

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Meadows S8895

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State of Virginia and County of Rockingham to wit

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Rockingham County now sitting James Meadows, a resident of Rockingham County and State of Virginia aged 72 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

He states that he was born in Orange County Virginia and his parents removed to Rockingham when he was a small boy and he has resided in the latter County ever since. He is 72 years of age as he believes, but has no record of his age in this County and cannot read writing.

About the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year after the commencement of the revolutionary war, as well as he recollects, he enlisted in Orange County under Captain Garland Burley, and served two years and a half, in Virginia principally in Albemarle County, at the barracks about six miles from Charlottesville. For a very short period he was stationed at Gilbert's in Rockingham County but was marched back again to Albemarle. In the April in the same year in which Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], he was discharged at Winchester Virginia. He got a written discharge from Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor] which he placed in the hands of Adam Hensberger for safekeeping, who informed him he had lost it. Mr. Hensberger is since dead. The officers under whom he served were Colonel Francis Taylor, Major James Burton, Captain Garland Burley, Lieutenant Thomas Porter (afterwards promoted to a Captain) Ensign John Taylor (afterwards promoted to a lieutenantcy).

He further states that in the year 1781 in the month of May as he believes, he substituted for Benjamin Harvey of Rockingham County who was drafted as a militia man and served a three months tour in Virginia. He was in two engagements during this tour, one at a place called Burnt-Chimneys, as well as he now recollects, and the other at Hot Water [June 26 1781] and several slight skirmishes. The officers under whom he served were Colonel John Rush, Captain George Huston, Lieutenant Thomas Lewis and Ensign John Harvey. He was discharged before the surrender of Cornwallis, but got no written discharge. He has no documentary evidence of his services.

For proof of his services he relies on the testimony of James Haney,<sup>1</sup> who served in the same Regiment two years of the enlisted term of service, and was in the same mess and who will

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<sup>1</sup> [James Haney S8679](#)

be introduced into Court. He also relies on the affidavit of John Snow<sup>2</sup> herewith submitted who served in the same Regiment twelve months, but who is unable to attend Court; from age and infirmity. For his character for veracity, and belief of his revolutionary services in his neighborhood he refers to Nicholas Baugher, William Kite and Henry Miller, the latter of whom served in the Revolution himself. 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/ James Meadows, X his mark

[Joseph Samuels, a clergyman, and John Conrad gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>2</sup> FPA S38391