

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Meredith W3849 Mericha (Merica) Meredith f35VA
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State of Virginia Hanover County Sct.

On this 27th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court, before William Brockenbrough Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery, for the said County, now sitting, James Meredith a resident of the said County of Hanover and State of Virginia, aged seventy years on the 8th day of September last – 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 (in 1779 as well as he recollects) as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain Walter Scott: which company guarded a magazine in the County of Chesterfield, – The term of this service was eight months.

That he resided in the County of Chesterfield, State of Virginia from the beginning to the end of the revolutionary war.

That after the service aforesaid, in about a year and a half, as well as he recollects, he enlisted at Chesterfield Court House in a volunteer company commanded by Captain George Markham; which marched with other troops under Colonel Robert Goode, Colonel James Monroe, Colonel Faulkner, and Colonel James Mercer to Petersburg and down the South side of James River, – the term of this service was five weeks.

That subsequent to this last service, sometime in the year 1781, he was drafted and marched as a private under Captain Blackman Moseley from the County of Chesterfield to Petersburg, and thence down the South side of James River. The superior Officers, after he got below Petersburg were Major Holt, Major Declément [Christian Charles de Klauman] (a French Officer) and General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. In this tour General Muhlenberg retreated before General Phillips [William Phillips] to Petersburg where there was a skirmish as [April 25, 1781] between the two armies, during which the company of which the claimant was a member was placed as a guard at Pocahontas Bridge. Thence the company marched to Richmond, where they joined the troops commanded by General Lafayette, under whom they marched down the River and about the country. And the claimant was discharged at Wilton about eight miles below Richmond. The term of this service was nine weeks. At this time he received a written discharge from Major Holt, which is the only one that he ever received in which he has lost.

That within a short time after he was discharged at Wilton aforesaid he was called out again from Chesterfield to Manchester in said County under the command of Captain Robert Wooldridge, where he served about four weeks.

That in a very short time after this last service, he marched under Colonel Robert Goode to Osborne's (in Chesterfield) where he served about three weeks.

That he knows of no person who can testify to his service as a soldier of the revolution

except Major John Clarke of Powhatan, whose testimony, duly sworn to, is hereto annexed marked A. There are many in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity but he will refer more particularly to William Wood & Parke Street.

That he worked at the mill Wright trade from December 1781 till 1792 where the work offered, during which time he but rarely resided at any one place longer than a few months – And that in 1792 aforesaid he married & settled in the County of Hanover where he has lived ever since and where he now lives.

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 whatever.

S/ James Meredith, X his mark

[William Wood, a clergyman, and Parke Street gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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To those whom it may concern, I beg leave to state: That I have been acquainted with Mr. James Meredith (now a resident of the County of Hanover in the State of Virginia) upwards of 50 years, and have ever considered him to be an honest, industrious and respectable man. – Having myself been a considerable time in the military service of the country in the war of the revolution, and having frequently met with the said Meredith while each of us were performing that service (though in different Corps) I therefore certify that the said James Meredith was in the military service of the country in the war of the American Revolution.

S/ Jno. Clarke of Powhatan County Virginia

10th April 1833

petition.



The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "J. Clarke of Powhatan Co. Va." with "10th April 1833." written below it. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper. There is a small mark to the right of the signature that looks like "72".

[p 12: On April 24, 1843 in Hanover County Virginia, Mericha Meredith, aged about 68 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Meredith; that he was pensioned for his service in the revolution by the general government; that he died March 20, 1840; that she married him on December 27, 1792 in Hanover County Virginia; that they were married by Parson Cortney and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 6: copy of a marriage bond dated December 19, 1792 issued in Hanover County Virginia to James Meredith and Richard Hooper conditioned upon the marriage of James Meredith to Meecha Hooper.]

[Facts in file: the widow died July 5, 1852; in 1848 while living in Henrico County Virginia, the widow gave her age as 72 years; there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 27 days in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]