

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Josiah Meadow S7225

VA

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State of Virginia }
Giles County } SS

On the 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Giles now sitting Josiah Meadows a resident of said County and State of Virginia aged seventy four years of age last February who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that he first enlisted in the County of Bedford in the spring of the year before the attacks were made on Donnelly's fort in the County of Greenbrier [sic: Donnally's Fort near present Frankford in Greenbrier County WV, attacked 29 May 1778] by the indians. he enlisted under Capt Joseph Renfro. that he was under no field officer this tour as he served against the indians for the term of six month which was the term for which he enlisted that the Lieutenant in the Company was David Hiddens. that he marched from the County of Bedford soon after he enlisted with the Company and marched to the County of Botetourt where they were joined by other men who had been enlisted in that County and then marched on to the county of Greenbrier and was first stationed at Jarrets fort where they remained some time and then the Company was divided and part of them were sent to Keeny's fort [AKA Arbuckle's Fort near present Blaker Mills WV], that he was stationed at Keeny's fort at the time the attack was made on Donnelly's fort that he remained at Keeny's fort for sometime after the attack was made on Donnelly's fort and then they marched back to the County of Botetourt and were stationed on Johns Creek in that County [now in Craig County] until the term for which he enlisted expired and was then discharged having fully served the term of six months for which he was enlisted. that after that he received a discharge but took no care of it and it was lost. soon after that this term of service expired in the fall of the year after he enlisted that he then removed to the County of Botetourt and remained there until the next February when he again enlisted under Capt Isaac Tyler from the County of Botetourt. they marched to the island of Holston [Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] where they joined the regiment commanded by Col. John Montgomery [R16522] and Col James Shelbys [sic: Evan Shelby's] regiment also went with them [see endnote], and they went by water from that place to the Chickamauga town. That [in April 1779] they destroyed the Chickamauga towns which was at the mouth of the Hiwasee [sic: Hiwassee] as it was then [and still] called, a branch of the Tennessee River. that after the destruction of the Chickamauga towns Col James Shelby with his men returned and that Col John Montgomery with his men went by water to the Illinois towns on the Mississippi river. at that place they joined Col Clark [George Rogers Clark VAS269]. that they remained there some time when the men were divided some of the men were sent up the Mississippi to St Louis but that he returned by water down the Mississippi to the mouth of the Ohio, and up the Ohio to the mouth of the Waubash [sic: Wabash] and up the Waubash to the opost [Fort Sackville at Vincennes in present IN] on the Waubash river. that Col. Montgomery staid at the Illinois town. when he left that and that he was then Commanded by Col Clark that from the Waubash River he marched to the falls of the Ohio river [at present Louisville], and remained sometime there, and then marched to Harrodsburg in Kentucky, and there he left Col. Clark and marched with his Capt back to the Big Lick in the County of Botetourt [present City of Roanoke], where he was discharged. That sometime after he received his discharge, he was crossing the Roanoke river and went to take a chew of tobacco and pulled his discharge out of his pocket and let it fall in the river. that he served on this tour the full term of twelve months being the term for which he enlisted. That he is unable to say the year which he performed the aforementioned service further than he has described by the attack upon Donally fort that he performed no other service then untill after the taking of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] when he substituted in the place of John Mitchell of Bedford County who was engaged for six months but does not know whether he drafted

or whether he was enlisted, and marched from Prince Edward Courthouse by Cumberland Old Courthouse to Richmond and was there sent as a guard to Carry some prisoners to Fredericksburg that after returning the prisoners to Fredericksburg he marched back to Richmond and was then stationed at Westham near Richmond and guarded the waggoners there during the winter until the March afterwards he thinks on the 28th day of March he received his discharge. that he cannot say how long he served this term but that he started in the fall of the year, he thinks about the time Cornwallis was taken and served until the 28th of March following. that he received a discharge but took no care of it and cannot now tell what became of it. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid Josiah Meadows

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Meadows, Josiah.]

Josiah Meadows, most respectfully asks of the honorable executive of Virginia, that he may be allowed land bounty for the service which he rendered in the western country under the command of General Clark and for proof of his service he refers to the report of the agent Mr J H Smith
March 1834

Petition for bounty land

Josiah Meadows sold'r Illinois Regt/

The Papers & Payrolls of the Illinois Regiment prove the enlistment & service of this soldier, for three years: and he has, accordingly been reported in the printed list of non-Com[missione]d Officers & Soldiers of the Illinois Regiment entitled to bounty land for a service of 3 years. Your Excellency is refered to that list.

Resp'y submitted &c/ John H Smith Com'r &c

To his Excellency/ Gov'r Floyd

March 22nd 1834

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Meadows, Josiah.]

Giles CH Va. 29th June 1844

Dear Sir [Gov. James McDowell] -- Josiah Meadows of Mercer County and a Revolutionary Soldier, says that he is intitled to bounty land, or Scrip which he has never received, he says that a year or two since, a man by the name of Stratton, came to him & informed him that he was entitled, to land, & proposed to purchase, his claim for \$200 [undeciphered] was to pay the money in short time. Mr. Meadows told him that he should have it & would give him a, Power of attorney as soon as he paid the money but Stratton has never yet paid the money & no prospect of it. Mr Meadows is now drawing a pension from the U. S. government and having belonged to the Virginia line is not entitled to any thing further from that government.

You will find his name, among the archives of the Gov'nt as having belonged to the Illinoise reigment serving under Genl. George Rogers Clark. If a copy of his declaration, in the Pension office will [part missing at bottom of page] service, I will forward it [part missing at bottom of page] you will have no difficulty in finding his name, and everything necessary to Shew whether he is entitled or not. I am trying to serve the old man without the expectation of any reward whatever. please have a thorough examination made & give me the result and if there should be any thing necessary for Mr. Meadows to do let me know

Yours respectfully/ Samuel Park

Giles CH Va. 16th July 1844

Dear Sir [Gov. McDowell] I enclose to you, a copy of Jesiah Meadows Declaration, for a pension, which I hope will be sufficent evidence to entitle, him to draw land bounty – as to his discharge of course that has long since been lost, as he states & I presume no living witnesses could be found to prove, any thing unless it would be general report. he is now 86 years old, much delay will be fatal to his claim, as his

children are numerous & very much scattered – he has been for some time baffled, by pension speculators but is to be hoped that every thing will now be right. Yours respectfully/ Saml Park

Rejected James McD. Jan 24 '45