

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Melcher Tar (Tarr, Dorr) S7674

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State of North Carolina, Davidson County

On this 14 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions, now sitting, Melcher Tar a resident of Davidson County and State of North Carolina aged 80 years 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.

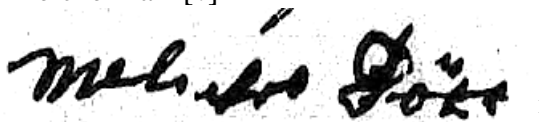
That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated General Ash [sic, John Ashe], Colonel Lytle [sic, Archibald Lytle], and Captain Cowan [David Cowan] are the only officers whom he now recollects to have served under. The claimant entered the Service in the year 1779 and left in 1780 He resided in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina when he entered the Service a drafted Militia Man He was engaged in the battle fought at Briar Creek [Brier Creek, March 3, 1779] in the State of Georgia and at Stono River [June 20, 1779] in the State of South Carolina He was served nearly wounded in the battle at Stono River and was soon after this discharged. He marched through the States of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia and that he has no documentary evidence to prove the facts as above Stated.

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.

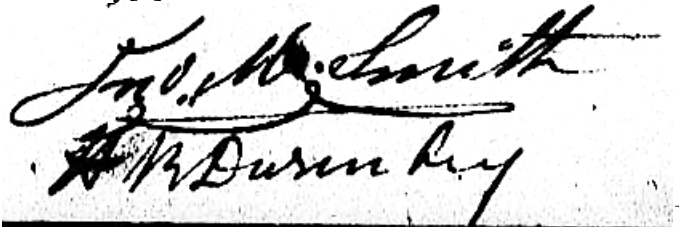
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. Mock, CCC

S/ Melcher Tarr [?]



[standard certificate of belief of age, veracity and service given by John M. Smith and Henry R. Durenbey[?]



I George Fritts of the County of Davidson & State of North Carolina do hereby Certify that Meltzer Tar Served in the Revolution as he States in his declaration. I was well acquainted with Mr. Tar before the War of the Revolution. I lived in the neighborhood of Mr. Tar and well recollect when he entered the

¹ The veteran's name has been interpreted variously as Melcher Tar, Melcher Tarr, Melcher Dorr

service. I soon after entered the Service myself. I was in the same Regiment that he was in and frequently saw him while in the Army. I saw him in the battle at Briar Creek where he displayed the most ardent Courage.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Fritts, X his mark

S/ D. Mock, CCC

1st: When and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1752.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ans. I have a record of my age at home.

3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in Rowan County N. C. when called into the Service and I am now living in the County of Davidson N. C.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ans. I was drafted.

[Omitted: 5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.]

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

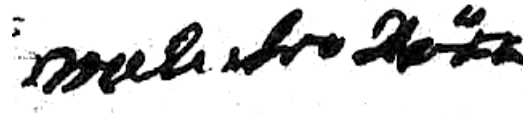
Ans. I did receive a discharge from the service. It was given by Colonel Lytle which is now lost.

[Omitted 7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.]

On this the 4th day of February 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of the County of Davidson & State of North Carolina Melcher Tar who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 as a Militia Man in the grade of a common Soldier. He left the service in 1780 & served 12 months.

He further deposeth & saith that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood who can testify that he served in the Revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid



S/ T. Brummell, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the North Carolina militia.]