

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Meriwether (Merewether, Merriwether)<sup>1</sup> R16407 1/2 f11VA  
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/16/12

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: There were two officers named James Meriwether (or some variant thereof) both of whose heirs made claims for half pay and pensions from the Federal government. One died in Jefferson County, Kentucky about 1801 and the other in Georgia in 1802. Whether or not the documents in this file uniformly refer to the officer by that name who died in Kentucky is impossible for me to confidently discern but I believe they do relate to James Meriwether who served in Kentucky. See transcription of [James Meriwether \(Merewether, Merriwether\) R16407](#). According to documents in [William Meriwether \(Merewether, Merriwether\) S47954](#) the James Meriwether who died in Georgia was his (William's) cousin and served in the Continental Line. The James Meriwether who died in Kentucky in 1801 was his (Williams') brother and served both in the Illinois Regiment and in Charles Dabney's Legion.]

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Old War Invalid

James Meriwether of Kentucky Lieutenant Va. Troops – relating to Commutation act July 5 1832 died 1801 Commutation was allowed for the service of this officer & paid to the widow of another James Meriwether of Georgia, afterwards she applied on account of the Service of her husband see Rej'd files 16 407 & also Lieutenant William Meriwether rej'd 16 408

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No. 91 James Meriwether D. L. entry 1366 2/3 Acres part of a military Warrant No. 2326 Beginning at viz. [?] upper Corner of his entry No. 86 running down his back line to his lower corner turned at right angles for the quantity August 3rd 1784

I do Certify that the above is a true Copy of an entry in the name of James Meriwether D. L. for 1366 2/3 Acres in the same [indecipherable word] of Record in the Land office of Kentucky.

Witness my hand this 26 day of April 1852

Attest: S/ E. A. Macurdy R. L. O.

By S/ B. Rich'd Long, DL

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Land-Office Military Warrant, No. 2326

To the Principal Surveyor of the land set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia

This shall be your Warrant to survey and lay off in one or more surveys, for James

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<sup>1</sup> Va. half pay

Meriwether his heirs or assigns, the quantity of 2666  $\frac{2}{3}$  acres of Land due unto the said James Meriwether in consideration of his services for three years as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State line agreeably to a certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

Given under my hand and seal of said office, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord 1784.

[a copy]

[f pp. 10-11: is the land warrant dated January 15, 1824 from the State of Kentucky to James Meriwether and his heirs for 1,300 acres of land.]