

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Glover Medley (William Glover) R7089
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State of Ohio }
Washington County } Ss

On this 24th day of June 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting William Glover Medley a resident of the county of Washington and State of Ohio Aged 71 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1781 with Capt Leonard Skinner and served in the Regiment of the line, under the following named officers

That in April or May 1781 then liveing in Montgomery County Maryland he was hired by Philip Hersey as his substitute for the term of nine nine months, without the consent of his parents who were opposed to his going into the army; employed James Douglass to take him by night to Calbert [sic: Calvert] County in Maryland and there leave him until circumstances would admit of his being brought home but as soon as Douglas left him he went and enlisted under the name of William Glover (instead of Wm Glover Medley) the name Douglass had left him by, to prevent his being detected as a deserter, and he served under that name untill he was discharged

That immediately after his enlistment he was marched by Capt Leonard Skinner to Anapolis [sic] of the aforesaid State, where he was under command of Col [Peter] Adams, and a short time after his arrival was taken with the small pox, and was attended by Doct Murray. In August of the aforesaid year he was marched in General Smallwoods [William Smallwood's] detachment to little york [Yorktown] to meet Lord Cornwallis. That on his way he was marched through Bladensburgh [sic: Bladensburg], Georgetown, Alexandria and Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], on to Little York where he was at the surrender or Corn Wallis in October of the year 1781 [19 Oct 1781]. In November of the aforesaid year he was marched by Capt. Gray [possibly James Woolford Gray] to South Carolina by the way of Guilford Court House and Eutaw Hills [sic: probably Eutaw Springs SC] and on his way recollects of seeing where Gen'l. Gates had been defeated [Horatio Gates at the battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and thence to Ashley hills [near Old Dorchester] where the 3^d Maryland regiment lay commanded by Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and Brigadier Gen'l. Guess [sic: Mordecai Gist] where they lay all winter

In the spring of 1782 he was marched in the aforesaid Regiment to Ponpon from thence to Bacons Bridge thence to Jamese's [sic: James] Island near Charleston South Carolina where he remained in the service until July 1773 [sic: 1783]. Then he was taken on board the ship Charron to Anapolis Maryland, where he remained near three months and then was marched to Fredrickstown [sic: Frederick MD] by Lieutenant Gasaway [sic: Gassaway], and in December 1783 he was discharged by Major [Henry] Hardman, but the discharge has long since been lost

He hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Rool of any Agency in any state Wm. G hisXmark Medley

Land Office, Annapolis, July 24th 1834;

Sir [James L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions], Yours of the 19th Inst. with the declaration of William Glover Medley, alias William Glover, enclosed, was received; – Upon the rolls of the revolution in this Office, both the names of William Glover, and William Medley appear, – the applicant states in his declaration, that he enlisted in Montgomery Count, in 1781, under the name of Wm. Glover, instead of Wm Glover Medley; – I find the name of William Medley upon a list of Recruits and Draughts, returned for Montgomery County, the 15th of May 1781; by the return, it also appears that he deserted; in the Margin of remarks opposite his name it is stated that he deserted and was advertised as a deserter; I do not find the name of William Medley upon any of the pay rolls; – The name of William Glover, I find upon

both the Muster and pay rolls, by the Muster rolls, he appears to have enlisted in 1781; and by the pay rolls to have received on the 30th of April 1782; £75.13.10 depreciation money issued to the Maryland quota of troops on Continental Establishment; – the name of William Glover Medley, is not to be found upon any of the rolls, – I am therefore unable to furnish any Certificate in the case’ – the declaration is herewith returned,

I am respectfully/ Y^r. Ob^t. S^t./ G. G. Brewer

NOTE: A letter from the Pension Commissioner dated in July 1834 states that because the applicant claimed to have served until December 1783 but received depreciation pay on 30 April 1782 his claim was suspended pending testimony by two credible witnesses.