

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Mealer W27921

Sally Mealer

f19NC

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State of North Carolina County of Warren

On this 24th day of November 1840 personally appeared before us Thomas J. Judkins & John P. Shearin two of the acting Justices of the Peace, & Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for said County, Sally Mealer a resident of said County & State aged Eighty Nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836.

That she is the widow of James Mealer, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, & that to the best of her knowledge & belief that he entered the service of the United States under the following officers & served as herein Stated, in the Militia of North Carolina -- That he was drafted out of the 4th division in this Warren County under Capt. John White on or about the 18th or 20th day of May A.D. 1780, for the term of three months, he then marched to Halifax Town, NC & Joined Col. Hart's [Lieutenant Colonel Henry Hart's] Company, & remained there for some time, he then marched through the Counties of Edgecombe, Johnston, Wake & Cumberland, in NC, he then continued his line of march into the State of South Carolina, & was in the Battle of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] shortly after this Battle the said James Mealer, was discharged, & returned home to his family, where he remained until the 1st day of February 1781, when he volunteered at Warrenton in this (Warren County) for the term of three months, under Capt. Jordan Harriss [Jordan Harris] & Lieut. Lewis Shearin, he then marched through the Counties of Franklin, & Wake to Hillsboro a Town and Orange County, NC, where he joined the Main Army under the Command of General Thomas Eaton & Col. Harbord Haines [Herbert Haynes], he then marched into the County of Guilford and joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army & was in the Battle of Guilford C. H. [March 15, 1781], after which he was ordered back to Hillsboro where he remained stationed, for a short time, & was then under the Command of General Thomas Eaton; he was then ordered to march & passed Wake C. H. into Franklin County then through Warren County, into Halifax County, to Halifax Town NC where he was stationed, under the command of Col. Long [perhaps Col. Nicholas Long, Deputy Quartermaster General for the Southern Department of the Continental Army], where he remained until he was discharged in the month of May 1781 -- he then returned home which was an end to his Services in the Revolutionary War. -- Making 6 months service and all.

This affiant says on her oath that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim for a Pension for the services of her aforesaid husband James Mealer in the Revolutionary

War. --

She further state players that she was married to the said James Mealer on the 5th day of January A.D. 1778. That her husband the aforesaid James Mealer died on the 13th day of October A.D. 1819 -- and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed, on the day & year above written.

S/ J. Judkins, JP

S/ Sally Mealor [sic]



S/ Jno. Shearin, JP

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State of North Carolina Warren County

This day personally appeared before us Thomas J. Judkins and John P. Shearin two of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County -- Robbin Harris,¹ aged eighty-two years, & John Downtin² aged eighty-one years, both residents of this County & lived in the same neighborhood, that the within declarant Sally Mealer does, -- & they are both of them Revolutionary Pensioners -- who being first sworn according to law, to speak the truth as to what they may know concerning the Revolutionary Services & marriage, death &c of James Mealer, -- Do upon their Oath declare & say that the within named James Mealer did serve as a Soldier in the North Carolina Militia two different tours of three months each as is set forth in the foregoing declaration of Sally Mealer & was discharged --

They also swear that James Mealer was married to the within named declarant (who was Sally Harris) about the year 1777 or 78 and the aforesaid James Mealer, died upwards of 20 years ago & that his widow the aforesaid Sally Mealor is now a Widow & has never married since the death of her said husband, James Mealer -- Robin Harris swears, that he was present when the said Mealer was married & that they were joined together as husband & wife by William Person Esquire & that they always lived together as such. -- up to the time of said James Mealer's death & the said, Witness, Robbin Harris & John Downtin do also declare on oath that they never heard it doubted but that the said James & Sally were Lawfully married.

Sworn to & Subscribed before us this 24th day of November AD 1840.

S/ John Downtin

S/ Robin Harris



The old Book leaf sent herewith is annexed to show that Sally Mealer is as much as 89 years of age, it being satisfactorily proven before us that the same is the Family A record & in the proper

¹ [Robin Harris R4672](#)

² [John Downtin S6801](#)

handwriting of Charles Harris the Father of Sally Mealer. Given under our hands the 24th of November 1840.

S/ J Judkins, JP

S/ Jno. P. Shearin, JP

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Bedferd Harris son of ye same too was born in June ye 1 day 1756

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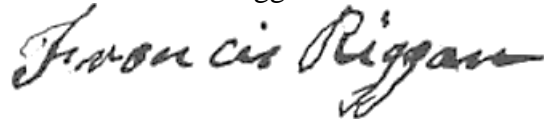
[p 9: Copy of the marriage bond given by James Mealer and Frederick Harris in the County of Bute North Carolina on the 3rd day of January 1778 to secure the marriage of James Mealer to Sally Harris.]

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State of North Carolina County of Warren: I Francis Riggan³ of said County, aged 77 years do Certify on oath that I was well acquainted with James Mealer & that the said Mealer did serve a Tour of three months service in the militia of North Carolina commencing in February 1781 and that the said Mealer was in the Battle at Guilford C. H. NC which occurred on or about the middle of March 1781 --

I also swear that the said Mealer was drafted in the year before 1780 for three months & that he went off in the Army & he verily believes the said Mealer did serve out the same, but, I do not know it of my own personal knowledge -- but I have heard the said Mealer say that he did -- I also swear that James Mealer & Sally Mealer always lived together as husband & wife up to the time of said Mealer's death which occurred about 20 years ago & Sally Mealer his widow has never married since the death of her said husband, and she is now alive.

S/ Francis Riggan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francis Riggan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

³ [Francis Riggan S9054](#)