

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Melton (Milton) S36116

f19VA

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District of Kentucky SS

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1819 before me the subscriber, Judge of the Fayette Circuit Court for the State of Kentucky, personally appeared Thomas Melton aged about Sixty-eight years, resident in Shelby County of said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said Thomas Melton enlisted for the term of 3 years or during the war on the \_\_\_ of \_\_\_ 1777 in the County of Louden [Loudoun] in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Marquis Calmes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood in the line of the State of Virginia aforesaid on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the 12<sup>th</sup> of May when he was taken at the siege of Charleston by the British with whom he was detained about 16 months at which time he made his escape, that soon after his return he was discharged from service by General Morgan at Winchester in the State of Virginia: that he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] &c and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services (except as is annexed).

The said Melton further states, that sometime in the month of June 1818 – he made out his declaration as he was informed and believed, conformably to the requisitions of the Act of Congress above referred to, that he had it forwarded to the war office and that he has lately been informed by letter from John L Edwards Esquire Clerk of the Pension office addressed to Colonel James Morrison of Lexington Kentucky that there was some defect in said declaration & that it had been handed to the Honorable H. Clay [Henry Clay] of Congress for the purpose of having it amended: that he is informed application has been made to Mr. Clay for it, who says that if he received the paper referred to he does not remember it and can't now find it.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Mills, Judge

State of Kentucky September 28, 1819

I do hereby Certify that Thomas Melton was enlisted by my instruction in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia in the year 1777 as a Soldier for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment which Regiment I commanded a company in – and to the best of my memory the said Melton enlisted for three years or during the war in the aforesaid Company & Regiment and that in the year 1779 I resigned and to the best of my recollection I left the aforesaid Melton in the aforesaid

Company and Regiment which was then commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood Since  
General Alexander Spotswood of Virginia –  
Given under my hand the day and date above.

S/ Marquis Calmes<sup>1</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marquis Calmes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

Fayette County to wit September Court 1820

On motion of Thomas Melton who produced in open Court his pension Schedule and certificate which was sworn to It is ordered that the same be recorded and certified to the Secretary of the war Department which is in the following words to wit:

Schedule

District of Kentucky SS

Fayette County Court

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said District, and Fayette County, having by act of Assembly its proceedings recorded and possessing power to fine and in prison for content, Thomas Melton aged seventy years, resident in Clark County in said District, who being first duly sworn; according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows; He enlisted for 3 years or during the war in 1777 in Loudoun County Virginia under Captain Marquis Calmes of the second Regiment on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel A. Spotswood, served till taken at the siege of Charlestown [Charlestown South Carolina May 12, 1780] by the British, was a prisoner about 16 months, escaped and then discharged by General Morgan in Winchester Virginia. He was in the battles of Monmouth, taking of Stony Point, &c and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Has no property except his closed and very few of them, –

Has no debts due him and owes about \$1.50.

My occupation was farming, when I was able to work, I can now do nothing, my wife aged about sixty years and myself are living with our children, sometimes one and then another.

S/ Thomas Melton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 30, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2 files: one 1-page; and the other 5-pages

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<sup>1</sup> [Marquis Calmes S12674](#)

I do certify that the Bearer here of Thomas Melton a Soldier in the Virginia line enlisted for three years in August 1777 but being taken prisoner the 12<sup>th</sup> of May 1780 continued as such until the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1781 and is hereby discharged from the American Army

Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> of September 17[*last 2 digits illegible*]

S/ Wm Croghan, Magr [*William Croghan, Major*]

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J. Pendleton

Sir Please to issue a Land warrant in the name of [*illegibly faint name*] for my Claim as a soldier in the Virginia line for three years – as per certificate

S/ Thomas Melton

[*indecipherable line of text*]

Benjamin Harrison Esquire

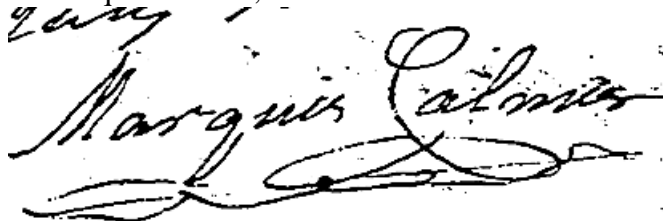
State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

Thomas Melton appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that in the year 1777 in Loudoun County Virginia he enlisted for 3 years in the company commanded by Captain Marquis Calmes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental line commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood and that he continued to serve in the said Regiment until the month of May in the year 1781 at which time he was honorably discharged from service by General Morgan making a service of nearly 5 years and that through the course of time he has lost his Discharge and that he has never received his land Warrant for said Service.

S/ Thomas Melton, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me a justice of the peace for said County this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1821

S/ Marquis Calmes, JPWC

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marquis Calmes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. There is a small mark above the signature that looks like "2004".

State of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

Marquis Calmes appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County and made oath that he was a Captain in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the year 1776 and in the year 1777 I enlisted the aforesaid Thomas Melton as a soldier for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment for 3 years or during the war, and as well as my memory serves me, I left said Melton in the service in the month of March 1779, when this deponent left Army as a Captain, and that he has understood, and believes that said Melton served out the term of 3 years or the time for which he enlisted.

S/ Marquis Calmes

[attested July 15, 1821 by Willis Field, JP WC]

[This file contains 2 pages of split-image documents that I did not attempt to transcribe.]