

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Meally R7083

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State of North Carolina County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions June Term 1834

On this 3rd day of June in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Warren Winslow, Esok Arnold & Azor Jackson Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Cumberland, State of North Carolina now sitting Charles Meally, a resident of Cumberland aforesaid, aged 70 years, who being first 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 June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] in North Carolina, in the month of November in the year 1779, for a term of 5 months -- that he immediately marched under Capt. Matthew McCullers, to the town of Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina where orders were given for the soldiers to return home, and be ready at a minutes warning that he returned home and remained home, about one month when he was again ordered out, and after the said Capt. McCullers marched again to Kinston, and there remained encamped 6 or 8 weeks, from thence he marched to Wilmington North Carolina remained there 5 or 6 days -- thence to Georgetown South Carolina thence to Charleston South Carolina where he remained in service for three months, and was then discharged in the month of April in the year 1780 -- he received his discharge from Col. Sheppard [John Sheppard of Wayne County NC], retained it 10 or 15 years, it was then lost or destroyed and cannot now be found -- the colonels under whom he served in the Expedition to Charleston were Sheppard and Lawrie [sic, probably Major John Lowry or Lowrie], his General was Lillington (the Christian names he does not now recollect) [John Alexander Lillington] that he was in service five months from the time he was drafted until the time of his discharge.

2nd tour

That about the 15th of February in the year 1781 he was drafted in the County of Wake, State of North Carolina for three months -- and marched immediately under the command of one Capt. Phillips [Thomas Phillips] to the General rendezvous or Head Quarters near Hillsboro North Carolina, where he was put under command of General Butler [John Butler], and marched from thence into Guilford County, North Carolina, and in about one mile of Guilford Courthouse, met with the British forces commanded by Lord Cornwallis and was in the battle that took place there on the 15th day of March 1781, between the Americans commanded by General

Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & the British by Lord Cornwallis that General Greene was on that occasion commander in chief of the American forces -- that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service in the second Tour -- and of only one person (to wit, Richard Pilkenton¹ who can certify to his service in the first Tour). That after the Battle at Guilford he procured a substitute who served the balance of the three months for which this affiant was drafted -- that he obtained (through his substitute) a discharge from General Greene which is lost or destroyed.

At Charleston South Carolina he knew General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], General Hogan [sic, James Hogun], Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle], Major Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] and Capt. Shoot.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. Winslow, JP

S/ Charles Meally, X his mark

S/ Esak Arnold, JP

S/ A. G. Jackson, JP

Questions

Where and in what year were you born --

Answer -- I was born in King George County Virginia and from what I have been told I was born in the year 1763 or 4.

Question

Have you any record of your age: and if so where is it.

Answer: I have not, and never had.

Question

Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live

Answer: I lived in the County of Johnson [sic, Johnston] State of North Carolina, when I was drafted in 1779 -- I lived in the County of Wake State of North Carolina, when I was drafted in 1781 -- after since the Revolution I have lived in the Counties of Warren, Halifax, Robeson, Bladen and Cumberland all in North Carolina -- I now live in Cumberland County North Carolina --

Question

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 and the general circumstances of your service --

Answer: I knew at Charleston Col. Sheppard, Col. Lowry, General Lillington, General Lincoln, Col. Lytle, Major Sharp and General Hogun. I knew at the Battle of Guilford Court-house, General Butler, Major Sharp, General Greene, and Lieut. Col. Washington [William Washington] of the Cavalry.

Question

How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer: I was drafted on both Tours

Question

¹ [Richard Pilkenton S3701](#)

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

Answer: I received a discharge after my first tour from Col. Sheppard, it is now lost or destroyed, after being preserved 10 or 15 years. I received a discharge after my second tour (through my substitute) from General Greene, it is also lost or destroyed after being preserved 10 or 15 years.

Question

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer: I am known by Sherwood Fort & Malcolm Gillis persons living in my neighborhood, who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution -- there being no clergyman residing in my neighborhood.

[Sherwood Fort and Malcolm Gillis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina County of Johnston: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions May Term 1834

On this 27th day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court Richard Pilkenton of said County who being duly sworn according to law deposes and saith that Charles Meala [sic] of the County of Cumberland and State aforesaid was drafted into the service of the US in Smithville N. C. for the term of five months, under Capt. Matthew McCullers -- and served out the term of five months -- said Charles was drafted in the fall of 1779 as deponent believes. This deponent was drafted at the same time -- and was fellow soldier with him during the whole service -- Said Charles was first marched to Kinston N. C. where he remained four or five weeks -- according to deponent's best recollection -- from Kinston, was marched to Wilmington -- thence to Georgetown S. C. -- thence to Charleston -- where he was placed under the General Lincoln -- His colonels were Col. Sheppard -- and Lieut. Col. Lowrie -- & this deponent knows that said Charles served out his full term -- and was duly discharged --

Sworn to and subscribed the day & date above written.

S/ Richard Pilkenton, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

This day Charles Meally the applicant, in the within Declaration for a Pension, appeared in person before me William Murchison a Justice of the Peace, for said County, and made oath that the "one month" which he remained at home after being first drafted -- was not computed in the Tour of five months -- That of the first Tour set forth in his Declaration, he actually served five months. That in the second Tour, set forth in his Declaration, he was in actual service five weeks

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th September A.D. 1834

S/ W. Murchison, JP

S/ Charles Meally, X his mark