

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Meredith S9402

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South Carolina Laurens County: In the Common Pleas

On this 19th of October personally appeared in open Court before his Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Henry Meredith a resident of Laurens District South Carolina aged 75 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 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served [as] herein stated. That he volunteered under Capt. Pleasant Henderson, Col. Joseph Williams in Orange County North Carolina about the year 1777 & marched to Cumberland River (now Tennessee) & remained there until the expiration of the three months the time for which I volunteered, received a written discharge but has lost it since. -- I Volunteered again in the year 1779 in the militia light-Horse under Capt. Davis Grissam [Davis Gresham], Col. Taylor [Lt. Col. Thomas Taylor], in Orange County North Carolina and marched to near Camden South Carolina and continued to do service through the Country lying on Pedee River & a part of North Carolina for three months the time for which I Volunteered & was discharged at Pedee, But have lost or mislaid my discharge. -- I Volunteered in Orange County North Carolina again in 1780 in the Militia light Horse, under Capt. Abraham Allen and performed duty for three months by marching through the greater part of the State but between Cross Creek & Wilmington returned to Hillsboro & was there discharged. I have lost my discharge. I volunteered again in the militia light-horse troops in the year 1781 under Capt. William Douglass, Col. William O'Neill [William O'Neal] and performed service through the upper part of North Carolina, about Hillsboro, for three months and was engaged in a Battle with the Tories (who were commanded by Col. Fanning [David Fanning]) at the Quaker settlement near Haw River, and was discharged in Wake County North Carolina, having performed service for three months -- I received a written discharge but have lost or mislaid it. I was taken a prisoner near Hillsboro by Cornwallis' Army, & was paroled in about ___ [?] week -- I was born in the State of Maryland Baltimore County in the year 1757 -- I have a record of my age as made by my father now at Home. -- I was living in Orange County North Carolina when I Volunteered, & moved to Laurens District South Carolina in the year 1784 & have lived here ever since. -- I was a Volunteer -- I never received a commission -- I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

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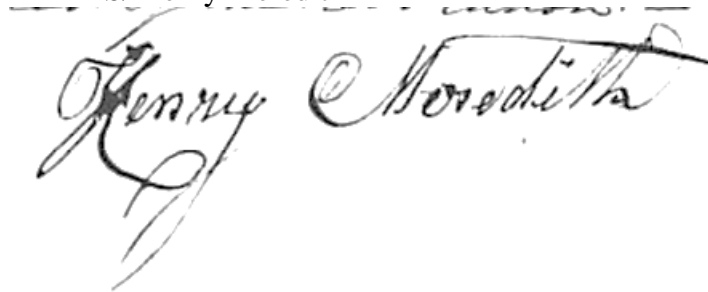
The War Department's abstractor read this as "one."

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. –

The Rev. Gabriel Phillips -- & General Starling Tucker are persons to whom I am known in my neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. --

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid –

S/ Henry Meredith

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Meredith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Henry" is written in a large, flowing script, and the last name "Meredith" is written in a slightly smaller, more compact cursive. The signature is positioned below the printed name "S/ Henry Meredith".

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

[Gabriel Phillips & Starling Tucker gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$47.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia for 12 months, 3 of which was served in the infantry and 9 of which was served in the cavalry.]