

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George May S38928

f21VA

Transcribed by Will Graves

3/28/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Jefferson County viz.

Be it remembered that on this day came George May an old Citizen of the said County before me William Hill a Justice of the peace and one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the said County which court is a Court of Record, and the said George May for the purpose of obtaining a Pension under the act of Congress of the United States lately passed dated March 18, 1818 entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" and being duly sworn maketh the following declaration on oath to wit

The said George May thinks he is now upwards of seventy years of age that when he was eleven years old he together with the rest of his father's family emigrated from Germany to the United States where he has been a Citizen ever since mostly in the State of Virginia and for the last sixteen or seventeen years he and his family have resided in the said County of Jefferson in the said State of Tennessee – That he resided in Loudoun County State of Virginia at the commencement of the Revolutionary War between Great Britain and the United States in the year 1776 – that after having served a tour of duty for 6 months in what was called minute man under Captain Charles West he enlisted as a soldier at Hampton in the said State of Virginia for the term of two years under the said man in the Virginia Line on the Continental Establishment in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Weeden [George Weedon] who this deponent believes was afterwards a general. John Tyler was a Lieutenant in the said Company and Major Leach was a Major in the Regiment who this deponent thinks was afterwards wounded in some Battle and died of his wounds but does not recollect which battle – This deponent does not recollect the time exactly he enlisted for the said two years but recollects the place to wit at Hampton aforesaid and that he was marched from Hampton to New York in the said Regiment and was afterwards at the taking of the Hessians at Princeton (or Trenton;<sup>1</sup> he is not certain as to the name but he is certain he was there and fought in the service of the US so far as necessary) and also at a scrimmage at Brunswick. That he served out the said term of two years and was discharged at Middle Brook [Middlebrook, NJ] near Germantown in the State of Pennsylvania by Captain Thornton as well as he recollects the said Captain West being promoted. This deponent further states that he kept his said Certificate of discharge for several years which together with a parcel of Continental money which she had and thinking both to be of no value, through it away – this deponent does not recollect the time he was discharged but recollects it was shortly after the Battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] in which Battle he was – This deponent does not know of any person in this State of Tennessee by whom he can prove his said

---

<sup>1</sup> The battle of Trenton occurred on December 26, 1776 and the battle of Princeton occurred on January 3, 1777.

Service = And that he is in reduced Circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country – being very poor with a numerous family.

Sworn to and subscribed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1818 before me the said

S/ William Hill

S/ George May, X his mark

#### Schedule

State of Tennessee Jefferson County: SS September Sessions A.D. 1821

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1821 personally appeared in open court, (being a Court of record having the power of fine and imprisonment, and also having been made a Court of record by the laws of said State) for the said County George May aged seventy-nine years, resident in the County of Jefferson aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, he enlisted in Loudoun County State of Virginia, under Captain Charles West, third Virginia Regiment Continental line, commanded by Colonel Wheedon, General Washington's brigade, and marched under Captain West to New Gate, thence to Williamsburg, thence to little York, thence to Hampton, and remained six months – thence to New York, thence to the White Plains, thence to Middlebrook, during which time he served two years and six months and was discharged.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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

One mare worth	\$25.00
Two cows & 3 calves	27.00
One young heifer	4.50
5 hogs & 13 pigs	<u>19.00</u>
	\$75.50

S/ George May, X his mark

This declarant further states that he is by occupation a farmer and illy able to pursue it being aged and infirm that he has a wife Rachael thirty-five years of age tolerably healthy Seven children ages as follows Georgia aged eighteen not healthy, James aged sixteen healthy, but has had his fingers in his right hand cut off, Martin aged fourteen is not healthy, Stacy aged ten years healthy, Jane aged eight years healthy, Rachael age seven years healthy – Moses aged three years healthy

S/ George May, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June to 16, 1819, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]