

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Meade (Mead) S19394

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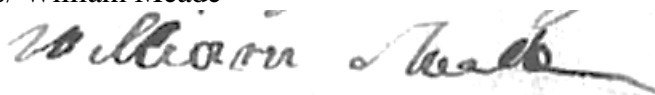
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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act entitled An Act for the relief of certain Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 13th day of May 1828

I William Meade in the County of Greenup 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 soldier in Capt. George Baker's company of the __ Regiment commanded by Col. Howard¹ of the Virginia line and I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1779 which has long since lost.

And I further declare that I have never been heretofore placed on the Pension list of the United States -- Given under my hand this 8th day of May 1832

S/ William Meade



[p 23: Elizabeth Cooper of Greenup County Kentucky gave an affidavit dated May 8, 1832 in support of her brother's claim for a pension, her brother being William Meade.]

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Virginia Logan County

On this 26th day of December 1833 personally appeared before me Joseph Straton a justice of the peace for said County William Meade a resident of said County, aged Seventy-one 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States, in the State Troops of North Carolina in the month of September 1778 for and during the War of the Revolution; that he then resided in Wilkes County in said State of North Carolina; that the company to which he belonged rendezvoused at Wilkes Court House in said State. That the recruiting officer under whom he enlisted was of the name of George Baker; that he served under Capt. William Thomas, That his Regiment was commanded by Col. Benjamin Clev [paper torn, text missing: I assume this is a reference to Col. Benjamin Cleveland]; that they were marched from thence to the

¹ Probably a mistaken reference to John Eager Howard of the Maryland line

[indecipherable word or words starting with the letter "M"] and there had some sharp fighting with the Tories and small detachments of British soldiers whom they routed and drove at which place they continued until the first of January 1781; that they then marched further South to Union County and were stationed within 4 miles of the Cow pens [Cowpens], and were placed under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan]; that on the 17th day of same Month (January) they were engaged in the battle of the Cowpens, when the Americans succeeded in obtaining victory over the enemy; that he received [indecipherable word beginning with the letter "s" which I assume is either the word "several" or the word "severe"] wounds in said battle, that is to say, He had a rib broken by the point of a Bayonet, had his skull badly fractured by a Sword, and had a leg badly wounded by the stroke of a Cutlass of a British Light horseman, of which wounds he is disabled to the present day; after the battle he was removed to Gilbert Town in North Carolina 20 miles from the battleground, and put into the hospital there and remained under the care of the Surgeons of the Hospital eight months, until the month of September following, when he received his discharge signed by George Baker -- That previous to the battle of the Cowpens they had some skirmishing with the Tories and British at Fraser ford [?]² of Broad River, in which some of his comrades were killed to wit, one Joshua Dover and John Womack and several were wounded, That after he received his discharge he returned to Wilkes County, North Carolina & lived there some time to wit until 1792 -- That the period of his service including his confinement in the Hospital was from September 1778, until September 1781, making 3 years & some days.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Straton, JP

S/ William Meade



Interrogatories propounded by Joseph Straton a Justice of the Peace viz.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: on the 22nd day of August 1763 in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia.

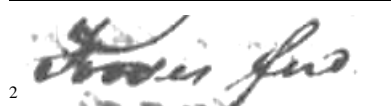
2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer my age is recorded in a Bible now in my possession

3rd 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 when called into service in Wilkes County North Carolina where I lived afterwards until the year 1793 [? last 2 digits are unclear] -- then I removed to Washington County Virginia & lives now in Logan County Virginia

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?



Answer: I enlisted the service for and during that he War of the Revolution and served until I was wounded and disabled at the battle of the Cowpens -- was put into the Hospital remained upwards of eight months, until I recovered sufficiently to travel, got my discharge & returned home.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I was acquainted with General Daniel Morgan the commander at the battle of the Cowpens, with whom I served -- General Joseph McDowell -- Charles McDowell -- General Nathanael Greene, Major James Gray -- Andrew Pickens -- Col. James Avery General Sumter & a host of others -- & the general circumstances of my service are set out in the foregoing declaration --

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

Answer my discharge was signed by George Baker & I kept the same in my possession until the month of April 1832 & then placed the same in the hands of one Thompson Ward of Greenup County Kentucky in order to obtain a pension from the United States & the deposition of Elizabeth Cooper proving his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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

Answer -- Henry Farley, John P. Clark, James Sleater, Pyrrhus McGinnis and many others

State of Indiana Jennings County

On the 18th day of July 1836 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the said County of Jennings personally appeared William Meade of said County who on his oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Capt. George Baker in the Regiment commanded by Col. Benjamin Cleveland in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Virginia from whence he has lately removed; that he now resides in the State of Indiana where he intends to remain, and wishes his pension to be payable in future. The following are his reasons for removing from Virginia to Indiana -- I am very old & infirm and have removed to Jennings County Indiana where my sons resides [sic].

S/ William Meade

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ David Elliott, JP

[affidavit supported by Samuel Meade]

Virginia Logan County

This day Silas P. Wooten,³ aged 77 years, and a soldier of the Revolution, personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace for said County, and made oath, that whilst engaged in the service of the revolution at Salisbury North Carolina he became acquainted with William Meade, who signed the foregoing declaration, & who was also engaged as a Soldier of the Revolution at that time that they marched together from that place to the battle of the Cowpens, at which place the said Meade received several wounds & was disabled in

³ [Silas P. Wooton S40730](#)

consequence thereof from further service --

This affiant further states that he has been well acquainted with the said William Meade for the last 70 years who still remains disabled in consequence of said ones & I do further certify that said Wooten is a credible witness & appears to be of the age he states. Given under my hand this 26 day of February 1834.

S/ Joseph Straton, JP

Logan County, to wit:

Personally appeared William Blankenship⁴ a Soldier of the Revolution, before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath, that whilst engaged in the service of the United States, on his way to the battle of Ninety Six (or siege) the said William Meade, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Andrew Pickens, also in said service & had some conversation with him, having been acquainted with said Meade before he entered the service & which interview took place on or near Broad River near the border at the State of South Carolina. He further made oath that his knowledge and acquaintance with said William Meade before & since the Revolution up to the present time, makes about 56 years and although he was not in the same Regiment with said Meade he believes it to be a fact that he was at the battle of the Cowpens & received several wounds there; some of which disabled him & which this affiant has seen, the marks & scars being white visible to this day -- Given under my hand this 25th day of February 1834.

S/ Joseph Straton, JP

Zenas Jan. 6th 1837

Sir

I received your letter of the 6 December 1836 a few days since It appear that there is some misunderstanding in respect to my service in the one Revolutionary war, I will now Give you a full Detain of my Services which you will find I have proven if my Application for a Pension & Papers appertaining thereto is on file in the war office &c.

First I volunteered under a Militia Capt. by the name of William Thomas for 6 months before that time expired I enlisted under one Capt. George Baker a recruiting officer under Col. Benjamin Cleveland of Wilkes County North Carolina he was a Virginia man during the war & after serving under Baker some time and being in several skirmishes with the British & Tories I was called to the aid of Daniel Morgan Brig. General at the Cowpens about 4 miles above near the Cross Roads where we fought my Lord Talton [Tarleton] and was badly Wounded as you rate [write?] me in respect to my service under Col. Cleveland was very True I did not serve 2 years under Cleveland but was sent by his command under General Morgan where I had to Fought in the Virginia line and afterward was put under the command [of] Col. Howard who obeyed the order of General Greene, Morgan being ill of health & went home after this I was left in the care of Andrew Pickens General & Col. Warford where I served the balance of my time making in all about 3 years with the exception of about a week or thereabout Taking the time I served with the Militia & Regulars all the Pay I ever received was five Dollar bill on the Drum head that was Continental money for which I was to have 5 pounds per month but never got it.

If you will not Transfer my name to the State of Indiana say whether you will let me or not draw in Virginia again if I go back there. Sir you will please answer this Letter and let me

⁴ I could find in the HeritageQuest index no one by this name who filed application for a pension from the Federal government for service in the Revolution.

know if this will not satisfy &c.

Your most obedient Servant
S/ William Meade

J. L. Edwards
War Department
Washington City

W Forward Your Letter to Ely Post Office Indiana

[pp 26-27: is a 2-page letter in the what I suppose is the handwriting of William Meade himself (very primitive handwriting) addressed to the secretary of War pleading his case for the transfer of his pension from Virginia to Indiana]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]