

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Meadows S7221

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

On the 28th day of September 1832, Personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for the District of Spartanburg now sitting John Meadows, a resident of the state and district aforesaid aged seventy years old the 18th day of March last, and who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of an act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of United States under the following named officers and served as is herein states.

He entered the service as a volunteer in Caswell County, North Carolina in March 1779 under Capt. Berryman Turner, Major Armstrong's Battalion in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hugh Inman, Brigadier General John Butler. He was marched from Caswell County under Capt. Turner to Salisbury where he met the regiment under the command of the above named officers into which he went. From there he was marched into South Carolina, Edgefield District, where the regiment to which he was belonged joined with Genl Lincoln's [Benjamin Lincoln's] army. Genl Lincoln then took command & marched to Parker's ferry on Edisto River where the army was halted for a few days. From thence [the company] was marched to Stono & was in the battle at that place on the 20th June 1779 [Battle of Stono]. Some time after which he was discharged by Genl John Butler having served as a private five months which discharge is lost. He then returned to Caswell County, N.C. where he remained until some time in January 1781 he then volunteered again under Capt. Elijah Moore in a regiment Commanded by Col. Wm. Moore & Col. Henry Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] and marched into Guilford County to a place called the Troublesome Iron Works where he joined Genl Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] army having been in three skirmishes before he reached the main army. From there he marched to Guilford Court House and was in the battle at that place on fifteenth day of March 1781. He was then marched back to Caswell County and was dismissed having served as a private four months. He remained at home but a very short time when he again volunteered in a troop of horse under the command of Capt. Harrington Harrelson [sic, Haralson], 1st Lieut. Stephen Steward & marched from there to Camden, South Carolina where he left the troop of horse having served as a private from sometime in April [?] until the last of [word off page] & enlisted in the state troops of Georgia about the first of September 1781 under Capt. Bugg, Lieut. Samuel Hicks. From thence he marched to Augusta Georgia where he joined the regiment under Col. James Jackson of the state troops of Georgia in Major Washington's Battalion & marched into the Midway

Settlements; was in three skirmishes & marched back to Augusta sometime in Dec. following the settlement of which place he remained until about the first of March when he left Augusta & was marched to Ebenezer about twenty five miles from Savannah where he joined Genl Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] army & marched to the siege of Savannah. After the British Army left Savannah, Genl Wayne marched into the town where he remained until sometime in September 1782 when he was discharged by Col. James Jackson having served as a private which discharge is lost. He then returned home to Caswell County North Carolina & this ended his revolutionary career. He, the said John Meadows, further states that he knows of no one by whom he can prove his actual service, but he served as a private not less than twenty two months. He is not able from age & failure of memory to state anymore certainly the time of his service.

Answer to the 1st question: I was born in Granville County North Carolina on 18th of March 1762.

Ans. 2nd: I have a record of my age at home.

Ans. 3rd: I was living in Caswell County, North Carolina. After the termination of the Revolutionary war, I returned to Caswell County where I remained until the year 1784; I then left North Carolina & moved to Wilkes County, George where I remained until 1790, then moved to Spartanburg District South Carolina where I have lived ever since.

Ans 4th: I was in service part of the time as a volunteer and the remainder I enlisted in the state troops of Georgia. The whole of my service was as a private.

Ans. 5th: (See declaration)

Ans. 6th: (See declaration)

Ans. 7th: In support of my character for veracity & my being reputed a soldier of the revolution, I refer to my neighbors the Rev. Abram Crow & Jethro O'Sheals who are well acquainted with me

S/ John Meadows



Sworn to in open court
S/ Jno. M. O'Neall presiding Judge

State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

I Abram Crow a clergyman resident of the state & district aforesaid & Jethro O'Sheals¹ resident of the State & District do hereby certify that we are in acquaintance with John Meadows who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy years of age that he is reported believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that he is regarded as a man of veracity & we concur in these opinions.

S/ Abraham Crow

S/ Jethro O'Sheals, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the 28th day of Sept. 1832
S/ Jno. M. O'Neall, Presiding Judge

¹ [Jethro Osheals \(O'Sheals, Osheal, Oshiel, O'Shields\) S18144](#)

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State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace for the District aforesaid John Meadows who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively as to the precise length of his service than is now stated in his declaration with the amendment which had been inserted, but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private not less than one year & 10 months for which service I claim a pension.
Sworn to & subscribed before me April 1, 1833.

S/ John Meadows

S/ H. J. Dean, JP

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State of South Carolina, Spartanburg District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for the District aforesaid, John Meadows, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot state to a day the period of each term of his service but that he served not less than the periods below mentioned and in the following grades. In the year 1779, he served five months as a private in Major Armstrong's Battalion, Colonel Hugh Tinnon's [Hugh Tinnen's] Regiment and was attached to the Brigade commanded by Brigadier General John Butler and in South Carolina joined the Army commanded by Major General Lincoln. In 1781 he served as a private eight months: the first four of which he was under the command of Colonels William Moore and Henry Dickson [sic, Dixon] and under the command of which officers he joined General Greene's army; the other four months, he served as a private in a troop of horse commanded by Captain Harrington Harrelson [sic, Haralson]. In 1781 and '82, he served as a private twelve months in Major Washington's Battalion, Colonel James Jackson's regiment and under their command joined Genl Wayne's army in the State of Georgia. This deponent further states that all the of above the services were rendered with an embodied corps called into service as he conceived by competent authority and that during the whole time of his service he was not engaged in any civil pursuit.

S/John Meadows

Sworn to & subscribed before me August 9, 1833. S/H.J. Dean, J.P.

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State of Georgia County of Stewart

Personally came before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County in said State John Perkins² of said County who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that he is acquainted with John Meadows of Spartanburg District South Carolina the present applicant for a pension from the United States, for services rendered in the revolutionary war, as one of the State troops of Georgia. That he knew him from March until September in the year 1782, and that this deponent took said applicant home with him from Augusta where he was sick in the month of September in said year, after their return from the siege of Savannah, That the said applicant was at the said siege of Savannah, That he the said applicant served as a horseman under the command of Colonel James Jackson and Captain John Stallings, and that the troops of which said applicant was a member were enlisted in the service of the said state for the period of 12 months.

² [John Perkins R8111](#)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord 1837.
S/ Warren A. May, JP

S/ John Perkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Perkins". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Perkins".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia subsequently increased to \$80 per annum for 2 years service in the North Carolina militia.]