

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Levitt Merrick S8892
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State of Maryland } On this sixth day of August in the year 1832 personally appeared before
Dorchester County Sct } the Justices of Dorchester County orphan's Court, William Merrick, a
resident of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, aged seventy three years the 20th of October
next; who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in
order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he
enlisted in the army of the United States, the year not recollected, with Col Christopher Brickhead, at
Easton in Talbot County, within the state aforesaid; and was carried over to the City of Annapolis, and
delivered up to General [William] Smallwood and served in the 5th regiment of the Maryland line, under
the following named officer Captain David Lynn [pension application W9151], Lieutenant Gaters [sic:
Greenberry Gaither W8840]. no more of the officers now recollected. was enlisted for, and served nine
months, left the service on christmas eve the year not recollected, that he enlisted the next spring for and
served twelve months under Captain Levin Spedden on board the barge fear nought [*Fear Naught*],
Zedock Bodfell first Lieutenant, Edward Spedden Second Lieutenant, Samuel Abbott quarter master or
Steward. That in the first enlistment he marched from Annapolis City, to little york [Yorktown VA] and
there entered the seige, and staid during the same, which lasted twenty one days [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781],
and after the seige was ended, he guarded the prisoners to Frederick town, and after which returned to
Annapolis City, and obtained his discharge for the first enlistment. Whilest in the second enlistment on
board the barges was engaged at Cages Straights near the Tangiers [sic: Kedges Straits near Tangier
Island] with the Refugees [displaced loyalists] and after serving his nine months, was discharged at
Annapolis City, and received a slight wound in the shoulder during the last enlistment. After he was again
discharged he volunteered to meet the Tory Camp, called the Black Camp which rise in the state of
Delaware. Volunteered under the service of Liutenant Col Will Richardson [William Richardson] in this
engagement, and was appointed a nominal adjutant. and that he now receives a pension from the State of
Maryland and that his name is enrolled on General Smallwoods enrolement at Annapolis City
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares
that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state only on that of the agency in the state of
Maryland for which he receives a state pension. William hisXmark Merrick

Land Office, Annapolis, Nov'r 10th 1832,

I hereby Certify, that it appears by an Alphabetical list, remaining in this office, of discharged Soldiers of
the two Battalions of Militia, raised to serve nine months; or until the 10th day of December 1781, that the
name of William Merrick, appears upon said list, to have been discharged on the 3rd day of December
1781; and to have received the sum of £10.1.8. I also further Certify; that it appears by a return roll of the
officers and men, belonging to the Barge "Fear Nought;" commanded by Capt'n. Levin Speddin; that the
name of one William L. Merrick appears upon said roll; to have enlisted on the 27th day of May 1782; for
the term of one year; that it is also stated on said roll, that his place of residence and birth, was in Talbot
County, Stature 5 feet 5 inches, complection dark; and bounty paid £3.0.0.

George G. Brewer, Reg'r. L'd. Off. W. S. Md.

State of Maryland } Ss.
Dorchester County } On this 7th day of January 1833 personally appeared before the subscriber chief
Judge of the Orphans court of Dorchester County Wm. Merrick the petitioner in the annexed declaration
and made oath that his name is William Levitt Merrick, and that he was born in Bayleys [Baileys] Neck
Talbot County M.D. that he has just used the L in his name for many years and was not certain that he had
used it even in the Revolution he has lived in Dorchester County since the peace of 1783