

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mead S38942

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State of Tennessee Roane County:

This 30<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1819 before me John Leftrich a justice of the peace for the County of Rowan and State of Tennessee personally appeared William Mead sixty-two years of age resident in the County of Roane and State aforesaid who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the revolutionary war that he the said William Mead enlisted in the year 1776 in the month of February for the term of two years in the 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under Captain Richard Clough Anderson which Regiment was then commanded by Colonel Charles Scott and afterwards by Colonel Josiah Parker Mulinbirge's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade and the said William Mead enlisted in Hanover County Virginia.

He received his discharge in 1778 at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania by Colonel Josiah Parker and that he faithfully perform the term of service for which he enlisted as a private soldier and he has lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot lay his hands on it.

He was at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and at Germantown [October 4, 1777] and trentown [Trenton, December 26, 1776].

He is old and infirm and unable to make a support by labor and stands in need of the assistance of government for a support.

That he never has been a pensioner and that he hereby releases all right to any other pension than that provided by the late act of Congress.

S/ William Mead, X his mark

State of Tennessee Roane County:

This thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord 1819 before me John Leftwich a justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid personally came William Willis<sup>1</sup> a resident of Roane County and State aforesaid and made oath that he was acquainted with William Mead while he was in the service of the United States in Captain Richard Clough Anderson's company and Colonel Josiah Parker's Regiment General Muhlenberg's Brigade in the revolutionary war and that he believes the facts stated by said Mead to be true and the said William Willis was in the same Regiment with the said William Mead.

S/ William Willis

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<sup>1</sup> [William Willis S39125](#)

*William Willis*

State of Tennessee Roane County:

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1826 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of [indecipherable word], so made by the statutes of the said State of Tennessee and having power to fine and imprison William Mead a resident citizen of said State and County aged nearly sixty-nine years, who being first sworn in due form of law doth on his Corporal oath make the following declaration in order to be reinstated on the pension roll of the Revolutionary pensioners of the United States; and thereby obtain the provisions of the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820: That he the said William Mead enlisted for the term of two years on the \_\_\_ day of March 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Richard C Anderson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles Scott in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; That he continued to serve in said Corps until the term for which he enlisted expired, when he was honorably discharged from said service at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania by Colonel Josiah Parker on the \_\_\_ day of March 1778; That he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, Siege of little York [ended by the surrender of Lord Cornwallis on October 19, 1781], Trenton and several small skirmishes; that he has no other evidence now in his power to produce of his said services, except his own oath, except by reference to the war Department of the United States he supposes it will their appeared that he was placed on the pension list about the 30<sup>th</sup> of July 1819 and that a pension certificate was issued in his favor about the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October following; the number of which certificate he cannot now positively state, as it was forwarded by his attorney to the War Department, with a declaration heretofore made by declarant, and rejected at the department aforesaid; and said certificate is either remaining in the War Department, or lost, so that he cannot now had the benefit of it: But as well as recollected it is No. 15272 – By reference to his original declaration, which he supposes is on file, in the war Department, it will be seen that he was then able to prove his services, by the oath of William Willis, who has since departed this life: that he hereby relinquishes all and every claim to a pension except the present; that he never before exhibited a schedule of his property, except in a declaration made by him on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January 1825, which is the one before referred to, which was rejected, at the war Department; The reason he did not sooner make application to be reinstated on the pension roll is, that shortly after his name was stricken from the list he made application to the County Court of Roane County to exhibit a schedule, who refused to make the necessary certificate, on the ground as deponent understood, that he was not such a character as would obtain a pension, because of the amount of his property being in his possession, and declarant being misinformed of what the law was, supposed the County Court was perhaps the real judge of the matter, or at least, seeing day had taken upon themselves to decide his case, he supposed some change was made in the law – That, at one on friendly suite destroyed all his hopes, of ever again receiving any thing at the charitable hand of his country, to support him in declining life, or as a reward for the toils and struggles of his youth: But after some considerable time, and when age, infirmity and pecuniary embarrassment began to press heavily upon him, he was reduced to make further inquiry and finding the court had changed their practice he was once more inspired with the hope that the benevolent arm of his government might yet be extended, to administer to his wants, and relieve his necessities: And thus made the declaration and schedule before referred to, which was rejected for want of sufficient evidence; and since that time he has been delayed in endeavoring

to collect the evidence required at the war Department; which to declarant is a difficult task, owing to his age, infirmity and want of information in relation to matters of the kind.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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

Schedule &c

Family: Declarant, farmer by occupation unable to work but very little  
Declarant's wife is 66 years of age, much afflicted, and almost helpless, very little able to contribute to the support of herself or husband

Property

84 Acres of land worth	\$105.00
one Horse colt worth	75.00
1 old mare worth	15.00
Two Cows & calves	16.00
Three yearlings	13.00
Fifteen head of hogs	18.25
Six Sheep at 1 dollar	<u>6.00</u>
Total value	\$248.25

There are some small debts due to me, the amount not precisely recollected not more than \$20 And I owe some small debts, that are in the same situation not being able to tell how much but believe the debts I owe will nearly be equal to those due to me exclusive of the other debts mentioned in this declaration.

S/ William Mead, X his mark

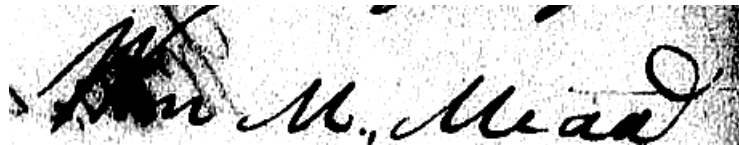
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State of Tennessee Roane County: Personally appeared before me John Carter and acting justice of the peace in and for said County of Roan, William M Mead and made oath that he lived & resided with William Mead his father, for about the term of fifteen months after he obtained the age of twenty-one years, agreeable to the best account he has of his age: during which time, he labored for the use and benefit of his said father, for which he has received nothing except a piece of land, which his father conveyed to him, supposed to contain 100 acres; and which his father told him was conveyed to him in consideration of the services and labor rendered him after he arrived to lawful age.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1826

S/ John Carter JP

S/ Wm M. Mead

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm M. Mead". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Mead".

[Note: a note in the file indicates this son's full name was William Minor Mead]

[p 11: On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1853 in Roane County Tennessee, John Mead filed a claim stating he is

the child and heir at law of Sarah and William Mead; that his parents were married in 1789; that his father died in March 1831 and his mother died in March 1835.

*John Mead* ]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 30, 1819, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]