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Pension Application of Mason Collins S39355

VA

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The affidavit of Mason Collins aged 60 years taken in open Court held at King & Queen Courthouse on the 15th day of May 1818. This affiant being first sworn states that he travelled to the North as Bowman to Holt Richeson then an Officer in the United States service about the year 1777. That afterwards during the year 1777 in the State of Pennsylvania [sic: Pennsylvania] this affiant enlisted under Captain John Marshall [pension application S5731] in the eleventh Virginia Regiment upon Continental establishment for three years as a private Soldier of infantry that he served his full term of three years and was then honourably discharged. After which he came to Virginia & in the year 1780 this affiant enlisted under Capt Culberson [possibly Culbertson] marched to the south & was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] & continued in service until the end of the War when he was honorably discharged – which discharge he has lost. This affiant further states that he is an illiterate Mulatto & in need of assistance from his country

District of Virginia

King & Queen County SS

On this 11th day of Dec'r. 1820, personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County aforesaid, being expressly so by the laws of Virginia Mason Collins aged sixty three years, a resident in the County of King & Queen 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 as a private in the 11th Virginia Regiment in a company commanded by Capt Philip Slaughter on continental establishment, for three years, that he has received a pension that his pension certificate is numbered 6415 That his original declaration is dated the 15th day of May 181[8; page torn] 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 the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in 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.

Schedule of Mason Collins estate necessary bedding and cloathing excepted: Viz. a life estate in 85 acres of land house hold utensils four dollars value interest 1 yoke oxen ten dollars a family consisting of a woman aged 20 years named Manervy – Mason aged 17 years Mary 15 years and Eliza 11 years.

[The following is among the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia](#):]

This is to certify that Mason Collins enlisted as a soldier in the Eleaventh Virginia Regiment the 22nd Septem 1777 for three years which time he has served duly & truely as a soldier as – Given under my hand this 30 of May 1783

This day the said Collins Mason made Oath before me that he had a discharge from Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan but had mislaid or lost it Holt Richeson

Holt Richeson Lt Col
of 7 Virg'a Reg't

June 13 1783 A Copy

NOTE: In a statement supporting the pension application of the widow of John Collins (W6736), Mason Collins stated that "he himself was at Gates's defeat" – the defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780.