

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Meshack Waterfield S38454

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State of Virginia Northampton County

On this 9th Day of July 1821 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record, because it proceeds according to the course of the common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount & possessing the power of fine & imprisonment) for the said County of Northampton Meshack Waterfield aged about sixty years resident in Northampton County aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows – to wit: That he enlisted in a company then commanded by Captain Philip Sansum¹ in the County aforesaid but whether as a Captain or Lieutenant the Declarant does not know – that he was marched to & joined the Regiment in South Carolina commanded by Colonel Campbell [Lt. Col. Richard Campbell of the 1st VA Regiment] & continued in the service of the United States for 18 months the term for which he was enlisted – when he was discharged in the year 1781 at Salisbury in North Carolina – that he was in the battles of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781]² – Camden [probably Hobkirk Hill April 25, 1781]³ – the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]⁴ – at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21 – June 19, 1781]⁵ & many skirmishes –

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

The Declarant saith that he has no property real or personal of any description whatsoever – That he is in possession of one bed & some little articles of household furniture loaded him by his landlord – that he is a bricklayer by trade – but from age & infirmity is incapable of pursuing that profession – that his family consist of himself aged about 60 years as aforesaid – a son

¹ [Philip Sansum BLWt2060-300](#)

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

~~named James~~ who his wife Sally aged about 40 years, tolerably healthy – & one child named James aged about 5 months

S/ Meshack Waterfield, X his mark

Sworn to & declared on the 9th Day of July 1821 Before the Court

[Nathaniel Holland gave a supporting affidavit dated July 31, 1821 in which he states he was an apprentice rate layer and remember seeing the veteran in the service.]

North Hampton County to wit: Wm Dennis,⁶ a revolutionary Soldier now on the pension list of the United States, by certificate dated 25 April 1820, being by me first duly sworn, deposes and saith, that he is well acquainted with Meshach Waterfield that he was in the southern Army with him Wm Dennis & that he is confident that said Waterfield, served as a soldier in the said Army at least 18 months, that he was in the battle of Camden with the said Wm Dennis, but he does not recollect when the said Waterfield was discharged.

Sworn to before me this 20th May 1820

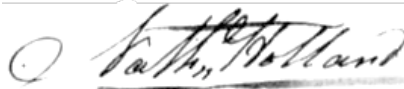
S/ Geo. Parker, one of the Judges of the General
Court of Virginia

Eastville Northampton County Virginia

I Nathaniel Holland of the said County of Northampton aged fifty Seven years, do hereby certify upon oath, that in the month of November or December in the year 1779, I came to this place to live; at that time Meshach Waterfield lived at this place, and was then or had been an apprentice to a certain Josiah Piper to learn the trade of a Bricklayer, that sometime between the 1st January 1780 and the 1st of March 1781 (I think it must have been in the spring of 1780) the said Meshach Waterfield left this place a Soldier; with several others, and to the best of my recollection a certain Philip Sansom [sic] was the officer that commanded them, how long it was from the time the said Waterfield left this place a Soldier, until his return I cannot recollect; but I think it must have been about two years.

July 31, 1821

S/ Nathl Holland



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 9th, 1821 for 18 months service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

Addendum to Meshack Waterfield S38454

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Waterfield, Meshac.]

I do hereby certify that Meshack Waterfield served a soldier eighteen months at Fort Page in the county of Northampton under [William] Davenport & Sansom; that he then reinlisted and served to the end of the revolutionary war in the American army to the Southward. Given under

⁶ [William Dennis S39433](#)

my hand at Accomack county in the state of Virginia the 4th day of Septem'r 1809.
Jno. Cropper Jr. [John Cropper W3781] formerly
Lt. Col. Comm'dt 11th Virg'a Regiment