

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Merritt (Merrit) S38206 VA
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At a Court held for the County of Botetourt in the state of Virginia the 14th of May 1818

Samuel Merrit an inhabitant of this County and Citizen of the State personally appeared before this Court, being a Court of Record, and made Oath, that he served as a soldier in the Army of the United States in the War of the Revolution, that he enlisted with Lieut't. Erasmus Gill [VAS3707] in August 1777 in the 2^d Virginia Regiment then commanded by Colo. Spotswood [Alexander Spotswood R18089], on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in s'd Reg't. for the term of three years the time for which he was enlisted, when he was regularly discharged by Colo. William Davis [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500], which discharge accompanies this statement. That afterwards he became a substitute for another man to serve eighteen months in the Virg'a. line in the army afores'd who had been drafted under the Laws of Virg'a. to serve for that period, that he the said Merrit served out the 18 months afores'd. & was regularly discharged, which discharge also accompanies this statement, that afterwards he was appointed Deputy Waggon Conductor in the army afores'd. in So. Carolina & continued in that service untill the end of the war in 1783, and finally that he is now without property & from his age & infirmities is unable to support himself & family, and that he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

The Commissaries on the march to Sussex in Jersey are desired to furnish the within named Merrit with necessary provisions, ordering[?] their respective issues.

Aug't. 9, 1780 William Davies Col. Com't. [Commandant]

Samuel Merritt of the Second Virginia regiment having served three years for which he was enlisted, is hereby discharged from the army.

Given under my hand in camp at Chesterfield this 9th day of August 1780.

William Davies Col. Com't.

The bearer hereof Samuel Merritt Sergiant in the Second Virginia Detachment and in Lt. Harkley's Company having servd dureing Eighteen months being the Term for which he was engaged is hereby discharged from the said Detach't. in which we Certify he hath behaved as a brave and faithfull Soldier.

Given Camp Round O this Second day of Jan'y. 1782. John Harkley Lieut.

S Snead Maj Comm [Smith Snead BLWt2056-400, Major Commandant]

I Samuel Merret

DO Swear, that I will faithfully, truly and impartially, execute the office of Waggon Conductor to which I am appointed, and render a true account when thereunto required, of all public monies by me received or expended, and of all stores or other effects to me entrusted which belong to the United States, and will in all respects discharge the trust reposed in me, with justice and integrity, to the best of my skill and understanding.

Sam'l Merrtt WC

Sworn to before me this 21 Day of March 1783

M. Gist BG [Mordecai Gist BLWt108-850, Brigadier General]

I Samuel Merrit

DO acknowledge the United States of America to be free, independent and sovereign states, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the third king of Great Britain, and I renounce, refute and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him. And I do swear that I will to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend the said United States, against the said king George the third, his heirs and successors, and his and their abettors, assistants and adherents, and will serve the said

United States in the office of Waggon Conductor which I now hold, with fidelity, according to the best of my ability and understanding. Sam'l Merritt WC

Sworn to before me this 21 Day of March 1783
M. Gist BG

march 24th 1787

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State of Virginia Botetourt County to Wit

On this 9th day of October 1820 Personally appeared in open Court Samuel Merrit aged 62 years being a Court of Record for said County, which proceeds according to the course of the Common Law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a Record of its proceedings and having the power of fine and Imprisonment: and this said Samuel Merrit being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that the said Samuel Merrit enlisted in the Company of Capt. Callomin in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War on the Continental establishment that he served in that Company which was attached to the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Spotswood 3 years afterwards and he 18 months served in South Carolina and finally discharged in 1783 he further states that he is in such reduced circumstances as to need the assistance of his country for support, all of which facts appear by his original declaration made on the 14 day of May 1818 as appears by certificate No. 832 and dated 28th day of April 1819. And in Pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820 he solemnly swears that he was a resident citizen of America on the 18 day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale, or in any other manner, disposed of his property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act 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 day of March 1818 and that he has not, nor has any person for him in trust any property or securities or contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than is contained in the schedule annexed hereto and by him subscribed:

Schedule. 7 chairs, 1 Desk, 1 corner Cupboard, 2 Tables, 13 plates, 3 Dishes, 4 potts, 2 skillets, 2 ovens, 1 Tea Kettle, 1 coffee pot, 1 Shovel & Tongs 1 End Iron, 5 cups & saucers, 2 sad Irons 1 pr fire Irons, 7 Tumblers 1 Saddle, 1 Tea Pott, 1 pitcher, 3 Tumblers, 1 Trunk, 1 coffee mill, two kegs, 1 small pitcher, one Iron candlestick, 4 plates, & 2 cream jugs Samuel hisXmark Merritt

That he a labourer by profession, but is unable from disease & infirmity to work that he has a wife and five small children dependant upon for support, my oldest son Washington 14 years of age now learning the trade of a Taylor, my second son David aged 11 years, Pattersen 7 years of age Samuel aged 4 years & James aged one year all living with me.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Merrit, Samuel.]

I do hereby certify that Sam'l Merrit Served three years Successively in the Virg'a line from the 9th Aug't 1777 H. Moss Capt [Henry Moss BLWt1504-300]
Aug't 23^d 1783 2^d Virg'a Reg't



NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse VA after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following:
Samuel Merritt/ age 20/ height 5 7½/ planter/ born in Sussex County NJ/ residing in Loudoun County VA/
dark-brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.