Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Archibald Casey S39292

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Chesterfield County

On this 13th day of July 1818 before me the subscriber the Judge of the county Court of Chesterfield personally appeared Arch'd Casey aged 62 years resedent in the aforesaid County who being duly sworn first by me according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled an "act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in revolutionary war"

That he the said Arch'd, enlisted in the county of Chesterfield in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Nath'l. Braiden [Nathaniel Braiden] that he went down to WmsBurg [Williamsburg] and served under George Mason then Col of the 2nd. State Reg't. That he next entered into the service of the U. States at Wmsburg under Col. [Haynes] Morgan and under various officers continued in the service of the U. States till the close of the War when he was discharged from service honorably at Richmond in the State of Virginia that he was in the battles of Stoney Point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] Guilford Ct. House [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and lastly at the siege of York from the begining to the ending of the said siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] The said Arch'd. offers the anexed affidavit of G. Wood that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Capt. Wm. Kise[?] made Oath before me that the said Arch'd. Casey is poor & stands in need of the assistance of his Country – the said Arch'd. says he has no other evidence now in his power of his services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid Arch'd. hisXmark Casey

Gulalmus Wood made Oath personally before me Edmund Lockett the Judge of the Court that during the Revolutionary War he saw the aforesaid Arch'd. Casey in the service of the U. States at Chesterfield Ct. House in this state under Col. Davis [sic: William Davies]

[The following is among the Revolutionary bounty-land papers in the Library of Virginia:] I do certifie that Archibald Casey a soldier of the Virginia State Troops is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a soldier for serving during the war

Given 2^d June 1783
Ab Crump Cap. V S Troops [Abner Crump, pension application R13459]

[From Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection/ Powhatan County]

To the Speaker and members of the general assembly of Virginia.

The petition of Arch'd Casy of the county of Powhatan respectfully sheweth to your honorable body that your petitioner, in the year 1777 on the fourth of July enlisted in the 2nd state Regt. soon after which his regiment was ordered to the north, where it was turned over into the continental service, that in the fall of the year 78 your petitioner enlisted in the continental army for the period of the war – that then he was put under the command of General Wayne; and was present at the storming of Stoney point; assisted at the battle of Guilford Court House from thence he was ordered to his native state, and marched under Genl. Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] to the seize of little York where he remained untill the capitulation of Lord cornwallis – and at the close of the war was honorably discharged That sometime previous to the close of the war your petitioner in the discharge of his duty of Serjeant of Guard had two of his fingers on his right hand shot off –

That sometime since the close of the war Your Petitioner being ignorant & unlettered, requested a certain

James Smith his neighbour to procure him the necessary documents to entitle him to his land as a continental soldier who upon examination informed your petitioner that a warrant had issued in his name and a receipt signed by some person in the name of your petitioner – who avers that that he never granted such receipt, or authorised any to do it for him – nor has he in any way ever received one cent in lieu thereof. That your petitioner is about 65 years of age, and has hitherto honestly maintained a large family of children, that he has now living with him three daughters & wife all of whom look up to him for support; that your petitioner has ever since the war acted in the capacity of an overseer, but that from his advance age he can no longer comfortably maintain himself or family. In tender consideration of the circumstances aforesaid – and as your petitioner is in a very Indigent situation, he pray's that your honorable body will take into consideration his case, & cause him to be put upon the pension list & allow him such an annual pension as you may consider your petitioner entitled to. He also ask's this under the full confidence that, at this day the sufferings & claims of an old soldier will meet with due support.

This is to Certify To the Best of my Recollection that Archibale Cayce Enlisted under Nathaniel Braden Ensign to the Second Virginia State Regment some time in the year Seventeen Hundred & Seventy Seven Given under my Hand this Sixth day of December Eighteen Hundred & Eleven

Gedeon Flournoy [Gideon Flournoy] Ens'n. to the second V.S. Re. test/ William Hancock

Edward H. Moseley

Benajah Watkins

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I was sent by Col'l. Charles Dabney, in the summer of the year 1781, to general Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] army, which lay at that time in new Kent county, for the purpose of bringing from Col'l. [Thomas] Gaskins' regiment certain soldiers of the Virginia state line; who had for some cause, been incorporated with that regiment, which duty I performed. Among those soldiers was a certain Archibald Cayce, who after this served with me in Col'l. Dabneys regiment, I at that time being a lieutenant & Adjutant in the said regiment. I believe the s'd Cayce served with me 'till the end of the war, but of this I am not entirely certain. Given under my hand this eight day of December 1811

Frederick Woodson [R19214]

Powhatan County Teste/ Wm Ligon

Hanover Jan'y. 12th 1812

I cannot, at this distance of time, recollect the circumstances stated above, but have such confidence in Mr Frederick Woodson that I have no doubt but the facts stated by him are correct.

Cha Dabney

Archibald Cayce had best apply to the Auditor in Richmond, and examine they pay rolls of the Virginia State Legion commanded by C. Dabney, and if his name is on the pay roll of Capt Crumps company, when the last payment was made to that Corps, which (as well as I can recollect) was in the spring of 1783, There can be no doubt but he did serve to the end of the War.

C Dabney Jan'y 12th 1812

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Being applied to by a certain Arch'd. Cayce, who represent that on the 16th July 1779 he was at the taking of Stony Point; that he then was a Soldier in Feibegers [sic: Christian Febiger's] regment; Fleury' [Francois Louis de Fleury's] Battalion of Light infantry & Capt. Hudsons Company, and that he serv'd during the war and is thereby entitled to Land from the State of Vig'a. which he has never obtain'd I do from a minute enquiry of the said Cayce, into circumstances applicable to that particular period, believe, that he was at the time a soldier in the Regiment Commanded by Colo. Feibejee, as he represents, and that he, as such was engag'd in the reduction of that post

J Gibbons

Richmond Vig'a Jan'y 30th 1812

A man who calls himself Archibald Cayce & says he was a soldier in the revolutionary war has applied to me respecting the loss of his fingers & which he states to have happened in March 1782. at this distance of time it is impossible for me on such a circumstance to say anything with even tolerable precision, particularly as at the period he mentions I acted as Surgeon General to the State Troops, & the taking off one of his fingers, which he says I did in consequence of its being shattered by a gunshot, altho he was a Continental Soldier, would not have made any strong impression on me; but this man mentions so many circumstances connected with my then situation & that of two young Gentlemen who at the time lived with me as students of Medicine &c, that I am strongly inclined to believe him & that the Loss of both his fingers happened as he states

[William Foushee] Richmond/ 31 January 1812

It appears by the books in this Office that a Certificate issued on the 20th May 1783 for One hundred two pounds 4/8 in the name of Arch'd Casey for balance of his full pay as a Soldier in the Virginia State service

Aud'rs Office/5th Feby 1812

Sam'l. Shepard

December 3th 1815 By Some plane circumstancies that happened at the gilford battle in the year 1781, the 17th [sic] of March, Which Mr Archer Cayce Tells me that he saw, myself being an eye witness To the same I cannot hesitate to say but what I firmly believe that Mr A. Cacy was Active in that Battle

Benjamin Sublett

December 15th 1815

This is to Certify that I was acquainted with Archibald Cayce for some time in the Revolutionary war particularly at the Battle of Guilford in which Action he perform'd his Duty as faithfull soldier given under my hand the Date above mentioned

the above I willing to make Oath.

George Salmon

Dec'r 14th 1815 ref'd to Claims./ Reasonable Dec'r 21st/ Reported Decr. 21st/ Bill drawn Dec'r 27th

[The following are from state pension applications in the Library of Virginia.]

[The left portion is missing from the online image at the places marked *.]

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[*]se pay Mr Matthew Burfoot the Sum [*] amount now fallen due to me about [*] and this shall be your receipt against [*] discharge of s'd pention

Arch'd. hisXmark Cayce
[*]ary 10th 1817

1817 feb 26 Rec warrant of fifty Dolls – \$50—

Matt Burfoot

[The file contains several other documents similar to the above.]

In Richmond Hustings Court. Octo 18th 1820.

On the motion of Thomas Underwood, who made oath and with William Caulfield his security, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one hundred Dollars conditioned as the Law directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of Archibald Casey deceased in due form. A copy. W. W. Richardson D.C.

NOTE: I could not identify a Capt. Nathaniel Braiden. The noted George Mason was a Colonel in the Colonial Militia, but there was no Col. George Mason in the Continental Army.