

Penn

Marsden, John
or Marsden, Elizabeth

PA 6917

25.44

Don Marshall
of Cont. Co. in the State of Va.
who was a Capt. in the Cont. Army commanded
by Capt. J. C. ... of the 1st Regt. commanded
by Col. ... in the ...
battalion ...

9 to 30.00

Insured on the ...
at the rate of ... Dollars ...
to commence on the 15th day of March, 1834.

Expenses of Pension issued the ... day of July
to ...
By R. C. Hale, Bellefonte Pa.

Amount to the ... 96.00
General allowances ... 15.00

105.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ As of June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by ... Clerk
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Name corrected from Marsden to
Marsden Apr 21. 1835 and
letters to R. C. Hale and
Pau April same day.

Order to pay of letters to R. C.
Hale 12 Feb 1838

Letter to R. C. Hale by D. Comptroller
21. April 1838

do to R. C. Hale 7. May 1838. same
June 7. 1838.

Paid at the Treasury under
the act of the 6 Apr. 1838. from
4 Sept 1838 to 4 Sept 1839 agt
Notified 21 June 1838.

Paid as above from 4 warrants to
4 Sept 1838 agt notified 21. Sept 1839

Paid as above from 4 warrants to
4 Sept 1839 - agt notified 8
July 1840

Paid as above from 4 warrants to 4
Sept 1840. agt notified 16 June 1846

State of Pennsylvania
Centre County

On the twenty sixth day of November I over thousand eight hundred and thirty ~~two~~ personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Centre in the State of Pennsylvania now in person John Marsden, a resident of Howard Township, in the County of Centre, in the State of Pennsylvania, aged seventy six years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed on seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two - That he entered the service of the United States as a Militia man, under the following named officers and served as herein stated (1) He was in Capt. Alexander McCoy's company of Pennsylvania Militia of which company Andrew Briggs was Lieutenant, who was afterwards killed in Richwood's creek and marched to Potter's Fort in Penns Valley, Centre County, State of Pennsylvania in the year 1776 being at that time about twenty years old, in the month of April of the following year he served a tour of duty in Bedford County (now Huntington) under the command of Colonel McClary - subsequently he served as one of the garrison of a fort situated at the Lead mines in King's valley Bedford County (now Huntington) State of Pennsylvania. (2) That he has no documentary evidence of his service and never had a written discharge, and has no knowledge of any person now living who can testify to his services. And I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity, except the present and declare that my name is not on the

Pension Roll of the agency of any State - and that he was a resident of Northumberland County (now Centre) State of Pennsylvania when he entered the service on the occasions aforesaid

1st When & in what year were you born? —

Ans. I was born on the 14th day of February in the year 1754 in Philadelphia County, as recorded in the leaf of the family bible

2^d Have you any record of your age & if so the date?

Ans. I have not now. There was one in my father's bible - but I have not seen it for years.

3^d Where was you living when called into service?

Ans. Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war? & where do you live now?

Ans. In Cumberland County (now Wiggins) State of Pennsylvania - After the war I moved to Centre County (then Northumberland) where I now reside

4th How were you called into service: were you drafted

were you a volunteer or were you a substitute?

And if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted in the militia

5th State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service

There were no regular officers with us. We did any of the Continental troops serve with us. We were drafted to march "helios" but through the interference of Colonel Pondorawan of Cumberland County (now Wiggins) State of Penn. we were permitted to remain at home to defend the country against the incursions of the Indians who were committing depredations in Pennsylvally (Northumberland County (now Centre County)) We marched ten Potters Fort under Captain Alexander the Coy. & subsequently to Stone creek & Spring Valley in Bedford (now Huntingdon) County where we served as before stated

6th Did you ever receive a discharge for the service?

Ans. I never received a written discharge. We returned as we were permitted to return home

by State the names of persons to whom you are
known in your present neighborhood, and the character
as to your character with civility & good behavior, & your
services as a soldier of the Revolution.

John Richard Gonsalus and William Masson
can do so

John Masson

Sworn & subscribed
this twenty sixth day
of November AD 1782
in open court

John Gilliland Prothy

I Richard Gonsalus do hereby certify
that I am well acquainted with John Masson of
Middletown township Centre County State of Pennsylvania
who has sworn & subscribed to the above declaration
and that I believe him to be about seventy six
years of age and have a knowledge of his being
out at the times stated by him in the above de-
claration being from the same neighborhood that
he was & living about four miles apart and that he
is reputed & believed to have been a soldier of the
Revolution in the neighborhood where he resides

Sworn & subscribed
this 26th day of November
AD 1782 in open court

John Gilliland Prothy

Richard Gonsalus

John Masson

I William Masson do hereby certify
that I am well acquainted with William Masson
of Centre County who has subscribed & sworn to the above
declaration; that I believe him to be about seventy six years
of age - that he is reputed to and believed to have been
a soldier of the Revolution in the neighborhood where
he resides & that I concur in the above opinion

Sworn & subscribed
in open court this 26th
day of November AD 1782

John Gilliland Prothy

William Masson

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 1st July 1838 - entitled "The Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows - with the several Supplemental Acts"

State of Pennsylvania 3
Deane County 3

On the twenty second day of May - in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, personally appeared before the Recorder, one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Deane aforesaid, Elizabeth Mearns - a resident of said County - aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn, according to Law - with - in her oath, made the following Declaration - in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 1st 1838 - entitled "The Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows - together with the several Supplemental Acts - That she is the widow of John Mearns - who was a private in the Revolutionary war - and performed duty as a draughtsman in the Pennsylvania Line - that for her good conduct and services in the Revolution he received a pension from the United States - ~~and also from the State of Pennsylvania~~, during his lifetime, that she refers to the evidence upon which he was pensioned by the United States - a file at the Pension Department, in support of her claim - She further declares - that she was married to the said John Mearns, on the twenty second day of June, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven (1787) - by Justice Robert Fleming, then of Northumberland County Pennsylvania - that she has no certificate of her marriage or other record proof - but refers to the deposition of her husband before his death - in corroboration of her statement - she further declares that they had three children - viz. one to the year seventeen hundred and ninety four - two of

were deceased - and the other a resident of the State of Ohio -
that her husband the aforesaid John Mendenhall died
on the fifteenth day of September A. D. 1845 that she
was not married to him previous to his leaving the service
but the marriage took place previous to the first of
January - her name Mendenhall had nearly gone - by the
time above stated -

Shore to read & checked, on the 3 Elizabeth her
May and June 1845 - 1845
Before her the within order made before
Wm. Smith, the Court of Common Pleas
of Grant County
Witness present -
John Mendenhall

State of Pennsylvania 3
Grant County 3
I, William Smith, Justice of the Peace of the Court of Common Pleas of Grant County - Do hereby
certify - that the aforesaid Elizabeth Mendenhall - an appli-
cant for a writ of Habeas Corpus - was brought before me
in Court, to have the declaration reviewed, and I further
certify - that she is a respectable person - and entitled to full
credit and relief - and also I further certify - that her late
husband was also a respectable person - and entitled to full
credit and relief - The testimony whereof I have hereto
subscribed my name the twenty second day of May -
A. D. 1845
Wm. Smith Justice of the Peace
of the Court of
Common Pleas of
Grant County.

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Pension Office.

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Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjoined notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will shew what is necessary to be done. Those points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them, and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, shewing the Service of *John Marsden Centre Co. Boyle*

Period when the service was rendered.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and rank of the Field Officers under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of abode when he entered the service.	Proof by which the declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				
<i>After 1776 April 77</i>		<i>not stated</i>		<i>Private Capt. McLeary Capt. McLeary</i>	<i>76 years of Botham by Lane Co. Pennyl Branch</i>	<i>Ordnance evidence</i>	

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

March 28, 1940

BA-3/RTF
John Masten
R. 6914

Mrs. Agnes M. Means
301 Main Street
Brookville, Pennsylvania

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to soldiers of the Revolutionary War, with surnames Devling, Masten, and Stearn, from Centre and Clinton Counties, Pennsylvania.

Because of the great demand for Revolutionary War data and the limited trained clerical forces available for furnishing such information, it is not possible to comply in full with each request which requires so much time and research.

The record of John Masten which follows was obtained from claim for pension, R. 6914, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. The name is shown, also, Masten.

John Masten was born February 14, 1757, in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. The names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Northumberland (that part later Centre) County, Pennsylvania, John Masten served as a private in the Pennsylvania troops as follows:

In 1776, three months in Captain Alexander McCoy's company; from sometime in April, 1777, three months in Colonel McClary's regiment; in the spring

of 1778, three months, names of officers not given; and two weeks, in 1778, stationed at a fort near the lead mines in Bedford County, names of officers for this service not given.

The soldier, John Masden, was allowed pension on his application executed November 26, 1833, then living in Howard Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

He died September 15, 1844, in Centre County, Pennsylvania.

John Masden married June 23, 1787, Elizabeth Murdock (Mirdiek) of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania. The date and place of her birth, and names of parents were not given.

The widow, Elizabeth Masden, was seventy-four years old in 1845, then a resident of Centre County, Pennsylvania.

John Masden and his wife, Elizabeth, reared a "large family of children", William Masden aged about *year 1794. two* fifty years in 1846, was the only name designated. It was stated that they had three children born prior to the year 1846, of whom were deceased in 1845, and one was then living in the State of Ohio.

In 1833, William Masden stated in Centre County, Pennsylvania, that he was well acquainted with the soldier, John Masden, and in 1844, John Masden, Jr., was of Centre County. Their relationship to the family of the soldier was not shown.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible family data.

Very truly yours

A. D. HILLER
Executive Assistant
to the Administrator