

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Meredith (Merideth) S38205

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State of Tennessee

On this 27th day of September 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the circuit Courts in the State of Tennessee personally appeared Jesse Meredith aged sixty-seven years resident of Smith County in 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 the said Jesse Meredith enlisted for the term of two years on the ___ day of March 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Lucas in the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Lawson [Robert Lawson] and in the line of said state of Virginia on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve until December 1777 at which time he reenlisted in Colonel Baylor's [George Baylor's] Regiment of horse for the term of three years in Captain Calwd Jones' [Cadwallader Jones'] company in the 3rd Virginia Regiment of Light dragoons and served in said company 2 years & 3 months at which time he received a fall from his horse at which time he hired a man to serve out the remainder of time and received a certificate from his Captain and was Discharged from service in State of Virginia that he was in the Battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776], Princeton [January 3, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777] 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 Services than the certificates here with offered.

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

S/ J. C. Isacks, Judge

S/ Jesse Meredith

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Meredith", is written in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed within a thin green rectangular border.

I Jesse Meredith do hereby release all claim to any other pension which may have been allowed me by any other act of Congress except the above referred to.

S/ Jesse Meredith

Gay Reynolds being duly sworn makes oath that he has been acquainted with Jesse Meredith the above named applicant for upwards of 10 years past that he is a poor old man – has very little property not sufficient by any means to support him as he knows of that he is dependent on his labor for subsistence and is becoming infirm – and as this affiant believes will need of assistance from his country for support. That he has the character of an honest man and as affiant believes

entitled to credit on his oath.

S/Gay Reynolds

State of Alabama Dallas County: SS

On this 25th day of February 1822 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Dallas aforesaid Jesse Meredith aged 67 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. That he enlisted in Brunswick Courthouse in the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia in the latter part of the winter or early part of the spring in the year 1776 in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Lawson in a company commanded by Captain James Lucas for the term of 2 years, that he did not serve the time entirely out when he again enlisted at Valley Forge into a company of light horse commanded by Captain Jones in a Regiment commanded at that time by Colonel Bartin [?] and afterwards by Colonel Washington that he served in said Corps about 2 years & 9 months when he was discharged (he having obtained a substitute) at Petersburg Virginia. That he was in the battle at the taking of the Hessians in Trenton, at another battle in Trenton, at the battle of Brandywine, Germantown & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & several skirmishes – That he has lost his discharge and that he has no evidence now in his power of his said service, but his own oath, that he has received a certificate of a pension dated 27th of September 1819 and numbered 15803 – but he has never received any money, Said pension was made payable at the Nashville bank Tennessee.

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

(Signed) Jesse Meredith

Sworn to and subscribed on the 25th of February 1822 before me in open court.

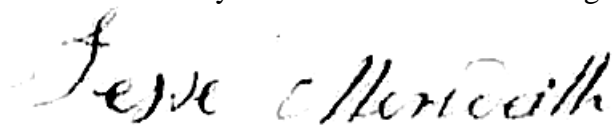
S/ Nathaniel Sargent, Judge

Schedule of the property of Jesse Meredith – to wit

one feather bed old	\$20
furniture for the same	5
	\$25

[p 12: On February 21, 1823, the applicant filed an application for transfer of his pension benefit from the Tennessee agency to the Alabama agency.]

[p 14: Affidavit dated June 5, 1860 given by Jesse Meredith that he is the son of Jesse Meredith, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that his father died February 22, 1832 survived by no widow and the following children: Jesse and James Meredith.



. His brother James Meredith filed an identical affidavit dated March 24, 1860.

James Meredith

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[p 22: what appears to be a very light copy of a certificate dated in February 1799 [last digit unclear] signed by Cadwallader Jones stating that Jesse Meredith served in his company of light dragoons for 2 years and 3 months.

This is to Certify that Jesse Meredith is listed in my Comp of Light Dragoons Service 1799 and served two years and three months at which time he was promoted to sergeant and ordered him incapable of service at which time he had a man to serve out the remainder of his term given under my hand this the 5 Day of Feb^r 1799

Cadwallader Jones Capt
3rd Regt
Light Dragoons

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 27, 1819, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]