

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of ISHAM MELTON S38944 f14VA
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State of South Carolina
Edgefield District

By Waddy Thompson Esq. one of the Judges of the Court of Equity in the state aforesaid.

To all to whom in these presents shall come greeting. Know ye that Isham Melton citizen resident in the District and state aforesaid labourer did this day appear before me and made oath on the Holy evangelist of Almighty God that he enlisted in the army of the united states in the revolutionary war in the year 1778 under Captain Laurance House [*Lawrence House*] of the artillery of the Virginia Line commanded by Col. David Mayson¹ and that he fought at the Battle at Gates *Defeat* [*August 15-16 1780*] and was with Washington at the taking of Cornwallis and that he served faithfully for the term of three years and was discharged by Col. Edmonds [*Elias Edmonds*] which discharge was burned in his home some years past.² He further deposes and saith that from his reduced circumstances in life that he stands in need of the aide of his country for support.

Isham (his mark) Melton

In testimony that the above named Isham Melton did this day make oath before me of the Truth of the above affidavit I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the court to be affixed this 5th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the forty second.

/s/ W. Thompson

I Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the court of Equity in the state aforesaid do hereby certify that from the evidence exhibited before me that it appears to my satisfaction that the within mentioned Isham Melton did serve in the revolutionary war as above mentioned and that he is entitled to the benefits of the act of congress passed the 18th day of March 1818 in such cases.

Given under my hand this day and date above written.

/s/ W. Thompson

I am satisfied from the testimony of Col. Abner Blocker of Edgefield District that the within named Isham Melton is in *reduced* circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support.

¹ *No such officer ever commanded the VA State Artillery. I strongly suspect he was attempting to recall David Mossom who is listed by E. M. Sanchez-Saavedra's A Guide to Virginia Military Organizations in the American Revolution as a Captain of Artificers in the State Artillery*

² *See below for his discharge*

Given under my hand this 26th June 1818.

/s/ W. Thompson

South Carolina
Edgefield District

On the 5th day of June 1821 personally appeared in open court at this court of Equity for Edgefield District being a court of record Isham Melton aged sixty one years resident in Edgefield District in the state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he served in the revolutionary war as follows viz in the artillery regiment of Col. David Mayson and other colonels who succeeded to the same regiment and under Captain Laurence House & other captains of this same company who succeeded him of the Virginia line for the term of about three years besides this service that will appear in his original declaration that his original declaration was dated the 5th June 1818 and the pension certificate he has received from the war department is numbered 9325 and I do hereby swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not lived that time by gift or sale in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of congress passed the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contradicts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto answered & by me subscribed viz

1 *sett [set]* of plains & center bits \$16.00 *one sett of mouldings* \$5.00 two hand saws \$5.00 one dozen *earthen* plates \$1.25 one *sett* of knives and forks \$3.00 two *potts [pots]* \$5.00 one oven \$3.00 [*sic*, \$3.00] one *spider* \$1.00 one tea kettle \$3.00 one half dozen cups & saucers \$0.75 one *Sow* & six *shoats* \$5.00 one skillet 75 cents making in the whole forty eight dollars & seventy five cents. I am by trade a house carpenter but by age & infirmity I am not able to do any but very light work & very little of that. I have a wife Sarah aged 60 years & two children who live with me viz Betsy in her seventeenth year Nancy in her fourteenth year the rest are all of age & living by themselves.

Sworn to & declared in open court 5th June 1821

Isham (his mark) Melton

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] two files; one of one page; and another of 2 pages

Isham Melton a soldier in Colonel Marshall's Regiment of Artillery having faithfully served three years the term of his Enlistment is hereby discharged from the said Regiment. Given under my hand this 23rd day of August 1780

by order of Lt. Col. Edmunds

S/ Wm Spiller, Capt. S. A. [William
Spiller, Captain State Artillery]

Isham Melton soldier in Col^l Marshall's Regiment of Artillery
having faithfully serv^d three years the term of his Enlistment
is hereby discharged from the S^t Reg^t given under my
hand this 23^d day of August 1770
By order of Col^l Edmunds
Hon^{ble} Spiller Capt^l S. A.

William Hazelwood, Sergeant
John Denton, private
Isham Melton, do
Alexander Wren, do
John Lilly, do
Thomas Barley, do
John Long, do
James Parr[?], do
Thomas Wilkerson, do
James Milton, do

Arthur Harruts [?], Sergeant
Barnabus Wilkerson, do
Jacob Payne, do
Burrell Wilks, do
Thomas Goodrum, Corporal
William Elliott, do
John Milton, Private
Henry Hancocke, do
John Sammons, do
Thomas Barlow, do

November 21st 1783

Received of Thomas Meriwether Certificates for Land Warrants agreeable to the above list
S/ Jas. Mason

Jas. Mason