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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Nathaniel Mason VAS509 Transcribed by Will Graves

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

The affidavit of John Wrenn¹ of the County of Sussex in the State of Virginia taken this 16th day of November 1839. The affiant being duly sworn saith that according to the family register he is now in his 78th year of his age – that he was well acquainted with Captain Nathaniel Mason who was the son of Colonel David Mason that he well remembers that his brother Robert Wrenn enlisted in the Continental service during the Revolutionary war, under the said Captain Nathaniel Mason, that they went into the service in the spring of the year 1776 as well as the affiant remembers, but is positive that they were at the battle of the great Bridge, and that sin after that time, they went on to the North in the service of the country, that before the 3 years had elapsed, and while the above persons were in service, the affiant enlisted in the service and went on to the South – and did not see the said Captain Nathaniel Mason nor his brother Robert until after the war was over when they all met, and conversed upon the Service that they had seen & performed. And the affiant is satisfied in his mind that the above named Captain Mason did serve over 3 years to the North.

S/ John Wrenn

[Note: Other documents in the file indicate that Nathaniel Mason was commissioned a Captain in the 4th Virginia Regiment March 14, 1776

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¹ John Wrenn S7979