

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Merrit (Merrit) S1233 NC
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State of Kentucky }
Wayne County } Sct

I Thomas Merrit in the County of Wayne in the State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its Termination at which period I was a private in Captain Baileys [Benjamin Bailey's] Company in the 1st Regiment of the Continental line. And I also declare that I afterward received a certificate for the reward of Eighty Dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778

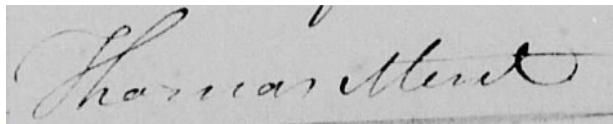
Thomas hisXmark Merrit

[Certified 8 Dec 1828]

Monticello Kentucky/ Wayne County/ 5th February 1829

Sir having Received Written information from you Respecting my Revolutionary Claim and ascertaining that there were some particulars omitted which I Ought to have before inserted I now will inform you that I belonged to the North Carolina Regular Troops which was Raised & attached to General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] when we marched to the Southward the 2nd Company in the first Regiment under Captain Baily & continued with him until the first of the Sumer after the Utaw Battle [Battle of Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] The above information I presume will be sufficient to enable the department in and Examination if anything more Required give me information &c

Yours Truly



TREASURY DEPARTMENT, / 22 April 1829

Thomas Merrit of [blank] in the County of Wayne in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in captain Bailey's company, in the first regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

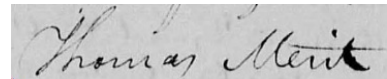
The name of Thomas Merrit cannot be found among those of the North Carolina line, to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued. Peter Hagner Aud'r

[The preceding application was unsuccessful, because Merrit did not serve to the end of the war, taken to be 22 April 1783.]

State of Kentucky }
County of Wayne } SS

On this 27th day of August AD 1932 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of the County of Wayne now sitting Thomas Merrit resident of the United States in the County of Wayne & State of Kentucky aged 71 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 Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He

resided in the County of Warren & State of North Carolina & that he was drafted into the service of the United States in the Militia of the State of North Carolina about the latter end of January or 1st of February 1780. the Army to which he was attached was Commanded by General William Caswell the Colonel of the Regiment was James Allen & the Captain of the Company to which he belonged was Thos Chrisman [sic: Thomas Christmas] he marched with the Army through Camden South Carolina near to Charleston – the British then being in possession of Charleston [since 12 May 1780] joined Gen'l Bluford's [sic: Col. Abraham Buford's] Regiment, returned through Camden with Bluford's Regiment & parted with Bluford in South Carolina who was defeated a few days afterwards by Col Tarlton [sic: Banastre Tarleton at Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] he thinks, he was engaged [engaged?] in no Battle during this period of his service which was for the term of three months. he obtained a discharge but he lost it & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove this service. He states that he was again Drafted into the service in the Militia of North Carolina in the s'd County of Warren early in the year 1781 under General Thomas Eaton Guilford Dudley being Colonel George Nazre [George Nasworthy] was the Captain of the Company to which he belonged he marched about in North Carolina until after the Battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] which Battle he was not engaged in being Cook first under waggonmaster Todd and afterwards under Commissary Jammeson & was away with the Waggons in the time of the Battle of Guilford after which Battle they marched to South Carolina between Campden [sic: Camden] & Charleston & having served three months again got his discharge from G Dudley Lt. Col. of N Carolina Militia & returned home. this discharge is herewith sent. He knows of no person by whom he can prove this service. He afterwards enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year of 1781 in the same County of Warren. he rendezvoused at Harrodsburg North Carolina on the 1st day of July of the same year & served in the 1st Regiment & 2nd Company of the line on Continental establishment – [Jethro] Sumner being the General he don't recollect the names of the Colonels (they being shifted) Major [Reading] Blount & Benjamin Bailey being the Captain of the Company. they marched through North Carolina to South Carolina where they were mostly during this period of service. he was engaged in the Euteau Battle He left the service on the 1st of May 1782 and hired Nathaniel Toxey or Troxey to serve the other two months. this term of service was for Twelve months. He obtained a discharge which he afterwards sent to Hillsborough North Carolina with his Bounty Tickett where the discharge as he was informed was left he drew Seven Shillings & 6 pence or 17 Shillings & 6 pence on the bounty Tickett. He was discharged at Bacons bridge [on Ashley River near Old Dorchester] in South Carolina. He has no Documentary Evidence by which he can prove this part of his Service – but can prove it he thinks by Frederick Cooper [pension application W3001]. he was born in Warren County NC [formed from Bute County in 1799] & lived there until after the war & afterward moved to Kentucky where he has resided 33 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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 to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid



State of South Carolina

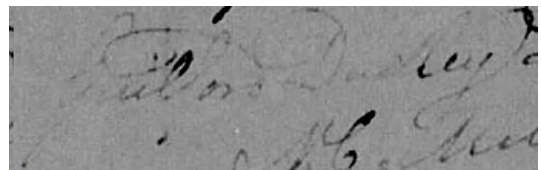
Campt 13th may 1781

Thomas Merit of the N. Carolina militia having served his term of Duty ageable to Law is hereby

Discharged

Guilford Dudley Lt. Colo. Com[mandant]

NC Militia



State of North Carolina/ Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Thomas Merritt a private Soldier in Capt. Bailey's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 1st of July 1781, for the term of 12 months, and that he left the service the 1st of July 1782.

Given under my hand this 5th of November 1832. Wm Hill

All the 9, 12 & 18 months men were mustered in the 10th Regiment. Mr. Merritt's stating that he was of the 1st Regiment ought not therefore to prejudice his claim Wm Hill

NOTE: On 26 Nov 1832 Thomas Merit made a declaration similar to the above, signing "Thomas Merrit" with his mark. The name on the pension certificate and the file jacket is "Thomas Merrit."