

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Luke Metheany R7149

Elender Metheany

f42VA

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State of Tennessee Overton County: September 14<sup>th</sup> 1818

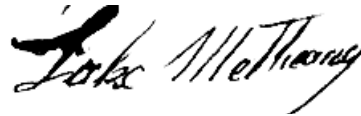
This day before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit in & for the State of Tennessee came Luke Metheany an inhabitant of said County being first by me duly sworn the truth to declare & speak touching his service in the Army of the United States in the revolutionary War with a view to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War," Declares & says that on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March in the year 1777 in Berkley [Berkeley] County in the State of Virginia he enlisted with Captain Francis Willis who commanded a Company in the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Grayson [William Grayson] his enlistment was for the term of 3 years. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1777 he was taken prisoner at the Battle of Brandywine. Was exchanged on the 14<sup>th</sup> of June following & on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June [1778] was at the Battle of Monmouth he was then attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Nat'l Gist [Nathanael Gist] in Captain Main [?]<sup>1</sup> Company & in the year 1779 he was one of the troops of the Virginia line who volunteered under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] to storm Stony Point [July 16, 1779] & he was in that action & he then returned to Trenton & there enlisted for the War & afterwards on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1780 he was discharged by furnishing a man to serve during the War which will be shown by a copy of his discharge here with transmitted.<sup>2</sup> The Original being Deposited in the Auditor's office at Richmond in Virginia. At the time of his discharge he was attached to the Cavalry commanded by Colonel Washington [William Washington] having served for more than three years on Continental establishment & he has no other evidence of his Service in his power to produce other than what he has here with transmitted he is now in the 65<sup>th</sup> year of his age is very infirm being afflicted with a Disease in his breast which renders him incapable of laboring for a subsistence that he is in reduced circumstances having but little property & no means of procuring a support but by his labor & is in such reduced Circumstances as to stand in need of Assistance from his Country for Support.

S/ Luke Metheany

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<sup>1</sup> I did not find this document in the file. Also, I searched the online VSL documents and did not find a file for a veteran by this or any similar name.



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State of Tennessee Overton County to wit

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in open Court, it being the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County and also a court of Record, Luke Matheany [sic] aged about sixty-seven years, resident in said County of Overton, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, That he enlisted on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1777 in Berkeley County Virginia in the company of Captain Francis Willis, under Colonel William Grayson in the 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment for three years, That he was at the battles of Brandywine, the battle of Monmouth and the taking of Stony Point. That he was taken prisoner by the British and kept some time on board the prison ship in the River Delaware at which place he contracted a complaint which affects him to this day. That he was afterwards exchanged at a place called the Rising Sun near Philadelphia that on or about Christmas in the year 1779 – he enlisted for during the war at Trenton Barracks in Colonel Washington's Corps of horse and served until sometime in April in the year 1780 when on account of bad health he was discharged at Petersburg Virginia and substituted a man in his place. That he has received one year's pension by virtue of the act of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War No. 10269 was put on the back of his certificate.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

One 3 <sup>rd</sup> part of 90 acres of land	
during my life a part of it only fit for cultivation	\$75
One Mare	25
Two Cows at \$10 each	20
One Calf	2
Four small hogs	4
Two old guns	10
Two ploughs at one Dollar each	2
Two old axes	1.50
One pot	4
One half Dozen pewter plates	1.50
One half Dozen Japan Tumblers	1.00
One half Dozen knives and forks	1.50
Total	<u>147.50</u>

S/ Luke Matheany, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 26 October 1820

Jo Harris, Clk

The Declarant further maketh oath that he is by profession a house Carpenter that he is so sickly and infirm that he is unable to labor and is much of his time unable to walk about that he has with him a wife aged about 63 years very sickly and almost blind that he has with him 3 children the eldest a Daughter named Emillia aged twenty-two years sickly from her infancy the second a son named William aged about twenty moderately healthy and works for himself the third a son named Joshua aged about fourteen years sickly and a cripple.

Sworn to and declared in open court this 26 October 1820

S/ Jos Harris, Clk

[p 13: On January 4, 1826 in Monroe County Kentucky, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Kentucky agency giving as his reason for moving to Kentucky that his children had removed to Kentucky and he was too old and frail to live by himself.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luke Metheany". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Luke" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Metheany".

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[p. 15: On January 30, 1840 in Monroe County Kentucky, Elender Metheany , 80, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Luke Metheany, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 25, 1781 in Frederick County Virginia; that the only evidence of her marriage is the record of the births of her 10 children; that her husband died August 5, 1839 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On March 3, 1840 in Monroe County Kentucky, Mary Fulks gave evidence that she was born in 1772 in Loudoun County Virginia; that her father moved to Frederick County in 1778 where her brother John Fulks was born the same year; that in 1781 her youngest sister was born and in the beginning of the next year Archibald Metheany and Daniel Metheany came to her father's house and told the family that their brother Luke Metheany was married to Elender Orr on Christmas day. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 3: family record:

John Metheany Born November 25, 1783

Anne Metheany born November 15 1785

Sary Metheany born October one, 1787

Margret Metheany born January 15 1790

Mary Metheany born February 2 1792

Luke Metheany born May 2, 1794

Poly [?Polly] Metheany born September 4, 1796

? Mily [Milly] Metheany born January 24 1799

William Metheany born December 22 180?

Joshua Metheany born December 16 1805]

[p 19: On the 29<sup>th</sup> of August 1843 in Monroe County Kentucky, Joshua Metheney [sic] filed for a pension under the 1838 act by right of his mother Elender Metheney the widow of Luke Metheney; that his mother departed this life May 15, 1842 leaving the following children as her lawful heirs: John, Sarah, Nancy, Polly, Margaret, Luke, Ellender, Milley, William and Joshua

Metheney; that he, affiant is the youngest of the children of his parents and is 38 years of age on December 16<sup>th</sup> last. He signed his application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 14, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.