

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Meryman [Merryman] R7136

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State of Georgia Carroll County } SS

On this 3rd day of March in the year 1834 Personally came in open court before the Inferior court of Carroll County now sitting William Meryman a resident of said County of Carroll and State of Georgia aged seventy-nine years the 4th day of last April, 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 1832.

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

I lived, at the time I entered the service in the State of North Carolina in the County of Granville. I think in the month of June 1780 about the first of that month, I turned out volunteer under Capt. Micajah Bullock, James McClamore was Sgt. and Col. Folsome<sup>1</sup> for the space of three months. I was marched to the town of Fayetteville North Carolina where we had to guard the town at which place my time expired to wit for three months. I was in no battles during this first tour. I immediately at Fayetteville and without leaving the service turned out volunteer under the same officers for a second tour of three months and I was marched from Fayetteville to Guilford Court house where we caught several Tories and took them to Fayetteville and sent them off and then returned to Guilford and guarded that place and scouted about through the country catching Tories until my time expired and I was discharged and returned home and staid a short time and I turned out volunteer for a third tour of three months (but at what date I cannot recollect) thinks in the latter part of 1780 under one Capt. Ralph Williams from whom I received an appointment as commissary to hunt up beeves and other provisions for the regular Army then stationed at Hillsborough North Carolina during this trip I was not in any battle but during the whole time riding through the country collecting cattle, hogs and provisions to supply the Continental Army and when my time of three months expired I was continued in the same service for three months longer under the same officers which constitutes six months that I was continued in the service as last aforesaid. I then returned home and staid but a few days until I was drafted (some time in the month of February 1781 for a fifth tour of three months under William Hicks Capt. and Mark White was Sgt. General Butler [John Butler] & Col. Joseph Taylor. I marched from Granville County to Guilford Court house where we had the great battle [March 15, 1781] with the British. General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was the chief

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<sup>1</sup> Sic, probably either Colonel Ebenezer Folsom or Israel Folsom.

commander, and after the battle was over our General Butler was impeached for cowardice we then marched after the British down towards Fayetteville and the Main Army stopped at Ramsey's mill and sent the light horse on after the British. And while the Main Army remained at Ramsey's Mill my time expired and orders were given for a general draft to serve for twelve months and I was then drafted for twelve months without leaving the service. I entered this sixth tour to wit of twelve months I think in the month of May 1781 and served under Capt. Campbell [Captain James Campbell] Major Pink Eaton [Pinketham Eaton] and the Col.'s name I cannot recollect but he the said Col. had before that time had his hand cut off in a combat that he had with some other officer. General Greene was our head commander. We marched from Ramsey's Mill to Camden South Carolina where we remained three days and the battle was fought [Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781]. I was not in the heat of the battle has Major Eaton was ordered to tease the enemy by attacking them and retreating so as to draw the British out of the Fort after us that our Main Army might attack them by surprise and I was under Major Eaton for the purpose aforesaid &c. We were then marched back to Saulsbury [sic, Salisbury] North Carolina and while there General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] came on from the North and I was attached to his Army and while at Salisbury I was taken with a rising in my head so that it was thought I would die and General Sumner gave me a permit to go home and on going home I got worse and General Sumner sent me a discharge from said tour until he called for me as my hearing was almost entirely destroyed. In this last tour I think I served about seven months.

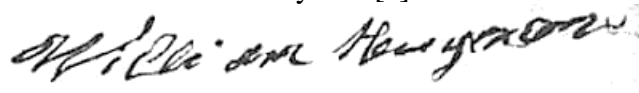
I have no documentary evidence of my services & I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to the same.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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 in open court the day & year above written.

S/ Stanford Kingsbury, JIC

S/ William Merryman [?]



S/ J. Sanders, JIC

S/ J. Little, JIC

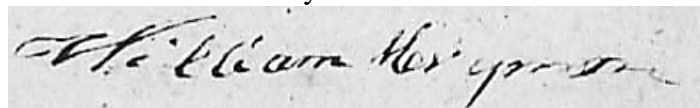
[p 3: John Dean & Thomas Hinsley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

To the interrogatories he answers

1. In 1754 in Bedford County Virginia
2. He has none only tradition
3. He lived in Granville County North Carolina when he entered the service -- since in North Carolina & Georgia & now lives in Georgia
4. He volunteered for four tours then was drafted the others
- 5th Capt. R. Williams, Morgan Greene, Butler does not recollect the regiments has stated the circumstances at large herein
- 6th He received discharges from the officers he served under but has lost them
7. Thomas Hinsley & John Dean, no clergyman in the neighborhood.

Sworn to as above

S/ William Meryman



[p 9: For some reason of September 1, 1834, also in Carroll County Georgia, the veteran made a substantially identical application as set forth above. The only material variance is that in answer to interrogatory number 5 in this application, he also mentions Colonels Folsom, Taylor & Lee. Joseph Little & Zachariah Thompson gave the standard supporting affidavit for this application.]