

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Danza Metcalf W4280

Mary Metcalf

f44GA[sic NC]

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Court of Rutherford County now sitting Danza Metcalf a resident of these United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 73 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted for two years in the year 1778 under Captain James Taylor and served in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacks [? possibly Colonel Samuel Jacks] in a Southern Campaign that he enlisted in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina was marched to near Augusta Georgia where they built a Fort and stayed there some months from that place we went in to or near Savannah then to Midway Meeting house near Sunbury [sic, Sunbury] we marched on to near the Florida line to the River St. Mary's or St. John's not sure which I think we was under the command of General Howe [Robert Howe] at that point we was stationed some time from there we was marched back to Sunbury or near that place and discharged we made the best of our way to Rutherford County North Carolina but when we returned home we found our section of County nearly overrun with the Tories the British and Indians immediately became a volunteer under Captain James McFadden he made a tour of the Mountains in pursuit of the Indians there was several Indians killed and some of their property destroyed I made the next tour under Captain Adam Hampton made an attack on a fort on Pacolet [River] where we took the fort and all that was in it they was mostly Tories shortly after we had a Battle at Prince's Fort [July 17, 1780] on Pacolet we had several battles on both sides we returned home to Rutherford County North Carolina I was under the command of Captain James Miller at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] we was under the command of Col McDowell [Joseph McDowell] I think he left the Army before the Battle was fought in fact I joined what was called the minute men and was in continual services from the year 1776 to the end of the war we never thought ourselves safe when our fire arms was out of our Reach as to undertake to make a crop it was inconsistent for the Tories could at all times out number of us and take what they pleased I served my country for six years in the very prime of my life went through all the hardships of a Southern Campaign and the cold blast of the Winter of 1780 in the Mountains of North Carolina at that time I was able to stand before the Different Climates but now I am bald and infirm and not able to support my family free from want by my labor which is my only Support I now call

on my Country who has had the very prime of my life for her service to sustain me for a short time in my decline I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatsoever.

Question first by the Court: where were you born

Answer I have understood that I was born on the Roanoke River in the State of Virginia.

Question second – have you any Record of your Age

Answer I have no perfect Record of my Age it has only been kept by a Reference to acts & circumstances

Question third – Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since and where do you now live

Answer I was living in Rutherford County North Carolina where I have resided ever since

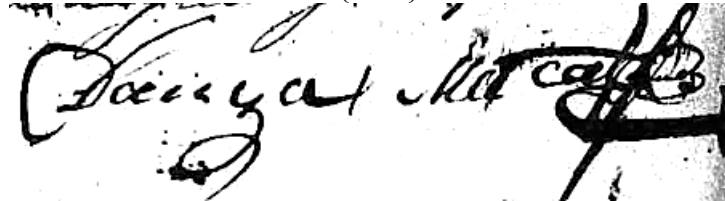
Question fourth – How were you called into service was you drafted was a volunteer was you enlisted or was you a substitute

Answer I first enlisted for two years and served that time out I then was a volunteer and served as above stated in my first tour I Remember the name of General Howe after that there was General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], Sumter [Thomas Sumter], Marion [Francis Marion] and those are names I recollect to have heard.

State the names of persons in your neighborhood to whom you are known in 10 certify as to your Character as to Veracity and good behavior your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Danza Metcalf {Seal}



[p 34][Jonathan Hampton and James Gray gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Danza Metcalf and after being duly sworn saith that he can only make the following statement of the length of the different times he served

1<sup>st</sup> in 1777 he enlisted under Captain James Taylor and served under Colonel Jacks on the Florida Tour for 24 months

2nd 1779 under Captain James McFadden this was a volunteer after the Indians 3 months

3rd 1780 under Captain Adam Hampton attack at a Fort on the Pacolet [River] of British and Tories I was a volunteer one month

4th 1780 under Captain James Miller at the battle of Kings Mountain 3 months

which makes my service 31 months as stated above but was out on many tours after the Indians & Tories where we did not join the Main Army. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of April 1833.

S/ John Logan, JP

S/ Danza Metcalf

[Alfred Webb, a minister of the gospel, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said County Warner Metcalf of said County and after being duly sworn saith that he is well acquainted with Danza Metcalf that he was present when he enlisted under Captain James Taylor and served the Florida Tour under Colonel Jacks that we both enlisted and served that Tour together this enlistment was for 2 years we served this tour together this I think was in the year 1777. I also remember that we was together when we crossed the mountains to the Settlement of Chucky and returned to Kings Mountain under Captain James Miller this was a tour of 3 months. I further know he was out on many Tours of Duty. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of April 1833.

S/ John Logan, JP

S/ Warner Metcalf

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Warner Metcalf". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Metcalf".

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the Undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Danza Metcalf and after being duly sworn according to law depose & saith that in making an explanation of his enlistment under Captain Taylor in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacks to guard the frontiers of Georgia after being marched to near Augusta where we built a Fort this Enlistment was for 2 years. I am not positive whether it was in the year 1777 or 1778 but it was one of them. We was called on to know if we was willing to continue our march on to the Floridas. I think our Officers refused unless the men was willing to perform the Trip. We consented on condition that our two years should expire at our return. My impression is that we Enlisted in the month of September and I think we was Discharged agreeable to our Contract in the latter of the next year which makes this service 12 months but always thought I was entitled to pay for the time I enlisted for the length of time will not justify me to be precise as to the dates having no memorandum to check my memory this will make my services only 19 months in place of 31. I know my brother Warner Metcalf and myself served this Tour together. I am not able to give the particulars more particular than I have done in my former Declaration. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of August 1833.

S/ Martin Beam, JP

S/ Danza Metcalf

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

Personally appeared before me Martin Beam a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Warner Metcalf<sup>1</sup> and Danza Metcalf both of the County and State aforesaid and after being duly Sworn Depose and Saith that they both enlisted under Captain James Taylor in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacks belonging to the State Troops of Georgia for two years we was marched on to the State of Georgia and on Little River we erected a Fort where we continued for some time there was some agreement made with our Officers for to make a Tour to Florida and a proposition made to the Soldiers if they would go the Tour they should be discharged on their return we believe under those proposals there was a General Consent and we was marched on as heretofore stated and on our return we was discharged at Midway Meeting

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<sup>1</sup> [Warner Metcalf W4281](#)

house near Sunbury Georgia agreeable to the promise Warner Metcalf thinks that it was not less than 12 months from the time he enlisted to the time of his Discharge Danza Metcalf thinks it was more but are Reconciled to the memory of his Brother we both know we enlisted together for two years that we served together on the Florida expedition that we was discharged together and returned home together to North Carolina and believed we had performed the services of two years and little upwards of our one year. Sworn to and subscribed before me the fifth day of October 1833.

S/ Martin Beam {Seal}

S/ Warner Metcalf  
S/ Danza Metcalf

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Danza Metcalf and after being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age and 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 not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades for which Service I claim a pension

1777.	Enlisted in the State Troops of Georgia for 2 years under Captain Taylor the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Jacks I only served one year and was discharged this was the Florida Trip for this I claim	12 months
1779	Volunteered under Captain McClain	3 months
1780	Dragoons under Captain A. Hampton	3 months
1780	Volunteered under Captain James Miller	1 month

19 months

19 months is the service that I well recollect that I am well [indecipherable word] to be qualified to but I well know that I served much more but my memory fails when I come to describe the different short Tours which our was called -- from my post to perform -- I served under Captain Lewis Musick I believe not less than 3 months the date I do not recollect also served a tour under Captain McFadden -- I have no Recollection of the length of that service this will make my service 21 months that I served my country faithfully. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 3rd day of December 1833

S/ Martin Beam, JP

S/ Danza Metcalf

[p 10: On July 17 1840, Mary Metcalf, 65, filed in Rutherford County, NC for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Danza Metcalf; that she married him September 2nd or 3rd 1792; and that he died March 9th 1839. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: marriage license bond given by Denza Metcalf in Rutherford County, NC for his marriage to Mary Bradley of said County. The bond is dated September 1, 1792.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 19 months in the North Carolina & Georgia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]