

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Menan (Menam) Mills S31256

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State of Kentucky County of Anderson: SS

On this 9th day of December 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Anderson County and State aforesaid Menan Mills a resident of the Town of Lawrenceburg in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky, aged eighty-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 volunteered in the Army or service of the United States in the year 1776 as a private in the Company of Captain Nicholas Lewis who was one of the Companies of the 2nd Battalion of the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia, and served under the said Captain Nicholas Lewis as his Captain and Colonel John Glenn, as his Colonel. In the spring of the year 1776 shortly after he volunteered, he was marched to Hanover Town, from that place to New Castle, and from there through Williamsburg to Burrels ferry [Burwell's ferry] on James River, where he remained with the troops five or six months, when he was marched back through the same Counties aforesaid to Reads Creek near New River, against the Cherokee Indians where he stayed in the service some short time. And hired a substitute and returned home to his residence in Albemarle County Virginia, where he resided, when he volunteered in the aforesaid Service as a minute man, he thinks the time that he was actually engaged in the service, this year 1776 was about six months.

That in the year 1781 still being a resident of Albemarle County Virginia, he was Drafted to serve as a militia man, and immediately entered the service as a private under Captain Robert Sharp, and was marched to the vicinity of Yorktown where Lord Cornwallis was besieged, he states that he was at York town during the siege, and was retained in the service sometime after Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781], the length of time he served on this tour he is unable to state positively but thinks it was not less than one month. He states that his Captain Robert Sharp gave him a Discharge, but this discharge he has lost as he had not seen it will be able to find it for many years.

He states that he was born in the County of Caroline, State of Virginia in the year 1750, that he had a record of his age but lost it a few years ago. That he was living in the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia when he entered the Service in both tours, spoken of in this deposition, That he has lived in the State of Virginia from the close of the Revolutionary war until 1811 when he moved to the State of Kentucky, where he has been living ever since, and is now living in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky, That he volunteered as a minute man the first tour he served, and was drafted the 2nd tour. He states that he does not now recollect the names of Regular officers who might have been with the troops where he was or the

names or numbers of regiments, He states that he received no written discharge from the service as a minute man, that he served about six months as well as he can now recollect as a minute man and then hired a substitute to fill his place. He states that he received a discharge from the last tour he served which was given to him by his Captain Robert Sharp but this discharge he lost or misplaced he has not seen it for many years. He states that Jordan H Walker, George B White & Z. White and D. G. Dedman are persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby 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 of any State. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Menan Mills



[Jordan H Walker, a clergyman, and Dixon G Dedman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Anderson County: Sct.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Menan Mills who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, 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, in the following grades: – For 5 months I served as a private in the minute service: – Or one month I served as a private when I was drafted: and for such service I claim a pension.

Given under my hand this 9th day of December 1833

S/ P. Q. Carlisle, JP

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The Answers of Menan Mills to the Questions put by the County Court of Anderson as directed to be propounded by the War Department, as contained in the "regulations under the Act of June 7th 1832."

Interrogatory 1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Caroline County Virginia in the year 1750

interrogatory 2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Answer. I have a record of my age but lost it several years ago.

Interrogatory 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 the County of Caroline and State of Virginia, both when entered the service as a volunteer and when I was drafted. I lived in the State of Virginia from the close of the Revolutionary war till 1811. I then moved to the State of Kentucky where I have lived ever since, and I now live in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky.

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

Answer the first time I was called into service I volunteered, the 2nd time I was drafted, I never was a substitute for anybody.

Interrogatory 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 do not recollect the names of any Regular officers for the troops that I was generally with when I was in the minute service were militia, and I do not recollect the names of many who I saw at the Siege of York except the most distinguished Commander General Washington, Lafayette and some few others –

Interrogatory 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service, and if so by whom was it given.

Answer. I received a Discharge from my Captain Robert Sharp under whom I served when I was drafted, but discharge I have lost it long since.

Interrogatory 7. 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 of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I am known by many who could I suppose, I will name Jordan H Walker, and John B White, Colonel Z. White, and Colonel William Mothershead.

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: I George Thompson¹ aged eighty-four years do hereby certify that I am & have been acquainted with Captain Menan Mills between fifty and sixty years. I know that in the year 1776 Captain Mills was a soldier in Captain Nicholas Lewis' Company of minute men in Virginia. Captain Lewis' Company was one of the Companies that composed the second Battalion of minute men.

I was a Lieutenant in said Battalion & know that the said Mills was in the service and did serve as a soldier for at least five or six months & how much longer I am not able to say.

Given under my hand this 4th of May 1833.

S/ G. Thompson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Thompson", with a large flourish underneath.

[Facts in file: J. J. T. Mills, some of the veteran, was residing in Lawrence Berg Kentucky in 1834. There is no other family died in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for his service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [George Thompson S31418](#)