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Pension Application of William Meredith S46393

Continental [VA]

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved of on the 15th of May 1828, I William Meredith of the County of Warren, in the State of Kentucky, do hereby declare that I was an Officer in the Continental line of Artillery in the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the end of the War, at which period I was a Captain 1st Regiment of United States artillery commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison, raised in Virginia.

I also declare, that I afterwards received a certificate (commonly called a commutation certificate) for a sum equal to five years full pay which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22^d March 1783, instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

I do further declare that I have received of the United States, no money as a pension, at any time
June 24th 1828 [signed] Wm Meredith Capt 1st Reg't of Artillery

Before me Thomas Q. Roberts, a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Anderson and Commonwealth of Kentucky, duly empowered to administer oaths, personally appeared William B. Wallace [pension application S42612.], who declares upon oath, that he was long and well acquainted with the above named William Meredith, both in the main army of General Washington, and in the Southern department, where he served under said Meredith as his Lieutenant. That said Meredith was then a Captain in the first Regiment of United States Artillery commanded by Colo Charles Harrison. That he was Captured with said Meredith, at the defeat of General Sumpter [sic: Thomas Sumter at Fishing Creek SC], on the 18th of August 1780, and remained a Prisoner of War with him till the peace of 1783. Given under my hand this 24th day of June 1828.

[The following are among [bounty-warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I DO hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner of War, upon my Parole to his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton and that I am thereby engaged until I shall be exchanged, neither to [illegible word] or cause [one or two illegible words] to be done, prejudicial to the Success [illegible word] Arms of his Britannic[?] Majesty

And I do further pledge my Parole, that I will not intentionally go within twelve Miles of any [illegible word] Garrison or Post; and that I will surrender myself, when required, agreeable to the Terms of the Cartel made on the [one or two illegible words] May 1781 for the Exchange [several illegible words] Prisoners of War taken in the Southern Department. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my Name this 26th Day of June in the Year of our Lord 1781.

Witness [illegible signature]
Jno Sargent LS Wm Meredith/ 1st Virg'a Artillery

Copy/ James Fraser/ Com. Prisoners

[On the back of the above parole is a partly legible list of names, the significance of which is unclear:]

D. Spencer. 1
Stephen Watts. 2
[?] Love[?] 3
Richard Allcock. 4
John Heatton. 5

four Gilberts..... 9
 Mr. Bellue. 10
 Two Mr. Dillards. 12
 Mr. Garrett. 13
 James Garland..... 16
 Mr Whi[rest illegible]. 17
 John Beason. 18
 [?] Barton. 19
 Jacob Trice. 20
 Two Cambells. 22
 John Swanson. 23
 Smyth Tandy..... 24

I certify that William Meredith Esq of the State of Virginia formerly, but now residing in Kentucky, was appointed a Lieutenant in the Regiment of Continental Artillery raised in Virginia, & commanded by Colo. Harrison, in the latter end of 1776 and continued in service, having risen to the Rank of Capt. Lieutenant, & perhaps to that of a Captain until the end of the War, that is to say he was never out of service unless it might be by derangement [several illegible words] this with certainty. Given under my hand this 7th of May 1805. E. Carrington [Edward Carrington]/ late Lieut. Colo./ V. Reg't. Art'y
 Captain Meredith commanded a Company & was made prisoner at the Surprize of Gen's Sumter
 Sam. Coleman

This Claim is for the 7th year.

[The following are among [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I certify that I have been long and intimately acquainted with Maj'r William Merideth late of the United States 1st Reg't of Artillery & have witnessed his services & sufferings in the revolutionary war and Particularly in captivity – Maj'r Merideth was detached by Gen'l [Horatio] Gates to Gen'l Sumpters Army with a command of two Pieces of Artillery this army was defeated on the Catawba River 18th Aug't 1780 where I was serving under his command & was captured with him & when an inhuman massacre took place (of the vanquished) – Maj'r Merideth was then deprived of his horse & striped of his cloaths, marched to Charleston then on to Edisto Island, where while ill [two or three illegible words] he was taken on board an Armed Gally, for several days kept without food & threatened to be hanged – his Captivity was long & painfull – his service was from the commencement to the end of the Revolutionary war, in which he not only acquitted himself with untarnished Honor [part missing from online image]

This day William B Wallace appeared before me one of the Commonwealth Justices of the Peace in & for the said County and made oath that the within Certificate is true

Given under my hand this 22^d day of June 1827 Thos Phillips JP

I do hereby Certify that William Meredith served as a Captain in the first Regiment of Artillery commanded by Colo. Charles Harrison in the Revolutionary War and that the said Capt. William Meredith was taken a prisoner in South Carolina at Gates's Defeat and Continued as such untill the end of the War untill Peace took place in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty three given under my Hand in Fyatte [sic: Fayette] County in the State of Kentucky this 22^d day of June 1827

Jno Nelson [John Nelson, pension application S35537]
 Capt 5 Virg'a R

The Petition of Wm. Meridith respectfully states that he was an officer of the Va. Continental Line during the whole war of the revolution. That the Land Bounty for one year service is yet due to him. That affidavit of Lieut Wm. B. Wallace, who was in service the whole war, is herewith filed, showing that your Petitioner was in service as early as Sept 1775 and continued until the end of the war.

The signature of W. B. Wallace is presumed to be well known to the Executive of Va. T. Q. Roberts the Justice of the peace is certified to be such, in due form, on the affidavit of said Wallace in behalf of Capt McFadon [James McFadon VAS596], taken on the same day & herewith filed – To save expence, one certificate only of the Clerk was taken – which is herewith filed & annexed to W. B. Wallaces affidavit.
Wm Meridith/ pr. his atto. in fact/ Th. Green.

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me Thomas Q Roberts one of the Justices of
Anderson County Sct } the Peace in & for the County aforesaid William B Wallace of said
County who being duly sworn saith that at the commencement of the Revolutionary War he entered as a
Private in the 2^d Virginia Regiment in September 1775 and that William Meridith with whom he has been
long since acquainted entered the service about the same time in the 1st Virginia Regiment and continued
in the service till the end of that war at which time he was a Captain in the 1st Regiment of Artillery of the
Virginia line on Continental establishment commanded by Col Charles Harrison and s'd Meridith at this
time (or did when last heard from) reside in Warren County Kentucky and further saith not
[signed] W B Wallace
Signed & sworn to before me one of the Justices of the Peace aforesaid this 22nd day of October 1829.
Thos Q Roberts J.P.A.C.

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me Thos Q Roberts one of the Justices of
Anderson County Sct } the Peace in and for the County aforesaid William B Wallace of said
County who being first sworn saith that he was a Lieutenant in the first Regiment of Artillery of the
Virginia line on continental establishment in the Revolutionary war and served as such to the end of the
War. That James McFadden was Lieutenant in said Regiment and said Wallace believes served to the end
of the war also, but of which he is not Positive having been a Prisoner at the close of the war was not so
intimate with the officers of the Regiment at that particular point of time. and further saith not.
[signed] W B Wallace
Sworn to and signed before me a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid this 22nd day of October 1829
Thos Q Roberts J.P.A.C

I certify that William Meredith rec'd. Two Military Land bounty Warrants the first for 4000 acres as Capt
in the Virginia Continental line, and the latter for 666% acres for his seventh years service as Capt in said
Line
Land Office/ Aug't 24 1830 M Selden R L Off R'd

State of Kentucky } I William L. Meredith son and only Legitimate heir of Captain William
Warren County Sct. } Meredith late of the County of Warren & State aforesaid do upon oath
testify & declare that to the best of my knowledge & belief my said Father from what I heard him say &
others he enlisted in the Army of the Revolutionary war some time in the year 1775 or the forepart of the
year 1776 in the State of Virginia in Captain William Campbills [sic: William Campbell's] Company & in a
very short time after such inlistment he was appointed by the Committie of Safety Commesserry [sic:
Commissary] for the State of Virginia and as such served 18 Months or 2 years at which time he was
appointed Captain in the 1st Virginia Regiment of Artillery Commanded by Col. Charles Harrison & was
in the Battles of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & Stoney Point [storming of Stony Point Fort, 16 Jul 1779]
afterwards he was detached by General Gates to join General Sumpters army in the South with the

command of two pieces of Artillery & was Captured in South Carolina at General Gates defeat [sic: Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] & remained a captive until a proclamation of peace which was the close of the war & or course one of the unexchanged prisoners & that his Father at an early day obtained a warrant from the State of Virginia for four thousand acres of land & also drew a Pension under the act of Congress of 1828 which he drew up to his death which happened in the month of February 1833 the Certificates of Captain John Nelson Dated 22nd June 1827 and William B. Wallace of the same date will more fully describe said service Also I do further testify & declare that I have never received a warrant from the State of Virginia nor from the United States for the bounty land due in right of my said Fathers Services nor to the right of compact [part missing from the online image] that he ever receive anything else than what is herein named neither do I believe that he ever made any transfer of his right during his life time

[signed] William L Meredith

To The Executive of Virginia.

It does appear by the Records of this office that William Meredith did draw a Warrant for 400 acres of land for services rendered in the Revolutionary War. The warrant was delivered to him, in person, on the 30th of January, 1784.

S. H. Parker Reg. L. Office/ Richmond, June 26th 1840.

NOTE: According to a note on his pension certificate, William Meredith died 20 Feb 1833.