

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Merifield R7119

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State of Illinois Macoupin County Sct.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Commissioners Court for the County and State aforesaid now sitting John Merifield – a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-four in October A.D. 1833 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 to wit, he entered the service of the United States under Captain William Parsons below Beason Town near the big Crossing in the State of Virginia and served a tour of service under the said Parsons twelve months he was stationed at Precketts fort<sup>1</sup> part of the time, James Chew was my Lieutenant this service was done as a militia in the year 1776, he was stationed at Pitsburg [Pittsburgh] in the State of Pennsylvania about three weeks, and then march [marched] back to Precketts fort and he saw the said Preckett after he had been killed by the Indians, he afterwards was under Captain Kincade and at Powers Fort in Virginia and served twelve months, this time General John Harden was the General William Louder was the Colonel both militia officers, the next time he served six months under John Thomas and afterwards six months under James booth, Thomas and both were both killed by the Indians. Thomas was killed near Powers Fort and booth was killed near Joe Coon's Fort in Virginia. This deponent states that he never received any discharge to the best of his recollection, for any of his services and he is under the impression that Captain Parson gave him a discharge but he has lossed [sic] it. He states that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

When and where were you born in Winchester Town Frederick County Virginia in the year 1759

Have you any record of your age if so where is it. I have no record of my age.

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live. I lived near Beason Town in about 18 miles of Red Stone old Fort on the Monongahela River, I lived in Kentucky about 40 years in the Counties of Christian, Logan and I now reside in Macoupin County State of Illinois.

How were you called into service I went into service at the request of Captain Parsons, as

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<sup>1</sup> Possibly a reference to the stockade fort known as Prickett's Fort erected by the family of that name in 1774, situated at the mouth of Prickett's Creek, on the east side of the Monongahela, River, five miles below the city of Fairmont, West Virginia.

before stated.

State the name of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served in the militia.

General Thomas was a regular officer Captain Louis Thomas was a regular officer as well is I recollect.

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

I never received any discharge only as before stated and I lossed it but I am not sure I ever received any

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Merifield

[Stith M Owell, John Kinder and David Gimlin, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Illinois Macoupin County Sct.

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December in the year A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Commissioners court for the County and State aforesaid now sitting John Merifield a resident of the County of Montgomery and State aforesaid aged 74 in October A.D. 1833 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 to wit he entered the service of the United States under Captain William Parsons below Beason Town near the big Crossing in the State of Virginia and served under the said Parsons 6 months he was stationed at Prickett's Fort part of the time Colonel Joseph Crockett was a regular officer in command James To was his Lieutenant, the service was rendered the year 1776 as a volunteer militia man he was stationed at Pitsburg in the State of Pennsylvania about 3 weeks and then marched back to Prickett's Fort and saw the said Prickett after he had been killed by the Indians the most of the time he was in [indecipherable word], he recollects being on one scout 12 days under his Captain he was afterwards under Captain Kincade and stationed at Powels Fort in Virginia 6m in guarding the Fort General John Hardin was the General William Louden was the Colonel both militia officers served a tour of duty of 6 months afterwards a further tour of duty of 6 months under James booth guarding Joseph Coins fort and was out in a scouting party making in all 2 years service. Thomas and both were both killed by the Indians Thomas was killed near Powers Fort and booth near Joe Coons Fort in Virginia – he cannot State the time as to the months that he entered the service but from 1776 until sometime in 78 in guarding forks in engaged and scouting parties he was in service his memory has failed him in many things that took place he was never employed in any civil pursuit during his service. This deponent states that he never to the best of his recollection received any discharge for any of his services except Captain Parsons he thinks which he lossed he is not positive that he got any he states that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Services. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

When and where were you born. I was born in the Town of Winchester Frederick County

Virginia in the year A.D. 1759 as I believe

Have you any record of your age if so where is it. I have no record of my age

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live. I lived near Beason Town in about 18 miles of Read Stone old Fort on the Monongahela River. I lived in Kentucky about 40 years in the Counties of Christian & Logan I now reside in Macoupin County Illinois

How were you called into service. I volunteered the first time under Captain Parsons and continued in service as before stated.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served in the militia.

General Thomas I think was a regular officer I think there was a Captain Louis Thomas a regular officer.

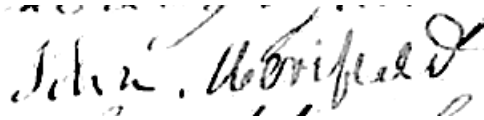
Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

I never received any discharge only as before mentioned if I got one it is lost & I am not positive I ever got any

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 good behavior. Stith W. Olwell, David Gimblin, John Kinder

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Merifield

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Merifield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ John Merifield".

[Stith M. Olwell, David Gimblin, a clergyman, and John Kinder gave the standard supporting affidavit.]