

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements &
Rosters

Pension application of JONATHAN MELTON S41867

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State of North Carolina
Onslow County

On this 22nd day of September Anno Domini 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Law and Equity for the said state, personally appeared Jonathan Melton aged sixty seven years resident in Onslow County in the state aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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, that he the said Jonathan Melton enlisted in Onslow County in the aforesaid state in the company commanded by Captain George Mitchell of the Sixth regiment of North Carolina Troops on or about the first of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the Continental establishment or the service of the United States until about the first of March in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine when he was discharged from service in the State of New Jersey at a place called Kings Ferry on North river and that he was in the battles of Jarman [German] Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] and [Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Jonathan (his mark) Melton

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

/s/ Jn Hall

This day Thomas Pitts and Chaney Sparkman appeared before me and being sworn in due form of law depose and swear that Jonathan Melton who has signed the foregoing affidavit is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support as they verily believe.

Thos (hi mark) Pitts

/s/ C. Sparkman

/s/ Jn Hall

I John Hall Judge &c as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Jonathan Melton did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy for the term of nine months in the continental establishment

and I do further certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Jonathan Melton is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his country for support and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the Secretary for the Department of War pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned acts of Congress.

/s/ Jn Hall

State of North Carolina, Secretary's Office 31st May 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war that Jonathan Melton a private in Capt Donoho's Company of the 6th Regt was mustered on the 16th of April 1776 for 2 ½ years and discharged 10th Nov 1778.

Given under my hand the date above.

/s/ Wm Hill

House of Representatives 26th Sep 1821

Sir,

Will you have the goodness to examine the proceedings [illegible] when convenient – W. Meltons neighbours say he is an honest helpless inoffensive creature.

Yours respectfully

/s/ C. Hooks

State of North Carolina
Onslow County

On this 6th day of November 1821 personally appeared in open court it being a court of record & trial by jury Jonathan Melton aged about 71 or 2 years resident in said county 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 first North Carolina regiment he served in he enlisted under the command of Capt Mitchell commanded by Col. Lamm [sic, Gideon Lamb] and General Nash [Francis Nash] in the year of 1776 and served two years and half being the time he enlisted for and he the said Jonathan Melton says he was in the engagements or battles the first in Brandywine the 2d at Jarmantown the 3d in Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] and that he made application for a pension in September 1818 and obtained a certificate of No. 18638. And I do also solemnly swear that I was a resident and citizen of the county and state aforesaid on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent to diminish it so as to bring myself under the provisions of an 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 passed the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any other person in trust for me any property or security Contract or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in this schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed to

To wit

120 acres of land with small improvements	\$200
One sow and eight pigs & two other hogs	\$8
One Iron pot and Skillet	\$1.50
Small Lot of pewter	<u>\$1</u>
	\$210.50

Jonathan (his mark) Melton

State of North Carolina
Onslow County

Mr. Hooks I have writ [sic] a few lines to you to let you know my circumstance I have got my affairs fixed as you directed me to do and I want you to assist me if you please for I am now upon the account of starving to deth [sic] and I cant git [sic] nothing to soport [sic] with if you cant help me I must perish and die for no one wont [sic] trust me for nothing and I cannot work for my living if I do die upon the account of Rhemaphthic and shortness of breath and my wife Martha with the rheumatic pains in her joints

So nothing more at present but remaining your humble servant til deth [sic].

/s/ Jonathan Melton



November 30 day 1821

State of North Carolina
Secretary's Office 17th Dec 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the state aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this state in the revolutionary war that Jonathan Melton a private in Capt Donoho's Company of the 6th Regt was mustered on the 16th April 1776 for 2 ½ years and discharged on the 10th Nov 1778.

Given under my hand the date above.

/s/ Wm. Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 22nd, 1818, for service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private for over 2 years.]