

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Notly Masters ¹ W5365 Mary Masters f84SC
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South Carolina Pickens District: SS

On this the First day of June 1846 personally appeared before me William D. Steele Judge of the Court of Ordinary for said District, Mrs. Mary Masters a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged 70 Years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 and the several acts in continuation thereof that she is the widow of Notly Masters who was a private in the war of the Revolution and entered the service in South Carolina and was at the Battle at Musgrove's Mills,² and she thinks he was under General Cazy [sic, Lt. Col. Levi Casey] and recollects to have heard her husband speak of being in several battles. She further states she was married to Notly Masters on the 30th of July 1793 and he deceased February the 12th 1819 -- and she further states that she was married to Notly Masters in Pendleton District so called at that time but now Anderson District South Carolina and that she was married by William Bennett a Baptist preacher and has remained a widow ever since the death of her said Husband Spell that Notly Masters.

S/ Mary Masters, D her mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & year above written

S/ William D. Steele

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Comptroller General's Office
Columbia South Carolina April 30th, 1846

Book T

Indent 155 } Issue 24th of June 1785 to Notley Masters [sic] for Thirteen Pounds 4S: 3 ¼ D,
Sterling for militia duty per account audited
Principal £13: 4: 3 ¼ Annual intr. £0:18:5D
Notley Masters

His account of militia duty before and since the Reduction of Charleston
per Colonel Anderson's Return
Amount Sterling £13:4:3 ¼ D

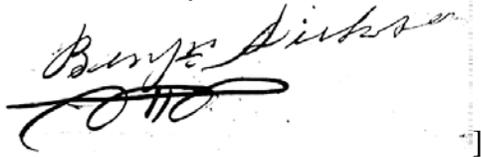
¹ BLWt24170-160-55

² August 19, 1780 http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html

I certify the above to be a true copy from the Records in this office
For Comptroller General
J. Aug. Black

[p 28: Rachel Anderson, 69 or 70, of Pickens District SC testified on May 26, 1846, that she was present at the marriage of Notly Masters to Mary Hembree in the somer [summer] of 1793. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 29: Benjamin Dickson, Sr. of Anderson District, SC testified on May 23, 1846, that he and Rachel Anderson were present at the marriage of Notley Masters to Mary Hembree at Pickenses Mill on Rockey River Pendleton District and that they waited on the groom at that ceremony.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Benjamin Dickson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. Below the main signature, there is a smaller, more stylized mark that could be a second signature or a set of initials.

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State of South Carolina Pickens District:

Before me, personally appeared the Revent [sic, Reverend] Benjamin Nabors [sic, Benjamin Neighbors]³ and mad [made] oath and upon oath Saith that him selfe and Notley Masters turned out volunteers Before the Reduction of Charlestown under Capt Thomas Doggins [sic, Thomas Dugan] and leftenant [sic, Lieutenant] Levy Casey [sic, Levi Casey] and Was in Surves [service] three mont [months] with Notley Masters and was Personly [personally] acquainted with Notley Masters and he Said he new [knew] nothing more of him untell [until] peace was mad [made] and after peace was mad [made] he came Back and Shinggles my Brauthers havs [sic, shingled my brother's house?] and I new [knew] him for some several year [years] and he move [moved] away out of the sittlement [settlement]. I Benjamin Nabors [am] astate [a state] Pensioner Doe [do] Surtify [Certify] this to be a true fact.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this the 25th day of December 1846

S/ R. T. Stewart, M. P. D.

S/ Benjamin Nabors, X his mark

[p 51: On January 28, 1850 in Pickens District South Carolina John Anderson, aged 80, gave testimony that he was acquainted with Mary Hembree in 1792 and also with Notley Masters; that they were married July 30th, 1793 by William Bennett a Baptist Preacher; that affiant got married in November 1795 and lived near Masters in his wife until they had 3 children, Charlotte, Martha and Washington; affiant remembers that the affiants eldest daughter was married in 12 months after affiant was married; that affiant was living in Newberry District South Carolina within about 18 miles of the veteran and his wife.]

[p 8: On May 4, 1855 in Anderson District South Carolina, the widow applied for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 11: On December 6th, 1867 in Milton County Georgia, Charlotte Drennan, 56, filed a claim

³ [Benjamin Neighbors S19000](#)

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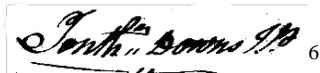
Messers Boquet & Mitchell}

Treasurers Commissioners of the Treasury} Gentlemen please to deliver to the bearer Col. Levi Casey my Indents Principal and Special & his Receipt shall be your Discharge as witness my hand this 10 of January 1785

Signed before me the Day above

Written Jonathan Downs, JP

Notley Masters

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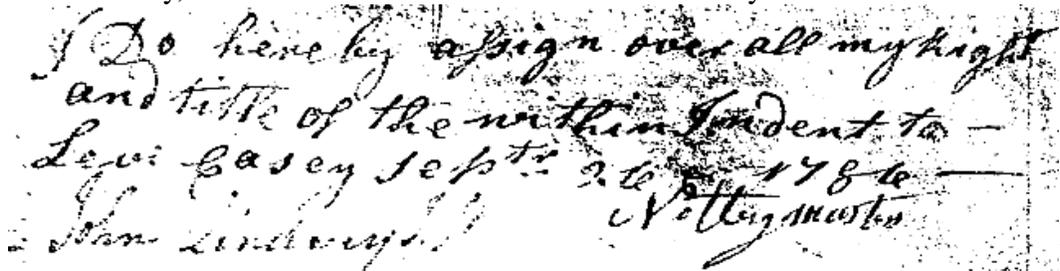
[p 5: Printed form of indent No. 155 Book T]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do hereby assign over all my Right and title of the within Indent to Levi Casey September 26, 1786

John Lindsey, JP

Notley Masters

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⁵ This is the signature of Lt. Col. Levi Casey of the South Carolina militia

⁶ This is the signature of Captain Jonathan Downs of the South Carolina militia

⁷ This is his signature of Lt. Col. John Lindsey of the South Carolina militia