

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cader (Kader) Measles R7088

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State of Tennessee Van Buren County

On this third day of October in the year 1842 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Justices appointed to hold the County Court for Van Buren County now sitting Cader Measles a resident of Van Buren County in the State of Tennessee aged about seventy-nine 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 the 7th 1842 [sic, 1832] that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he served as a volunteer commanded by Col. Moore, Major Thomas Pen Capt. Solomon Chery [Solomon Cherry] Lieut. Hardy Walford and Ensign Thomas Rhodes he entered the service sometime in the month of January in the year 1780 he cannot tell the day of the month he was discharged by General Gregory [Isaac Gregory] in the month of October in the year 1781 by written discharge which is lost or so defaced that it cannot be known the term for which he entered the service was nine months which ended some time in the month of October the time which he was discharged During this campaign we were at a town known by the name of Hillsborough in Orange County State of North Carolina at that place we received our arms say muskets and cartouche boxes and was there joined by three other companies and from there we were marched to Bell's Mills on Deep River And from thence to the Adkin [sic, Yadkin River] where I was discharged. While we were stationed on the Yadkin we were ordered to march up said River where a parcel of Tories were collected but did not get nearer than about a half a mile of the enemy before they were attacked by the Virginia Troops who defeated them and killed about 17 and wounded some we went from the battleground up the River to a place called the old Moravian towns and thence passing Salem to the camp where we marched from and there continued until I was discharged we were at various other places in our route but I being then young and now old they are not distinctly recollect by me neither is the sir name of the Col. who commanded me or the general who discharged me recollected with certainty therefore they are both left blank I then resided in bartee County [sic, Bertie County] then so called in State of North Carolina and marched from thence the route as before stated I was in no engagement only the one spoken of which I reached immediately after the close I can prove this tour by no person who is now alive in my reach except James Moore who came to my father's about the time I returned home my understanding is I served as a volunteer to avoid being drafted for when orders came for men to be called out I went voluntarily. This applicant cannot state the precise dates of his going into service and discharged but has reference to the date of his birth in age of

entering the service. For the dates interrogatories propounded to the applicant By the court of whom and in what year were you born Answer I was born in Bertie County North Carolina in the year 1763 November of the 7th day have you a Record of your age and if so where is it Answer it was recorded in my father's Bible which is in the possession of my son as I suppose he now lives in Kentucky 3rd where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live Answer in Bertie County North Carolina since that time I lived in North Carolina Burke the County about 38 years from thence I moved to Knox County Tennessee and staid one year and from there to Roane County [p 7] Tennessee where I lived eight or ten years from there I came to White County Tennessee and settled on the Bench of Cumberland Mountain in which County I have lived ever since until some 2 years ago when the County of Van Buren was established by which establishment I am included in the County of Van Buren. 4th how were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if substituted for whom Answer I cannot state any more on this subject than I have already stated in the foregoing declaration 5th State the names of some of the regimental officers who were with the troops when you served such Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services Answer I have stated the names of General Gregory Col. Moore and Major Pen and as to the balance of the question I have stated the most material circumstances relating to my service as well as I can recollect 6 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 written discharge from General Gregory which is lost or so defaced that it cannot be known. 7th State the 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 service as a soldier Answer the Rev. John Yates, William Doney Esquire David Haston Esquire Thomas Moore Esquire, Joseph Cummings Rev. Abega Crane and John Gillentine he the said Cader Measles hereby are relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension [p 5] Roll of the agency of any State 8th why have you not sooner applied for a pension Answer I lived in the bench of the Cumberland mountain remote from any County Cite [sic, seat] until of late and being old and infirm and a large River to cross to get to the Court house until within the last 2 years I have not until now applied.

S/ Cader Measles, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid  
S/ A. K. Parker, Clerk

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James Moore makes oath in open Court that he was at the house of John Measles the reported father of Cader Measles about the time the said Cader Measles return from the Army of the revolution in the County of bartie State of North Carolina. He said he was not in the service with said Cader Measles but he was at said John Measles in the time of the revolutionary War it was then generally stated and believed that said Cader measles had Just Returned from the service of the United States as a soldier and that he verily believes that said Cader Measles did serve in the War of the revolution As stated in the foregoing declaration.

S/ James Moore, X his mark

[John Yates, a clergyman, and Abigah Crane gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Van Buren County

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year 1843 Personally in open Court before the honorable Justices appointed to hold the County Court for Van Buren County now sitting Cader Measles a resident of Van Buren County in the State of Tennessee filed his declaration in this court at the October [term] in 1842 of this court for the purpose of obtaining the Benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 and makes the following explanation of said declaration, he says that he entered the service and was discharged as stated in said declaration dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1842 and That he was furloughed 3 months which fact he would Have shown if John Gillentine who drew said declaration had not advised him it was unnecessary and that he applied to Colonel Forester soon after he had any knowledge of the act of Congress who promised to attend to the drawing of his pension and that he wholly neglected to attend to the same and afterwards he applied to Colonel Herd who gave the same promise that Forster had done after waiting some time he does not recollect how long he applied to John Gillentine who told him as soon as he could obtain the necessary information he would attend to the business And that he did verily believes that the two first named Gentleman would have attended to drawing of a Pension for him or he would sooner have applied to some other person and that he had been sick near 2 months & could not sooner offer this explanation.

S/ Cader Measles

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State of Tennessee Van Buren County } SS

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1848 personally appeared before me James A. Hastin – one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Van Buren in the State aforesaid Kader Measles to me personally known and now is a resident of the County of Van Buren aforesaid who from his bodily infirmity is entirely unable to appear in the Court of Record aged Eighty-four years the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November last 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the Service of the United States about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780 as a Volunteer under Captain Solomon Cherry his General's names was General Gregory & General Butler [John Butler] – Colonel Moore, & Major Thomas Pew [Thomas Pugh]. The name of the adjutant he thinks was Dazzary. He was mustered into Service at the County Seat of the County of Barteo [Bertie] in the State of North Carolina, County Seat named Winzer [sic Windsor] about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1780 as above Stated & was mustered out of the Service about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1780 upon the Adkin River [Yadkin River] near the head of one fork of Pedee River. He States that after he was mustered into Service they marched from Windsor through the Country to a town called Kingston [Kinston] on a river called nuse [Neuse River] there they stopped a while, from thence they marched to a place called Hillsborough and stayed there several weeks, from thence they marched to a place called Bell's Mill, & there stopped some time, then was marched to the Yadkin River where they encamped for some time & while they are five hundred of the Soldiers turned out to pursue a band of Tories across the River from where they encamped and followed them three days and nights but before they caught up with the Tories, He was informed that a Regiment of light Horse United States troops Came up with the Tories & killed Seventeen & wounded another of the Tories. They were near enough to this engagement to hear the firing of the guns then Returned Back to their Camps on the Yadkin River where they remained Stationed until they were discharged about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November

1780 his term of Service of Six months having expired.

Interrogatories put to the applicant by the Justice as follows to wit;

1<sup>st</sup> Where, and in what year were you born –

Answer – I was born in Bertie County in the State of North Carolina on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1763

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any Record of your age? And if so where is it. Answer. I had a Record of my age which my Father in his lifetime informed me he recorded in his Bible the day I was born. This Bible with the Record therein was in the possession of one of my sons who now lives as I am informed in the County of Jackson in the State of Tennessee.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into Service; where have You lived Since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live;

Answer – I was living in Bertie County in the State of North Carolina when I Volunteered in the Service of the United States & I lived in that County and State until in the year 1818. In that Year I moved to Knox County East Tennessee – & lived there one Year in the Year 1819 I moved to Roane County East Tennessee & lived there about Eight years & then moved to White County Tennessee in the same Neighborhood where I now live but Since I moved to this neighborhood in forming the New County of Van Buren I was taken into the County of Van Buren – where I am now living –

4<sup>th</sup> 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 a volunteer for Six months.

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names 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 have already stated, that my Captain's name was Solomon Cherry. My Generals was General Gregory & General Butler. I do not now recollect their given names. My Colonel was Colonel Moore his given name not recollectd my major was Major Thomas Pew. I think the adjutant's name was Dazzary – I cannot recollect the Number or name of the Regiment I belonged to I have already Stated the general circumstances of my Service as well as I can recollect.

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever Receive a discharge from the Service; and if so, by whom was it given; what became of it;

Answer I did receive a discharge from the Service. It was Given me by General Gregory. I kept it for many Years but [it] became very much worn & finally it is lost or mislaid so that I cannot find it.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood where you now live and who can testify to your Character for Veracity, and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the revolutionary war.

Reverend Abijah Crain, Reverend John Gates, William Denny, Esquire, David Haston, Esquire, Robert Gamble, Joseph Cummings Esquire, William B Cummings, Jacob Stype. The applicant further states that he knows of no witness now living in his reach by whom he can prove by their personal knowledge any of his Services. – He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. And the applicant further states upon his oath aforesaid that the following is the Reasons why he has not applied Sooner for his pension To wit; That for a few Years after he was informed that he was entitled to draw a pension under the law of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June

1832 he was still able to labor for his living and being in an obscure humble situation and concluding it would be a good deal of trouble [to] get his name enrolled upon the pension roll he thought he would try to live without it and also being ignorant as to what trouble it would take, he let it be until he became perfectly unable to labor for his living he then tried to get some person who understood drawing his Declaration to attend to it for him & some 2 or 3 different persons agreed & promised him they would attend to it for him but still neglected to do so & he was totally unable to travel about to get a man who understood the business to undertake it for him & about 3 or 4 years ago a man by the name of John Gillintine came to him & told him that he understood arranging this business for him so he could get his pension & he accordingly agreed with Gillintine, who undertook to prosecute his Claim for him – But he is informed and believes that Gillintine contrary to anything he told him, Stated in the Declaration which he drew & sent to the war office that this applicant Volunteered and Served nine months in the revolutionary War which was wholly erroneous and he did not understand it so when he was sworn to the Declaration drawn up for him by said Gillintine and Gillintine has still until within a few months back been promising him he would still prosecute his Claim. And until the present he has not been able to procure any person else to undertake his claim again being as before stated unable to get about to find any person who he thought was qualified to attend to the business for him and being himself wholly illiterate in a manner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ James A. Hastin, an acting Justice of the peace

in and for Van Buren County in

the State of Tennessee

S/ Kader Measles, X his mark

[p 38: Abijah M. Crain, a clergyman, William Denny & Robert Gamble gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Richard Measles, son of Cader and Jane Measles his wife, served as executor of his father's estate. On July 18, 1853 in Van Buren County Tennessee, Richard Measles filed a power of attorney which he executed with his mark.]