

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob O Merry S4592

f13NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

4/30/09: rev'd 4/7/17

[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. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. 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 skills fail 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 material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina Beaufort County } To wit

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County, now sitting, Jacob O. Merry a resident of said County aged about Seventy-one years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz. --

That he enlisted for the term of twelve months sometime about Christmas, and as well as he can now recollect dates, in the year 1780, in the County of Beaufort, and State aforesaid in the company commanded by Capt. Armstrong and was afterwards transferred to the Company commanded by Capt. Sharp [Anthony Sharpe] & to the best of his recollection the Col. who commanded this Regiment was named Dixon [Henry "Hal" Dixon] -- General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was commander in chief in the line of North Carolina in the Continental establishment -- and that he continued to serve in said Corps until peace was claimed, when he was discharged from the service, near Charleston South Carolina at the time the southern Army was disbanded. He was sick & in the hospital at Camden, when the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] happened but was in no Battle during his period of service, but was most of his time employed in guarding exposed points of the State and in watching the movements of the Tories. That he is now old -- very infirm & in very indigent circumstances. He has long since lost all the documentary proofs of his services & except James Creemer<sup>1</sup> & Anthony Kennan<sup>2</sup> two of his comrades, he knows of no others now living who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present; and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State, only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Ellison, Clerk

S/ Jacob O Merry, X his mark

[James H. Williams & James B. Hinton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And Anthony Kinnan [sic] and James Creemer, two of the soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and

---

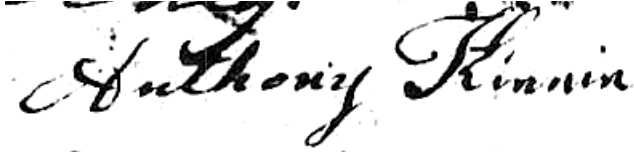
<sup>1</sup> [James Creemer \(Creemer, Craimor\) S2480](#)

<sup>2</sup> Sic, [Anthony Kinnin W8002](#)

resident citizens of the County of Beaufort came here into court & made oath that they are acquainted with the above named Jacob O. Merry who signed & swore to the above Declaration and they of their own knowledge, say that he was a soldier in the War of the Revolution & knew of his being for a considerable time in the Army.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Anthony Kinnin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony Kinnin". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat stylized.

S/ William Ellison, Clerk

S/ James Creemer, X his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Jacob O. Merry a private in Capt. Carter's [Benjamin Carter's] company of the 10th Regiment,<sup>3</sup> enlisted in the 3rd day of June 1781 for the term of 12 months and left the service the 12th of June 1782.

Given under my hand this 19th January 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

---

<sup>3</sup> J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> NC Regiment. See, [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_privates\\_o.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_o.html) ] and search for "O'Merry, Jacob."