

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Meaders S1699

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[This one is a BEAR—scribe's handwriting, spelling, punctuation (or lack thereof) and slanted lines makes it extremely difficult to decipher -- use this transcription with extreme care.]

State of Tennessee, Bedford County

On the 15 day of August 1832 Personally appeared in the open Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Bedford County in the State aforesaid Before Samuel Phillips, John B. Armstrong and John S. Nail, Esquires Justices of the peace appointed members to hold said Court Daniel Meaders aged sixty nine years and nine months 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in August 1778 into Captain Sneed's [Samuel Sneed's] company of horsemen North Carolina line in a regiment of horsemen commanded by [Lt.] Col. Phillip Taylor and as he believes the Brigade in which he served was commanded by General Butler [John Butler]. That he served as a horseman three months the first time he went into service, that during the terms of service aforesaid he went from Granville County in the State of North Carolina to Soulsberry [Salisbury] in the State last aforesaid from there he marched to a little town called Pine Tree [now Camden] in the State of South Carolina afterwards the name of said little town was changed to some other name which he does not now recollect and from thence he marched to a little town called Charlotte in the State last aforesaid at which place he remained only one day and then he marched to a little stream called Rocky River in the State of North Carolina then he marched to the town of Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina where he was discharged. That during the term of service aforesaid he was acquainted with General Butler, Col. Phillip Taylor, Major William Abuert [? William Abner?] and Captain Farrow [perhaps Capt. John Farrar], Captain James Sauxton [sic, perhaps Capt. James Saxton?], Captain John Gwin [John Gwinn] Captain John Henderson. At the expiration of the three months aforesaid Colonel Phillip Taylor gave him a written discharge But he has lost or mislaid said discharge and has searched for it but cannot find it and he does not know where it is at this time. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his service during the three months aforesaid.

He states that afterwards sometime in the year 1779 but he does not know in what month he again volunteered and went into service as a horseman in Captain John Gwin's [John Gwinn's] Company of horsemen who went out with his company as a scouting party to pursue the British Tories. That he served about seventeen days under Captain John Gwin at the

expiration of which time Said Gwin left said company and went to Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina and after Gwin absented himself from said company the Lieut. of said company whose name he does not now recollect took the command of said company. That he served three months in the company last aforesaid. That during the three months last aforesaid he marched through different parts of Granville, Orange and Wake Counties all in the State of North Carolina. That during the three months last aforesaid Captain John Gwin who had returned back to his company again gave him a written discharge but he has lost it and does not know where it is at this time That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify as to his second Term of service.

That sometime in the year 1779 he volunteered as a horseman in Captain John Henderson's company. That he volunteered under said Henderson with a design to serve three months but at the expiration of eight days Captain John Henderson verbally discharged him there being no necessity for him to serve any longer at that time. That during the eight days aforesaid he was acquainted with Captain John Henderson. That during the eight days last aforesaid he marched from Granville County in the State of North Carolina to the town of Halifax in the State last aforesaid and the town of Halifax he was discharged. That he has no documentary evidence nor he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure who can testify as to any of his services whatever. That he served in all six months and eight days.

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 or Territory in the United States.

Sworn to and subscribed on this 16 day of August in the year 1832
S/ Daniel Meaders, X his mark

S/ James McKisick, Clerk

Questions to be asked Daniel Meaders

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Granville County in the State of North Carolina on the 14th day of November ~~August~~ 1762

2. Have you any record of your age

Answer. I have not it was put down in my father's Bible and said Bible was either destroyed or worn out I know not where it is

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer. I was living in Granville County in State of North Carolina at time I went into service and resided there till about fifteen years ago I removed from there to Garrard County in the state of Tennessee remained there one year then I removed to Warren County in State aforesaid lived there several years do not recollect how long then removed to Bedford County in state of Tennessee where he has lived ever since

4. How were called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer. I volunteered all three times

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service

Answer. I was acquainted with General Butler. Col. Phillip Taylor. Major William Hunt. Captain Farrow Captain James Saxton Captain John Gwin & Captain John Henderson & Captain

Samuel Snead and the general circumstances of my service are above stated.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer. Col. Phillip Taylor gave me a written discharge at the expiration of my first term of service but I do not know where it is & at the expiration of my second term of service Captain John Gwin gave him a written discharge which is lost and at the expiration of his third term of service Captain John Henderson gave him a verbal discharge.

7. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. Samuel Haggard John A. [indecipherable last name appears to start "Mar..."]. The Reverend William G. Wood & James Haggard

S/ Daniel Meader, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court 16th August 1832

S/ J. McKisick, Clerk

[Richard Cunningham, a clergyman, and James Haggard Junior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.38 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 8 days in the North Carolina militia.]