

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Robert Mason R7001

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[Kentucky, Knox County]

Declaration

In order to obtain the Benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

On this 24th day of April personally appeared in open Court before Ambrose G. Anderson, James Pogue & James Martin Justices of the Knox County court Robert Mason a resident of Clear Creek in the County of Knox and State of Kentucky aged 80 years on the 7th April last past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered in the States Troops of Virginia in the year 1779 and the latter part of January or first of February and served and he thinks the 11th Regiment of the Virginia State Troops, with John Young,² Frank Dyer, John Proctor and many others under the following named officers Abraham Buford Colonel Andrew Wallace Captain, (he had another Brother a Captain in the same Regiment by the name of Adam Wallace), __ Marks Lieutenant, John Proctor orderly Sergeant, the name of his Major and Ensign has faded from his memory. When he enlisted he lived in the County of Hampshire,³ and State of Virginia -- he states that they took down at the time of his enlistment a minute statement of his age, size, height, the color of his complexion, hair, eyes &c.

he marched shortly after his enlistment to Winchester Virginia, to Bell-Haven [Belhaven?], he thinks it is now called Alexandria -- thence to Dum-fries [sic, Dumfries] -- thence to Fredericksburg -- thence to Williamsburg -- thence to Petersburg, where we took up our winter quarters and staid until Spring -- thence to Hillsboro North Carolina -- thence to Salisborough [sic, Salisbury] -- thence through a town called Charlotte in Mecklenburg [County] -- thence to Camden -- thence to Santee where we encamped a few days -- whilst here Colonel Washington crossed the Santee and captured a foraging party of the enemy, which were retaken from him in a skirmish in which he lost some of his light horse -- We here understood that the British were advancing upon us, and not being able to meet them we fell back to the Hanging Rock when we were overtaken by the British, as he understood under Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton]. A Battle ensued in which [we] were defeated with considerable loss in men, cannon, Baggage Waggons &c this Battle was fought upon the 29th May 1780 thence we retreated to Hillsborough in North Carolina where he was discharged in July or August 1780 he received a written discharge from his Captain Andrew Wallace by the orders of his Colonel Buford but whether the discharge was signed by Wallace or Buford he does not remember -- he states that his discharge has long since been lost, indeed after the War he placed no value upon it, not

¹ The HeritageQuest.com version is much more legible.

² [John Young R11962](#)

³ Hampshire County was formed in 1754 and now is part of West Virginia.

supposing it would ever be of any Service to him

he states that he lives at a distance of 24 miles from Knox Court house by the usual traveling route, that he has postponed this application because he was unwilling to accept the proffered bounty of the Government as long as he was able to work and make a living without it, but being pressed by his friends, and by his poverty he has at last consented to proffer his claim

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State

The Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Robert Mason, X his mark

[Correspondence in the file indicates that this claim was rejected because the applicant failed to provide the required proof of service.]