

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Menius (Menis) ¹ W3848

Rosanna Menius f43NC

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State of North Carolina Rowan County: Supr [Superior] Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this 8th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Martin one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Equity for said State, now sitting, Frederick Menius a resident of said County & State who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States, but in what precise year age & infirmities prevent the recollection, but thinks it was in 1782 or 1783, nor can he remember whether the service he performed was in the State Troops or Militia but trust that the following history of his Service will explain. He was enlisted by Capt. Yarborough [Edward Yarborough] of the Town of Salisbury about the time aforesaid, in said County, by whom he was drilled about one month, & was then put under the command of Capt. Sharpe [Anthony Sharpe] & was marched to Ashley River near Charleston South Carolina & was there stationed on one of the Islands [probably James Island] near Charleston & was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Idel [? sic, Archibald Lytle was the commander of the 4th North Carolina Regiment in 1782] where he remained in service until the end of the war. When he enlisted, it was for the period of 18 months, & believes that he served about that time. He will was not discharged until the end of the war. He received no written discharge from any person & hath no way of proving the Services rendered except by Peter Stiller whose affidavit is hereto annexed. He was born in Germany & emigrated to Rowan County about 53 or 4 years ago as well as remembered & is now about 74 years of age. He well recollects that he enlisted in the service aforesaid shortly after he came from Germany. He has lived in Rowan County ever since the close of the war & is not on the pension roll of either the State or the United States & he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension saved this.

S Ferdrick Menius, X his mark

Peter Stiller² swears that he is well acquainted with the aforesaid Frederick Menius, that he enlisted at the same time & performed the same service & that the facts set forth in the foregoing declaration are true to the best of his knowledge.

S/ Peter Stiller Senior, X his mark

[Jacob Waggoner & Peter Stiller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The foregoing declaration & certificate having been returned from the War Department

¹ BLWt36222-160-55

² No one by this or a similar name filed for a federal pension claiming service in North Carolina.

with objections the applicant Frederick Menius appeared Personally before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for Rowan County North Carolina and being first duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private soldier for one year in the Army of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me in Salisbury the 10th day of October 1833.

S/ Junius Sneed, JP

S/ Frederick Menius, X his mark

[Attested by John Giles, Clerk]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Frederick Manis [sic] a private in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10th Regiment³ enlisted in 1782 418 months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 29th day of October 1833

S/ Wm Hill

[p 13: August 3rd 1840, in Rowan County North Carolina, Rosanna Menius, 68, filed for a widows pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Frederick Menius, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him October 6th 1789 and that he died January 16th 1835.]

[p 14: George Hartman gave testimony on August 3, 1840 in Rowan County North Carolina that Hannah Menius was the wife of Frederick Menius and that she was a widow as of January 16, 1840 and remains a widow. His relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated.



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[p 15 is a copy of the marriage bond issued to Frederick Menius for the marriage of Frederick Menius to Rosanna Hardman [sic], issued October 6, 1789 in Rowan County North Carolina; John Hildebrant was a bondsman in addition to Frederick Menius.]

[p 10: On September 28, 1855 in Rowan County North Carolina, Rosanna Menius, 86, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that her name before her marriage was Rosanna Hartman [sic]; that she married her husband in Rowan County on ____; and that her husband died in Rowan County January 14th, 1835.]

[facts in file: The veteran is referred to in one affidavit in this file as "John F. Menius." Rosanna

³ J. D. Lewis advises that the designation of the 10th Regiment as the regiment in which a veteran served was often the NC Secretary of State's 'default' designation when he could not find muster rolls giving the actual regiment in which the veteran served. J. D. indicates in his online posting that this veteran served in the 4th NC Regiment. See, http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_privates_m.html and search for "Menius, Frederick." bold

Menius died always 6, 1857 -- place not given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]