

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Mack Goolsberry (Goldsbury) S35976
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VA (MD)

To the Secretary of War [2 Aug 1819]

Your Petitioner Mack Goolsberry states that he enlisted in the Continental Service in the Regular Army in October 1777 for and during the War under Capt. William Brown in Col. Chas. Harrison's [Charles Harrison's] Reg't. of Artillery – and served faithfully during the War. He was in the Battle of Monmouth in June 1778 [sic: Monmouth, 28 Jun 1778] – the Battle of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] and Campden [probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781. See endnote.] and in many other actions fought during the Revolutionary War.

He was Honorably discharged from the Service but never Obtained a formal Discharge in writing. Because all the soldiers in the service during the War, were furlowed untill the treaty of peace – when the only evidence that was given of their having served and being charged, was a publication in the Newspapers. He is in reduced Circumstances and needs the aid of his Gov't. He made Affidavit to a similar statement for the purpose of getting a Pension about the 1st of July 1818 but could not succeed in his Application because the affidavit was made before a Justice of the Peace – for which reason he asks a pension from the date of the s'd. first application Mack hisXmark Goolsberry

District of Kentucky

On this 19th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record, for the said district, towit the Cir't. Court of Garrard Mack Golsborough aged 61 years, resident in the s'd. C'ty. of Garrard in said district who being first duly sworn, according to Law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows:

He enlisted in the company of Wm Brown [William Brown] at Annapolis, in a Reg't. of Artillery, in the Maryland line, but there being no Reg't. of Artillery for Maryland, he was attached when in service to Col. Harrison's Reg't. of Virginia. [See endnote.] He enlisted for during the war, and served faithfully and got a Disharge which he has lost. He applied for a Pension on the 1st of July 1818 under the Act of 18th March 1818.

And I 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

Six head of Cattle – 2 Head of Horses – 10 Hogs – and Household Furniture of about the value of Fifty Dollars 1 Plough – 3 Hoes – two axes – all amounting to not more than Two Hundred Dollars – My occupation is agriculture, scarcely able to work – no children living with him.

Auditors office Annapolis Nov 29th 1820

I certify that it appears by a Depreciation pay List, Remaining in my office, that Mark Goldsbury, a Matross in the Maryland Artillery on Continental Establishment, Rec'd. £91.6.9 depreciation money Issued to the Maryland Quota of Continental Troops on 23^d Ap'l. 1782. Thos. Karney A.G.S. M'd.

State of Kentucky }

County of Garrard } [27 Feb 1824]

I, Mack Goolsberry aged Sixty four years, a citizen of the United States, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I enlisted in the army of the

Revolution, against the common enemy of my country, for the term of “during the war,” and served in the company commanded by Capt. William Brown and in the regiment No. occasionally under command of Colonel Charles Harrison of the Virginia line: and that I continued in the service aforesaid until the close of the war, in seventeen hundred and eighty-three, when I was regularly discharged from the service I did not belong to any certain regiment my company was raised in Maryland

My discharge I cannot produce to corroborate the above statement. I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States; nor have I ever assigned or transferred my claim to that gratuity in any manner whatsoever

Mack Goolsberry

NOTES:

Two companies of Maryland artillery under Captains William Brown and Richard Dorsey were attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment of Continental Artillery on 8 Jan 1778. (Sanchez-Saavedra, E. M. *A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution, 1774-1787*. Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 2007.)

I assume that “Campden” refers to the Battle of Hobkirk Hill rather than the Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780, because at the time of the latter battle William Brown’s company was attached to Gen. Thomas Sumter nearby. (O’Kelley, P. *Nothing But Blood and Slaughter*, Vol. 2. Booklocker.com, 2004.)

A Treasury-Department document shows that the guardian of three of six children of Mack Goolsberry, deceased, received half his final pension for the period of 4 Sep 1838 to 4 March 1839. A similar document indicates that the administrator of the estate received half the payment up to 13 July 1839, the date of the pensioner’s death.