

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Warner Metcalf W4281 Elizabeth Metcalf f57GA  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

On this tenth day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Rutherford County now sitting Warner Metcalf a Resident of North Carolina and County of Rutherford aged 70 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to attain 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.

Warner Metcalf says he enlisted in the year of 1777 in the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina as a Drummer under Captain James Taylor that the Regiment was under the command of Colonel Jack – the number of the Regiment or the Christian name of the Colonel not Recollected that he marched from Rutherford County North Carolina to Augusta Georgia where they was stationed a short time passed by Savannah Georgia to Midway Meeting house from thence to the Florida line within three days march of St. Augustine where the Army was halted for several weeks. During this time the Officers was engaged in the council of war as we understood there was several attacks with the foraging parties or spies that was kept out whilst we were lying there we was marched back to Sunbury [sic, Sunbury] in the State of Georgia where we was Discharged in the year 1779.<sup>1</sup> I from that place returned home to North Carolina soon after my Return I was a volunteer under Captain Benjamin Harden of the Rutherford County we was immediately sent on to South Carolina was in the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] where we had a warm Contest General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was the Commander at that place we from there we came back to Rutherford County North Carolina was at all times Ready to march the Tories so infested the Section of Country that we at all times had our fire Arms in our Reach it is now Difficult for me to say which was the most daring for the Indians or the Tories at that time all persons held themselves Ready to attend to any alarm I was one of the Volunteers at the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] under Captain Miller [James Miller] I do not think there was any General Officer I recollect I was under the command of Colonel McDowell [Joseph McDowell] of North Carolina in fact we was in actual service from the year 1777 to the end of the War entirely engaged in the Service of the Revolutionary War entirely engaged in the Service of the Revolutionary War our sufferings was I think more severe than those that was in the Regular Army we had to find our own fire Arms and Ammunition our

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<sup>1</sup> Veteran appears to be describing the campaign known as the 3rd Florida Expedition which took place in 1778, not 1779 as stated by the veteran. See <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution12.html>

Clothing and often our provision our Blankets and Tents if could procure ourselves we had them but very few was capable of getting them I well know I laid many nights with my Gun for my pillow the Earth my Bed and the Bows of the forest my Covering I was a boy and paid no attention to my Discharges I am now old and infirm not able to Work to Support myself and family and spent the prime of my life in the defense of my Country and now for the first time call on them for a small pittance to support myself and Companion in my Decline he hereby relinquishes any claim whatsoever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any State or Agency whatsoever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Warner Metcalf {Seal}



[John Padgett, a clergyman, & Jonathan Hampton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Question first – by the Court – Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was Born on the PeeDee River near the North Carolina & South Carolina line not confident in which state in the year 1762

Question second have you any Record of your age if so where is it

I have a Record of my Age in my possession

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

Answer: I was living in the County of Rutherford North Carolina when first called into service I lived in this same place during the Revolutionary [War] and have lived here ever since and expect to die in the County and I hope at the same place.

How were you called into service were you drafted did you Volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer I first enlisted for two years – say 24 months

secondly – volunteered for three months

thirdly – volunteered for three months

and was a general Volunteer from the time of my return from the Florida Campaign to the end of the Revolutionary War

State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such as Continental and militia officers

I cannot distinctly recollect who was the General in the Florida tour but believe it was General Howe [Robert Howe]. I well know that Jack was the Colonel that I was first under there was at King's Mountain several Colonels say McDowell, Sevier [John Sevier] Campbell [William Campbell] Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] Shelby [Isaac Shelby]. I was under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] – General Lincoln – General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]

I here give the Names of: \_\_\_\_\_ that will Vouch for me as a Revolutionary character and my General standing as a person of Veracity.

Sworn to in open Court September 20<sup>th</sup> 1832.

S/ Warner Metcalf {Seal}

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County and State aforesaid Warner Metcalf and after being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith in explanation of the service he done on the expedition from the State of Georgia to the Floridas that he Enlisted for 2 years under Captain Taylor in a Regiment

commanded by Colonel Jacks to guard the frontiers of Georgia we built a Fort and belonged to the State Troops of Georgia whilst at that place a proposition was made to the Colonel for his forces to march to the Floridas it was refused as we had only Enlisted to serve on the frontiers of Georgia then Colonel Jacks made the proposition to the Soldiers something like this if you would agree and march on the Floridas under the command of the United States Troops and I think General Howe had the command of the expedition if we would consent to go the Tour to St Augustine we would be discharged at our return. We consented and was marched on as I have heretofore stated my impression was that we was all Entitled to be paid for 2 years service but from the explanation of the Act of Congress 7th of June 1832 we are only entitled to pay for the time we was in actual service I believe we Enlisted in the latter part of the year 1777 and was Discharged about the same time in the year 1778, which would only make that service 12 months in the place of 24. This is the true statement of the Service rendered in that Tour. It is entirely impossible for me to say how long we was out on this Tour but am confident it was not less than 12 months my impression was that I was entitled to pay for the term I enlisted for when we agreed to march through such a sickly country to shorten our enlistment this would make the whole of my service 22 months in place of 34 and for the 22 months I claim a pension. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of August 1833

S/ Martin Beam, JP

S/ Warner Metcalf

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the aforesaid County Danza Metcalf<sup>2</sup> and after being duly sworn saith that he is well acquainted with Warner Metcalf that his enlistment under Captain Jacks was for 2 years that he served the Tour to the Floridas under Captain James Taylor does not now recollect how long they was out on that Tour but knows that he enlisted for 2 years. I know that he was out in many of the Drafts from this part of the Country that served 3 months in time of the Battle of Kings Mountain this was the fall of the year 1780. Sworn to and subscribed the 29th day of April 1833.

S/ John Logan, JP

S/Danza Metcalf

[p 22: Daniel L Ballard and Alan Hamby, both ministers of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Personally appeared before me the subscriber Justice of the peace for said County Warner Metcalf and after being duly sworn saith, he enlisted for 2 years since enlisted under Captain James Taylor Regiment commanded by Colonel Jacks this was in the year 1777 marched to Florida -- 2 years my 2nd Tour was under Captain Harden of the Volunteer Company of North Carolina we was under General Lincoln at the Battle of Stono this was a tour of this was 1779 -- 3 months my 3rd -- was under Captain Miller we crossed the mountains to the Settlements on Watauga & Chucky there we joined the Recruits under the command of Colonel Sevier we were marched to the battle of Kings mountain this was a tour of 3 months My 4th Tour was under Captain John McClain we was kept on the lines Ranging and guarding the frontiers this was in the year 1781 4 months this makes my service 34 months that I was in continual service. Sworn to and subscribed before me the 29th day of April 1833.

S/ John Logan, JP

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<sup>2</sup> [Danza Metcalf W4280](#)

S/ Warner Metcalf

[David L. Ballew and Allen Hamby, both ministers of the gospel, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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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 Warner Metcalf who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively 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. I enlisted in the State Troops of Georgia for 2 years under Captain Taylor Colonel Jacks commanded. I only served one year and was discharged for this I claim 12 months

1779. Volunteered under Captain Harden the Stono Tour 3 mo.

1780 Volunteered under Captain James Miller Kings Mountain 3 mo.

Between the year 1779 – in the year 1781 I served a tour as a volunteer or a draft of ~~under Capt. McClain~~

5 mos.  
21 Months

This is the Service that I rendered that I am Confident of that I done I know that I done much more but my memory fails me so that I cannot Describe it in a manner to justify myself and being Qualified to the Different Short Tours that I served.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1833

S/ Martin Deans, JP

S/ Warner Metcalf

[p 12: On May 2, 1839, in Rutherford County North Carolina, Elizabeth Metcalf, 73, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Warner Metcalf; she states she married him April 12, 1785; and that her husband died September 30, 1835 in Rutherford County. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 21 months in the North Carolina and Georgia of militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]