## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Mason S36691

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State of Ohio Adams County SS

I do hereby certify that this day [16 April 1818] Thomas Mason a citizen of the United States and this state (in which he has resided many years) personally appeared before me the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law made the following declaration under Oath. First that he served four years in the Army of the United States, in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy in the delaware line on continental establishment 2<sup>d</sup>. That he enlisted under Captain John Rhoads [sic: John Rhodes], but was afterwards transferred to another Company. That he served in a Regiment commanded by Colonel [David] Hall or Vaugh [sic: Joseph Vaughan] a Regiment belonging to the Delaware line.

3<sup>d</sup>. That he enlisted as a private Soldier on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1778 as well as he now recollects for three years or during the war and continued in the service of the United States untill the conclusion of the Peace in 1782 4<sup>th</sup>. That in the fall of the year 1782 he procured a regular discharge in due form and left the Army having been in the Army something more than four years. that his discharge is either lost or mislaid 5<sup>th</sup>. That he never had or received any pension from the United States and therefore thinks it not necessary to make any form at relinquishment of a pension

State of Ohio Adams County Ss

I Certify that this day [16 April 1818] Charles Hamilton [pension application S41614] of full age personally appeared before me the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that the beforenamed Thomas Mason joined the Delaware Regiment mentioned in the foregoing deposition at Sussex Courthouse in the State of New Jersey in the fall of the year 1778 and continued in the service of the United States until the end of the Revolutionary war and further saith not

Office of the Secretary of the State of Delaware/ Dover 12 Feb. 1819.

Charles Hamilton

There are in this office no pay or muster rolls of "Captain John Rhoads' company": but there are "pay rolls of Lieutenant John Rhoads's company of the Delaware Regiment commanded by Col. David Hall" for the months of February March April May June July and August 1778, all of which I have carefully examined, and the name of "Thomas Mason" is not to be found therein, and these are the only pay rolls of Lieutenant John Rhoads' company in this office.

There also are in this office "pay rolls of Major Joseph Vaughn's company of Foot in the service of the United States commanded by Colonel David Hall," from the month of September 1778 inclusive to the month of April 1780 inclusive, from which it appears, that the first lieutenant of the said company was named John Rhoads; and also that a person named "Thomas Mason" was enlisted into the said company on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1779, and that he continued to serve therein as a private soldier from that day until and during the month of April 1780, and belonged thereto at the date of the last mentioned pay roll of the said company.

It further appears from an original paper now in this office, purporting to be a "Muster Roll of the non-commissioned officers drummers & fifers and rank and file of the late Delaware Regiment now

the first company of the second Battalion in Col. Williams' [Otho Holland Williams of Maryland] Regiment serving in the Southern Army of the United States," dated "Hillsborough N. Carolina Sep. 1780", and sworn to by "Peter Jaquet [sic: Peter Jaquett S46500] Capt. DR." on the "10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1780", before "O H Williams Col. Com't.", that a private soldier, then belonged to the said "first company of the second Battalion in Col. Williams' Regiment", named "Thomas Mason", and that he was "missing in action 16tth August 1780".

H. M. Ridgely

## The State of Ohio Adams County

Supreme Court April Term 1823

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1823 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record having the power of fine and imprisonment for the county and in the state aforesaid Thomas Mason aged sixty two years resident in Adams County in said State, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit he was enlisted some time in the summer of 1779 in the Company commanded by Capt John Rhodes called Delaware Blues, the following fall he joined the Regiment at Sussex Courthouse in New Jersey and March to winter quarters near Morristown

Sometime after he was sent with the baggage of Brigadier Gen'l. M. Gess [sic: Mordecai Gist] to South Carolina. He was in the engagement called Gen'l. [Horatio] Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] where he was taken prisoner, shortly after he was retaken by Gen'l. [Francis] Marion [near Nelson's Ferry SC, 25 Aug 1780] and marched to Wilmington North Carolina from thence to Hillsborough N.C. where he joined the Regiment commanded by Gen'l. Gates & afterwards by Gen'l. [Nathanael] Greene he continued in the regular service and was in the Battle of Guilford Ct. House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and in the battle at Camden [Hobkirk Hill, 25 Apr 1781]; also the battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] & in several other engagements not necessary to mention finally was sent to New Castle where he received a furlow without date instead of regular discharge after having been four years and some months in the service of the United States which furlow was lost in the burning of his house & property in West Union shortly after it became a Town.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Thos Mason

Schedule of the property of Thomas Mason		
1 Cow & 1 Calf 16 —	Amo't bro't up 122	50
2 Mares & ColtE 60 —	2 Coffee Pots & 3 tin cups —	$37\frac{1}{2}$
1 Cow & 3 PigsE 2 —	1 Crock 1 pr candle moles	
8 Sheep & 2 lambs 10 —	1 Iron stand	25
2 hoes & 1 Mattock 2 —	2 Candle sticks 1 pr of	
2 axes 1 iron wedge & 1 spade 2 —	snuffers & 1 Coffee mill	75
2 Bridles & 1 saddle 1 25	1 suplin[?] 1 saw 1 drawing	
2 Stacks of wheatE 8 —	knife 2 augers & 3 chissels 2	25
2 Bucketts & 8 Chairs	1 looking Glass	25
1 big wheel & 1 small wheel 2 50	2 Tables & 1 StandE 4	50
1 Reid[?] 2 smoothing irons	1 Trunk & 2 Baskets	25
1 fire shovel & 1 pr fire irons 3 —	1 Umbrella & 1 desk 7	
1 pot & 2 lid Kittles 2 50	1 Tub & 2 PloughsE 6	
2 Skillets & 1 lid	1 Wind MillE 5	_

1 Gun & led	1 pr double treesE	
	1 Razor shaving Box & soap &c	
2 pr pot Bales	1 Meat tub	
10 knives & seven forks 50	11 Barrels & 1 wooden bowl — 75	
9 spoons 12 plates	4 Clevixes[?] & old seive 1 —	
8 cups & sausers — 50	1 half bushel	
3 dishes 1 ovel[?] Pitcher 1 —	1 leg chain old	
1 Teapot 3 bowls 1 Tumbler &	sthose marked E. are	
1 Box of sugar 6 —	under Execution \$154 —	
cont'd 122 50		
Amt. of Judgments now on the docket of John Kincaid Esq'r against me are 100.00		
Am't due to Armstrong	\$50.00	
No. of original } Am't due to Bradford		
Certificate 8918 } do do J Housh		
do do Lockhart		
	\$290.00	
Am't that is owing to me at this time are in Costs a	bout \$150.00	

Thos. Mason

I have a wife & ten Children four of whom have become of age & are acting for themselves. I have a son by the name of Jefferson about 13 years of age 1 son by the name of Malin Jackson about 7 years old and 1 son by the name of Wilson Campbell about 2 years old. I have 3 Daughters at home with me by the names as follows Eliza about 5 Patty about 8 and Margaret about five years of age

Thos. Mason

A List of Property Sold by Thos. Mason Since 18th March 1818 as follows 1820 or 21. Feb.

One Horse for \$100.00 — \$100.00

I have re'd. one Half of this amt. and appropriated to the Payment of my Debts & Support of my family The Balance is yet unpaid. Some in the fall of 1821 I exchanged some young cattle for a mare which mare is one Item in my Schedule. I have sold Betwen 3 and 400 Bushel of corn since 1818 which has been applied To the Payment of my Debts & use of my family, I have sold 3 or 4 Tons of Hay which was appropriated to The Payment of my Debts, The reasons why I did not apply Before the first of March 1823 were that I supposed the property in my possession was worth more than \$200 & Thought the Property I had would Pay my Debts & I would be able To live without calling on Government to place me on The Pention List. The Principal part of the Property I had was sold Previous to the first of March 1823 and what has not been sold is now under execution

June 6 1823

NOTE: On 27 Dec 1837 Mason applied to have his pension transferred to Montgomery County IN, where he had moved because "a son who resided in that place wished me & my wife come there and reside with or near him and my wife was anxious to go to that county to be near her son & I went to that County as much to gratify my wife as any thing else." He signed as shown.

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