

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Meador (Meadow) S9405 VA
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State of Virginia }
Bedford County } S.S.

On the 28th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Bedford now sitting Benjamin Meador a resident of Virginia in the County of Bedford aged Sixty nine 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 after stated Viz. That in the fore part of the Year 1780 or 1781 he cannot distinctly recollect which, he substituted for Shadrack Holt who had been drafted from the County of Amelia in this State to serve a tour in the militia in the war of the revolution of three months. That he marched from Amelia to Petersburg under Capt. Edward Bowker at which place they joined other troops, where the companies were organized and he was placed under the command of Capt. Hays. that from Petersburg he marched under Captain Hays to McKay's mills where he joined more troops under the command of Colo. Dowlman, that he remained at the mills about three weeks and from thence marched to Sleepy hole ferry on the Nansemond River where they remained sometime watching the British who was supposed to be on the River. from Sleepy hole ferry he was marched to Perrets Neck at the mouth of Nansemond River where they came in sight of several British vessels. there they remained some time and from thence to a place called the Tar yard. from thence he marched to a old Field close by and was discharged, his term of service having expired. he does not now know that he was attached to any particular Regiment nor can he recollect any other officers than those stated. That shortly after he returned home his father Benjamin Meadow (now dead) was drafted from the County of Amelia to serve in the militia in the war of the revolution a Tour of three months, that he substituted in his Father Benjamin Meadows place that they rendezvoused at Henderson's Store (then in the County of Amelia) under the command of Lieutenant [blank: possibly Phillip] Williams and Ensign [Presly] Jeter, the other officers names he cannot recollect except one Colo. White who came by, stayed with them three or four days and gave orders that the horses they were engaged in pressing while at this place of rendezvous should be carried to Staunton in Augusta County Va. to which latter place they were marched with the horses they had pressed and delivered them to Colo. White. That they were stationed at Augusta until the expiration of the time of service and were discharged. That shortly after returning home he was drafted in his own person from the County of Amelia to serve in the militia in the war of the Revolution a Tour of three months, that he marched under Cap. Rowland Ward to Colo. Blounts Old Fields in the County of Surry where he joined other troops that they remained at this place for some time and owing to some regulation among the troops his Cap'n. returned home and he remained under the command Lieutenant John Townes [John Towne] & Ensign Davis Bowker. from this place he was marched to the seige of York crossing James River at Swan's [sic: Swann's] point just above old James Town. That they marched to Pidgeon Hill [Pigeon Hill] Fort one of the Forts erected at York Town, that he remained there only part of a day – he being detached as part of a Garrison under ensign Davenport and stationed at the mouth of Queens Creek, where he remained till the seige was over [19 Oct 1781], and from thence he was marched to Williamsburg where his term of service having expired he was discharged. He has no documentary evidence of the service of any Tour he served if he ever received a discharge it is either lost or mislaid. That he knows of but one living Witness by whom he can prove the service of these Tours, having removed from the County of Amelia to the County of Bedford a distance of 120 miles forty years ago. He does not know whether any of those who served with him are alive and if alive where they are now living, but refers to his brother Hezekiah Meador's affidavit for proof of said service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn & Subscribed the day and

year aforesaid.

Benjamin hisXmark Meador.

The following are the answers to the several interrogatories propounded by the Court to Benjamin Meador before whom the foregoing declaration was sworn & subscribed– Answer to Question 1st– I was born on the 18th day of August 1763 in the County of Amelia & removed to the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia at the age of 20 – where I have ever since resided

2nd I have a record of my age in a Bible copied from the one kept by my parents–

3^d 4th 5th & 6th Answered as stated in the declaration –

7th I refer you to William Leftwich a minister of the Gospel & to Jubal Jordan with both of whom I am well acquainted–