

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Medford S9411

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State of North Carolina Martin County

On this day personally appeared before me Figures Lowe one of the Justices of the Peace for said County -- James Medford a resident of the said State & County who being first 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 was drafted for three months service in the revolutionary war at Williamston in said County -- & went to the South under the command of Capt. John Jones [John Higgins Jones] & Lieut. James Jones. He was marched through various places and finally to Charleston in South Carolina & after falling into the Main Army he was under the command of Col. Etherington [Lieutenant Colonel Jephtha Eatherton]. He was with the baggage wagons at this battle of Briery Creek [sic, Briar Creek, March 3, 1779]¹ being prevented from joining in that engagement by sickness. Although only drafted for three months he was not discharged until after the expiration of four months.

He was drafted a second time & placed under the command of Capt. Crowell [Samuel Crowell] of Halifax & was marched through the upper part of this State to Camden in South Carolina. The commanding field officers were Col. Read [James Read] & Major Webb [John Webb]. He was in a little skirmish with the British at Santee River. He was then marched back to North Carolina and was within a mile of the battle ground of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] proceeding to the assistance of our forces when they were met by the American troops retreating. From this place he was marched to Wilmington in this State & at the expiration of four months he was discharged. He received written discharges both tours the first by whom he does not recollect the last he thinks by Major Pointer [perhaps John Poynter of Currituck County NC who is known to have been at Briar Creek]. He knows of no person by whom he can establish his service except the affidavits hereunto annexed. He was born & raised in this County & is now Seventy-five years old. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 18th day of March 1833

Test: S/ Figures Lowe

S/ James Medford, X his mark

[Thomas Price, John S. Hyman & James Mayo gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>