

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mefford (Mefferd) R7097

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State of Kentucky County of Logan: SS

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1840, Personally appeared before the County Court of Logan County in the State of Kentucky, John Mefferd a resident of the County of Logan and State of Kentucky, aged seventy-six years on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he listed in the Army of the United States as a Substitute for his father Gasper Mefferd in the year in which Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781] – in the spring of that year and he went out either on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May or June he does not remember which but inclines to think it was June with George Huston as Captain, – Guy Hamilton was the Major and a man by the name of Harris or Harrison [might be Benjamin Harrison] was the Colonel. The Lieutenant of the company was Christian Cuggar [probably Christian Kyger] who took sick & Thomas Lewis was made Lieutenant in his place. A man by the name of Campbell was called a general and commanded the troops also Anthony Wayne who was also a general – And Marcus or Marquis [Lafayette] was in command of the troops at a little scrimmage at Jamestown. That he was in the regular service about two months and was sent home and got his discharge about four months after he first entered the Service – he served for only one term of enlistment for which time his father was drafted, and he served afterward as a minute man in guarding prisoners, recollects that he guarded some prisoners taken by Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and sent to Winchester. He lived in the County of Rockingham in the State of Virginia when he entered the service. His company started from Rockingham County went across Swift man gap – and the next place he remembers was Richmond. – Thinks he went from Richmond to Petersburg but will not be certain. His recollection is that the next place he marched to was Jamestown where there was an engagement between about two hundred of the American troops and as many of the British and his company in which he was in active service took part in the engagement. Nine days after he was in another engagement at a place called Hot Water [June 26, 1781] he does not know whether this name was given to the place by the soldiers or not. General Wayne commanded at Jamestown during the most of the engagement & he does not remember who commanded at Hot Water but always thought a Colonel from Augusta County named Boyers. He marched between Richmond and Jamestown several times and started once to go to Norfolk but did not get there. The Captain was discharged about 16 miles from Richmond as he thinks and the Captain did not discharge his men till after they reached home. He states that he has lost his discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Mefford [?]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mefford". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through or smudging, particularly at the end.

[Note: There was no standard supporting affidavit submitted with this claim. There is a note in the file that the claim was rejected because the veteran did not serve the required minimum of 6 months of active duty required under the 1832 act.]