

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mead S36125

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4th Judicial District of Kentucky SS

This 6th day of November 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the district aforesaid personally appeared John Mead aged 64 years resident in Henry County in said district 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 John Mead enlisted in Winchester in the State of Virginia in the month of July 1775 in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Morgan (afterwards General Morgan) for the term of twelve months and went to Québec with General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] and was taken prisoner in the attempt to storm that place by General Montgomery [December 31, 1775] and was shortly after paroled. He again enlisted on the 25th of December 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Charles Porterfield [sic, Robert Porterfield]¹ (whose certificate accompanies this declaration) belonging to the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan belonging to General Woodford's Brigade of the Virginia line and that he continued to serve in the said Corps or service of the United States until the month of December 1781 when he was discharged at Winchester in the said state of Virginia by General Daniel Morgan and that he was in the battles of Québec (where he was taken prisoner) Monmouth [June 28, 1778], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], White Plains [October 28, 1776], taking of Burgoyne [October 7, 1777], Edgefield, Stony Point [July 16, 1779] and the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] – 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 of said service except the certificate accompanying this Declaration.

S/ Silas M. Noel, Ct. Judge

Schedule

4th Judicial District of Kentucky SS Henry County

On this 15th day of August 1821 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the Circuit and County of Henry John Mead aged 67 years resident in ___ 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 in Winchester in the State of Virginia in December 1775 in Captain Peter Bruin's Company and was afterwards transferred to the company commanded by Captain Charles Porterfield belonging to the 11th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan of General William Woodford's Brigade belonging to the Virginia line

¹ [Robert Porterfield S8965](#)

and that he continued to serve in said Corps or the service of the United States until when he was discharged at Winchester in Virginia by Colonel Morgan in November 1781. He was in the Battles of the storming Québec at the taking of Burgoyne and Cornwallis and Monmouth and that he was placed on the pension list Roll under the law passed 18th of March 1818 by certificate dating date 24th December 1818 No. 5087

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 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 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

Two setts trip [?] poops [?] for Coopering	4.00
1 Broad ax for Cutting Boards	1.50
1 Coopers edge	1.25
2 Drawing knives	3.00
1 Jointer	1.25
2 Inshaves [?]	1.50
2 Crores [?]	<u>.50</u>
	\$13.00

S/ John Mead



I have 2 children one son and one daughter my son has 100 acres of land he has a wife & 5 children ~~no~~ 1 Negro Girl my Daughter is married to a man by the name of Wilson who has 5 children who is very much involved in Debt.

S/ John Mead

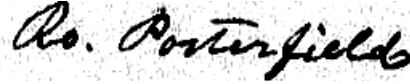
Augusta County Virginia 22 August 1818

I do hereby certify that John Mead now resident in Henry County Kentucky enlisted as a soldier in Captain Daniel Morgan's volunteer Company of Riflemen in the year 1775, that he marched with said company to Québec and (from the information of his Captain & others) was among the first who scaled the walls of that Fortress on the memorable 31st of December in the above year when & where he was made Prisoner. In the year 1776 he was exchanged and returned to the County of Frederick, Virginia, where he enlisted in Captain Charles Porterfield's Company in the 11th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment (of which the writer was an officer) to serve for the term of three years or during the War, which service he performed with the highest honor to himself and with the entire approbation of his officers; and although this distinguished veteran has but little property, he seems to think he can yet support himself by manual labor, and therefore, retaining the same honorable feelings of a soldier which stimulated him to acts of valor – he cannot avail himself of the provision of a late act of Congress purporting to be for the relief of the officers & soldiers of the war of the Revolution by taking the

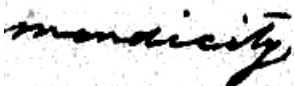
oath of mundicity [?]² required by the said act: nevertheless it is believed there is not living in the United States a soldier who merits better entitle him to the munificence of his country than the said John Mead.

Given the above date

S/ Ro. Porterfield [Robert Porterfield]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ro. Porterfield". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 6, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

A handwritten word in cursive script that reads "mundicity". The word is written in a dark ink and is positioned below a horizontal line.