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Pension application of Benjamin Melton (Milton) ¹ W2227 Elizabeth Melton f40NC
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State of Illinois Lawrence County} SS

On this 17 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Circuit Court before the County of Lawrence now sitting Benjamin Milton a resident of the County of Lawrence aforesaid aged sixty-six 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 stated to wit that he served for the term of three months drafted under Capt. Berry Turner [Berryman Turner] and Col. Henry Dixon [sic, more likely Colonel William Moore, a militia officer whereas Henry Dixon was an officer in the Continental line]. This was he believes in the year 1776 but that he cannot recollect the month. That he marched from North Carolina to the State of Georgia and that he was engaged in a battle with the enemy at a Fort near Stono ferry² on Ashley River. He was part of the time with General Linclear [sic, Benjamin Lincoln].

That he served another tour under Capt. William Hardin [William Harden] and Major Sharp being drafted for three months and the forepart of the summer of the year 1781 as near as he can recollect. That he marched from Caswell County North Carolina to Guilford County and joined the Army at Troublesome Iron Works immediately after the battle of Guilford Court house [March 15, 1781] that from the Iron works he was marched to Ramsey's mill on Deep River where he was again drafted for one year. That after his tour of three months was up he was permitted to go home forty days. That he then joined the Main Army at the high hills of Santee in the State of South Carolina in the year 1781 a short time before the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and that he was in that battle.³ That he was at this time under the command of Capt. Tilgman Dixon [sic, Tilghman Dixon] and Col. Henry Dixon. From the battle of the Eutaw Springs he marched to Stono ferry near which he was engaged [in] a skirmish with some British soldiers on St. John's Island. That during all the time he was in the service of the United States he was a resident of Caswell [County] in the State of North Carolina. That he was born in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia. That he has no record of his age. That since the revolutionary war he lived in Caswell County in North Carolina for some time after the war that he moved from there to Warren County in the State of Kentucky where he lived till he moved to this State about twelve years ago. That he has lived near the same place ever since he

¹ BLWt26773-160-55

² June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790620.htm>

³ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810908.htm>

came to this State. That while in the service he was in company with some of but does not distinctly recollect any regular officers except General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and Col. Hamilton, General Lincoln.

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/ Benjamin Melton, X his mark

[William Farley, a clergyman, and Thomas C. Collins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

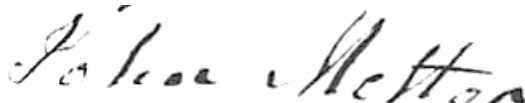
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Be it remembered that on this the 16th day of August 1833 personally came before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County John Melton aged sixty-seven years a resident in said County with whom I am personally acquainted & certify that his character for truth and veracity is good credible person And after being duly Sworn according to law deposes & saith that he is personally acquainted with Benjamin Melton that he the said Benjamin Melton entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 under Capt. Berry Turner Col. Henry Dixon that he was discharged he believes in said year he does not recollect the month after serving three months he does not recollect the line.

That he entered the service again in the forepart of the summer of 1781 under Capt. William Hardin & Major Sharp and was discharged in said year after serving three months. That he again entered the service in the year 1781 and served twelve months and was discharged in the year 1782 under Capt. Tilghman Dixon Col. Henry Dixon, that as to particular dates he does not recollect but that he distinctly recollects that each term of service was performed by the said Benjamin Melton to wit two tours of three months and one of twelve months.

S/ John Melton



Subscribed and Sworn to before me the 16th day of August 1833

S/ Algernon S. Badollit, JP

[p 11 On March 21st, 1853 in Lawrence County Illinois, Elizabeth Melton filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Melton a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum; that she married him October 17 1833; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Fowler; and that her husband died in Lawrence County, Illinois on September 6, 1843.]

[p 15: In her bounty land claim filed April 5, 1855, also in Lawrence County Illinois, Elizabeth Milton stated that she was then 54 years old; and that she was married to Benjamin Melton by Thomas C. Collins, a minister of the gospel.]

[p 34 copy of marriage license issued Oct. 14, 1833 in Lawrence County, Illinois, to Benjamin Melton and Elizabeth Fowler.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line and militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]