

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Pearce W. Melton S11065

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State of Virginia Fluvanna County: SS

On this 26 day of August 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Fluvanna County State of Virginia, Pearce W Melton a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy 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 served in the Virginia Militia during the revolutionary War, under the following named officers, and as herein stated. To wit.

That in the year 1780 (as well as he recollects) he enlisted as a private for twelve months, under Captain Micajah Oglesby who then had command of the Wagon Masters Department, and was employed, and served under Captain Oglesby in driving a wagon & team to, and from, Richmond, and many other places in supplying our own troops and the British prisoners then at Albemarle Barracks with provisions. That he served under said Captain Oglesby, at and near, said Albemarle Barracks Virginia at least eight months, and was discharged by him. That, not being embodied with the line of the Army, he has no recollection of the General or field officers in command near where he served.

That in the spring of the year 1781, he marched from the said County of Fluvanna in a Company of militia under Captain Daniel Tillman to Richmond. That said Captain Tilman was either arrested or discharged and sent home, when he was attached to Captain Miller's Company. That after remaining on Captain Miller's Company a few weeks, he joined a Company of Light Infantry under Captain Woodfin, and served under Captain Woodfin the balance of the tour, 3 months in all, in the neighborhood of Williamsburg. That during the whole of this 3 months service he was in Colonel Dabney's Regiment, except the part of the time that he was in Captain Woodfin's Company of Light Infantry, he was more immediately under the command of Major Boyce. That he served during the revolutionary War altogether 11 months, for which he claims a pension. That he has never received a written discharge. That the Corps with which he served were called into service (as far as he knows) by Competent Authority. That he was either in the field or in Garrison for the time during which the Service was performed, and that he was not employed in any civil pursuit. That he was born in the said County of Fluvanna, agreeable to his register now in his possession on the 8th of March 1763. That he resided in said County of Fluvanna, at the time he went into service, and has resided therein nearly the whole of his lifetime since, and still resides there. That John Haislip, Daniel Thacker, John Bashaw, Austin Seay and Benjamin Woody, all persons to whom he is known and who, can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that

his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/Pearce W Melton¹

Affidavits as follows

John Haislip [John Hairslip]² a credible person this day personally appeared before me John Winn a Justice of the peace for the County of Fluvanna, and made oath that in or about the year 1780, he was on his way to join the Army stationed at Albemarle Barracks in the County of Albemarle Virginia and saw that the above named Pearce W Melton, near the place driving one of the public wagons and teams, with provisions for the troops stationed there.

That in the year 1781 the said Milton marched from the County of Fluvanna with him in a Company under Captain Daniel Tilman to Richmond. Captain Tilman was discharged and sent back home. That said Melton with this affiant was then transferred to some other Company not particularly recollected and served altogether as well as he can recollect about three months. That this service was rendered in the lower part of Virginia near Williamsburg, under Colonel Dabney and Major Boyce. That he is the same Pearce W Melton and now resides in the said County of Fluvanna and that his statement is entitled to credit.

S/ John Haislip, X his mark

Subscribed and sworn this 26th of August 1833
J Winn, JP

Daniel Thacker³ a respectable person this day personally appeared before me and made oath, that he marched from Fluvanna with Pearce W Melton in the year 1781 under Captain Daniel Tillman to Richmond. That after Captain Tillman's discharge they were both transferred to other companies not particularly recollected. That he is well satisfied that said Melton served 3 months on this tour.

S/ Daniel Thacker, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed the 26 day of August 1833
S/ J. Winn, JP

John Bashaw⁴ a credible person this day states upon oath before me John Winn a Justice of the peace for Fluvanna County. That he also marched with said Pearce W Melton from to Fluvanna to Richmond in Captain Daniel Tillman's Company during the Revolutionary War. That this affiant then enlisted in the Continental service and left said Melton in said Company at Richmond, and therefore cannot say more than, he thinks said Milton's statement is entitled to credit. That he has known him ever since, and that he is the same man, & still resides in Fluvanna.

S/ John Bashaw, X his mark

Austin Seay⁵ having religious scruples about taking an oath, solemnly affirm if and saith – That

¹ I do not believe the signature is that of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the document itself

² FPA W11232

³ [Daniel Thacker S7707](#)

⁴ [John Bashaw S37706](#)

⁵ [Austin Seay W19341](#)

he saw said Pearce W Melton in service at Richmond during the Revolutionary War, but cannot say under what officers he served or how long.

S/ Austin Seay, X his mark

the said Austin Seay is a credible person

and subscribed and affirmed to the above, before me this 21st day of August 1833

S/ J. Winn, JP

[Walker Timberlake, a clergyman and James Stratton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit

I John Winn a Justice of the peace for the County of Fluvanna & said State of Virginia, do hereby certify that Benjamin Woody⁶ this day personally appeared before me and made oath that he was well acquainted with Pearce W Melton of said County in the time of the Revolutionary War, and that he knows he was in the County Service, and drove a Wagon in time of the Revolution under Wagon master Micajah Oglesby & that the said Pearce W Melton now resides in the said County of Fluvanna, Sworn & subscribed this 25th day of February 1833

S/ Benjamin Woody, X his mark

S/ J. Winn, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia militia.]

⁶ [Benjamin Woody W6577](#)