

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Melton S36123

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State of Kentucky

Hardin County }

and Circuit Ss: } On this twentieth day of November 1818, before me Alfred Metcalf circuit judge in and for the fifth judicial district of Kentucky and sole judge of the Hardin circuit court in said district, personally appeared Charles Melton aged sixty one years resident in Hardin County aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn, made, on his oath 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 Charles Melton enlisted in Loudon [sic: Loudoun] County in the State of Virginia in the spring of the year 1777 in the company commanded by Capt. Francis Willis in the sixteenth Virginia regiment commanded by Col. William Grayson, that he continued to served in said corps until the spring of the year 1780 when he was discharged from service near Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania, but his discharge is lost or destroyed by time or accident; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], Stoney point [sic: Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779] & Paulus Hook NJ, 19 Aug 1779], 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 in his power of his said services.

District of Kentucky Hardin County Sct.

On this 21st day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said District Charles Melton aged sixty two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows I enlisted in the year 1777 in Loudon County Virginia under Captain Francis Willis in the 16th Virginia regiment of footmen command by Colonel William Grayson the number of my pension certificate is 6,004. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th 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 Viz one horse one cow & calf and five sheep my family consists of myself and my wife name Sibba aged fifty four years we are both afflicted so much that we are almost entirely unable to work any I follow no occupation at all being entirely unable to earn sufficient support for myself

Charles Melton