

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Meers [Meers Moses] S30587

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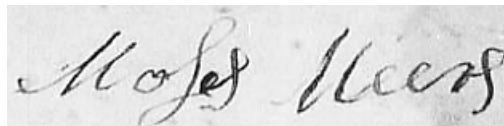
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State of Kentucky Green County Sct.

On this 21st day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Green County court now sitting Moses Meers a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 70 years April next, 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 -- he states that (in the early part of the Revolutionary War to the best of his recollection) he volunteered and joined a company commanded by Capt. Cobb [Obadiah Cobb], Eliphatel Jarvis was the Lieut. of the company and Adniram Allen [Adonirum Allen] was Ensign that he resided in Surry County in North Carolina when he joined said company, that he marched in said company against the Cherokee Indians,<sup>1</sup> from North Carolina to the long Islands of Holston [River] from there into the Indian Country on the Tennessee River, that the Company in which he served was under the Command of Col. Joseph Williams; that at the long Islands of Holston they were met by a detachment of men from Virginia under the command of General Christy [sic, William Christian]<sup>2</sup> with which detachment they marched into the Indian country as aforesaid, that he continued in service 16 weeks under the commanders and in the company aforesaid, but had no written discharge -- he further states that during the progress of the revolutionary war he served against the British and Tories at the least six months, that this service was rendered at short tours of from 2 to 3 weeks each, and under the command of Captains William Underwood and James Shepherd, who were commanded by Col. William Lewis, that these tours of Service were all performed in North Carolina against the British and Tories and that he served as a volunteer in the militia each time, that he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services -- he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and 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/ Moses Meers



[Charles Blevins, a clergyman, and William T. Willis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_french\\_broad\\_river.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_french_broad_river.html)

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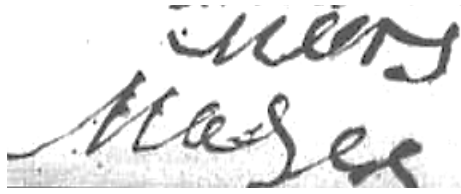
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On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 personally appeared before me David Campbell a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Moses Meers who being duly sworn deposeth that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades, for 16 weeks I served as a private soldier and volunteer under the command of Capt. Cobb in the militia Eliphatel Jarvis was the Lieut. and Adniram Allen was Ensign -- for 9 months I served as a private soldier under the command of Capt. James Shepherd who was commanded by Col. Williams I was a volunteer and entered into service under said Capt. Shepherd and Col. Williams in Surry County State of North Carolina and served against the British and Tories this period of 9 months here mentioned however I did not serve fully out myself 4 months of this 9 months here named I rendered actual service myself, and to serve the balance of the 9 months I hired a certain James Hammons who served out the balance of the time and I obtained a discharge for 9 months service from Major Winston [Joseph Winston], I have lately made diligent search for said discharge but cannot find it -- for 6 months I was a private soldier and served as a volunteer under the command of Capt. William Underwood who was commanded by Col. Williams and Major Winston -- my memory has become very frail and I cannot now state with any degree of certainty the dates of the different tours of service above named but the first tour I served was in the early part of the revolutionary war and the last tour was ended I think one year at least before the close of the war, as to the length of my service I have stated above with all the precision my recollection enables me to do and for such service I claim a pension -- I further state that I have no record of my age but from the best information I have I was born in the year 1762 in Surry County State of North Carolina in the month of April where he was raised and resided until about 32 years since at which time he moved to Green County Kentucky where he has resided ever since -- I was once familiar with many of the recruiting officers and some of the regular officers but I do not now recollect their names, I am, very illiterate, only able to read and write a little. The principal service I rendered in the several campaigns above named was rendered in North Carolina on Dan River, and on the Mayhoe River [? the Mayo River is a tributary of the Dan River] also in South Carolina at a place called 96 [Ninety Six], I was in no engagement, but was near the battle and in hearing of the firing of the battle between the Whigs and Tories at the Shallow Ford [October 14, 1780] on the Yadkin River, above Salisbury I was marching with other troops, with whom I was in service to said engagement, but did not arrive until the firing had ceased -- who was the officer that commanded the Whigs then, at the Shallow Ford he can't say certainly, to the best of his recollection, that it was a Col. Lewis [perhaps Col. Joel Lewis] who lived in Wilkes County North Carolina.

I am acquainted with many of my neighbors who can state what my character is for truth, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution -- amongst whom I would mention James C. Sympson, Thomas Holton, James Hash and George Bell.

Subscribed before me a justice of the peace for Greene County Kentucky  
S/ David Campbell, JPGC

S/ Meers Moses [sic]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Hash & George Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[James Hash & George Bell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.44 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 22 days in the North Carolina militia.]