

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bazil Meek S15521

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State of Kentucky Henry County Sct.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

On this 24th day of February 1834 personally appeared before John P Ford – he Justice of the peace for said County of Henry Bazil Meek a resident of Henry County aforesaid (who is prevented (which I certify) from appearing in court when open by reason of old age and bodily infirmity) aged ninety-three 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 entered the Service the 10th day of July 1777 under and with Captain Hugh Stinson, under Colonel McDaniel and served until the 10th November 1777 under said Colonel when he was discharged for a time – that he joined said Stinson in the State of Virginia near Winchester and marched to Scioto where a battle was had with the Indians and (after the battle and which was during the term first mentioned) this applicant went being thus discharged to Red Stone Fort and there remained until the spring of 1778, he states that he was ordered to be ready for the Indians during the Winter of 1777 & 1778 but for the Services above he claims a pension only, together with his services hereafter mentioned – viz.

That in May 1778 he again entered the Service under Captain Hugh Stinson and Colonel McDaniel and served for four months constant Service which was in fighting with the Indians, in pursuit of them, and often times desperate of food or clothing that he was discharged and went to Fort Pitt.

That in May 1779 the 1 or 2 day thereof he again entered the Service under said Captain Stinson under Colonel Vallandingham [maybe a reference to George Vallandingham] and Crawford and continued with said Stinson but in a short time, then went and was transferred immediately under and to Captain Wright and continued with him till one July 1779, was then transferred to Captain Ricketts or Gipson and served with them for two months, till 10 or 11 September 1779 and was finally discharged 16 miles below Pitt at Matons fort [Martin's fort?] – during this last tour or service we were ranging the Country against and in pursuit of the Indians. We were called Spies and Rangers – that the Country through which we passed was about Fort Pitt, Martin's Fort, Red Stone Fort & &, that he served much more than here enumerated but for the twelve months service, he claims a pension.

That during each Term he was a private and was never employed in any civil pursuit that he has no discharge in his possession being lost that there is no surviving witness as he knows of who can testify to the above facts and that he was born in the year 1740 in Maryland that he has no record of his age that he was living in the County of Frederick State of Virginia when he was called into service or when he entered the service and that he has lived in Henry County

aforesaid for 25 years and previous thereto in Virginia that he was called into service as he has above stated and that he was a volunteer his Officers and General circumstances of his services are so stated in this declaration that he received a discharge which is lost & he has forgotten who gave it that he is known to Edmund P Thomas & Jesse Meek in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier that he hereby are relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Bazil Meek, X his mark

[Edmund P Thomas and Jesse Meek (there being no clergyman) gave the standard supporting affidavit. Meek signed the attestation with his mark – his relationship if any to the veteran is not stated.]

[Note: There is a note in the file that the veteran died January 18, 1840 and that the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]