above declaration that he lived in the neighborhood of the said Mabry being in the service But does not know it of his own knowledge -- except the 3 months that tour of 3 months under Capt. Benjamin Seawell at Wilmington -- where he the said Winston served with him -- That he has no doubt of the said Mabry's having served in the revolutionary war as he states & that he is as he supposes about 80 years of age -- That he the said Isaac Winston is 77

¹ FPA R11732

years of age.

S/ Isaac Winston

State of North Carolina Wake County: Superior Court of Law First Monday in April A.D. 1833

This day personally appeared David Mabry in open Court now opened and held by the Honorable Robert Strange presiding Judge thereof -- who being first duly sworn according to law says he resides in the County of Wake aforesaid --

1. Where & in what County & year were you born?

In the then County of Bute NC in 1752

2. Have you any record of your age -- Answer no -- having lost it --

3. Qu. Answer -- was living in the then County of Bute -- have lived since in Franklin & Wake counties NC

4. Qu. Ans: first went as a volunteer some years before Independence -- marched as in my former declaration near to Norfolk Virginia -- under Capt. William Green -- was gone almost a month -- received no discharge -- as none were granted to any one -- next trip went again as a volunteer -- under Col. Long to Moore's Creek Bridge -- about 20 or 30 miles from Wilmington - - was ordered by Gov. Caswell to capture the baggage of the Tories which we did -- was out almost 2 months as well as now recollected -- received no discharge -- as none were then given -- this trip also before the declaration of Independence -- He went as a drafted militia man for 3rd trip, under Capt. Benjamin Seawell -- marched to Wilmington remained 3 months in service this trip -- this was in the year of 1776 -- received no discharge -- his next trip was as a volunteer -- hailed as minute men -- went in a company of horse commanded by Col. Malmedy -- that just after the battle of Guilford they rendezvoused at Troublesome Iron Works -- were then put into the foot service under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- that being lame, received a furlough from Col. Read -- that this furlough has been lost -- that this trip was for 3 months & the furlough was granted but a few weeks before the expiration of his time -- that the last trip of this affiant was as a volunteer -- was under the command of Col. Lane -- marched under Major Hogg to Wilmington -- where they remained on different scouting expeditions against the Tories, until they heard of Lord Cornwallis' capture -- served in this trip 3 months -- was disbanded without receiving any discharge -- This applicant is not able to get the certificate of any clergyman as none in his neighborhood are acquainted with him long enough -- that this affiant cannot speak positively as to the length of his different terms of service -- the years or when discharged -- but believes the periods to be --

First trip almost one month

2 -- trip almost two ditto

3 trip -- three do

4 trip--for three months & received furlough about 2 weeks before time expired

5-- 3 months close of war

S/ David Mabry

[Allen Rogers gave the standard supporting affidavit and Henry Cook gave a supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 8: On March 16 1842, in Franklin County North Carolina, James Mabry, 91, filed for her widow's pension stating she is the widow of David Mabry a pensioner at the rate of \$38.33 per annum; that she married him August 6, 1778 & that he died July 12, 1834; that she remains his widow. She also stated that she made her declaration in Franklin County rather than in Wake

County where she resides because she was married in Bute County in the portion thereof which is now Franklin County and thought she could more easily prove her marriage in Franklin County.]

[fn p. 10: copy of marriage bond given by David Mabry and Andrew Bailey in Bute County August 4, 1778 to secure the marriage of David Mabry to Jeane Bledsoe]