

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Meadows W5367

Frances Meadows

VA

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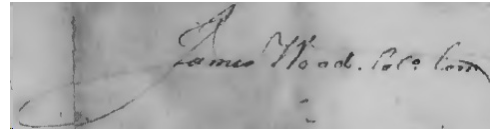
To the Hon'ble the Speaker and Gent. of the House of Deligates.

The Petition of Francis Meadows Humbly Sheweth that sometime in the year 1777 he enlisted in the Virginia line on Continental service and continued till the Capture of Charles Town [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] when he was made a prisoner from which he made his Escape and came to the Albemarle Barracks (there being no place of Rendevous [undeciphered word]). That when he was in the said Barracks he applied to Colo. James Wood [BLWt2419-500] who was Commanding officer of that place and obtained a furlough till he should be calld into Service, but his time of service for which he enlisted being expired he was not again calld into Service till the Army was disbanded and consequently could not obtain a discharge to enable him to draw his pay & depreciation He now prays that you will direct the Auditor of Publick Accounts to settle his accounts and give a Certificate for the same or grant him such other relief as you in your Wisdom may think mete.

Francis Meadows of the 6th Virginia Regiment who was taken at Charles Town & made his Escape; alledges that his time of service is Expired. he is Permitted to pass untill a Place of Rendezvous is Appointed, when his enlistment will be Enquired into

Given under my hand this 5th Sept. 1780

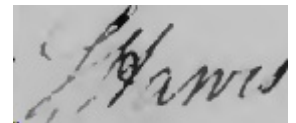
James Wood Colo. Com[andant]



I do certify that Francis Meadows inlisted about the first of January 1777 seventy seven and continued in service in the original 10th Virg'a. Regim't. Capt. Lamms [sic: Nathan Lamme S46454] comp'y. till the capture of Charles town, his term of service being then expired, he made his escape from the British.

Given under my hand Mar. 10th 1787

[Samuel Hawes BLWt1066-450] formerly L. C'o./ 1st Vir. Regiment



The Auditor of Accounts Richmond.

Sir. On settling my Accts. for pay and land please deliver the Certificates &c unto Capt John Hopkins.
February 26th 1786.

Francis hisXmark Meadows

This Day Came Thompson Hendrics[?] Before me one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Rockingham and Sign'd. And Acknowledg the Above order Certified By me

Benj Harrison/ 24 Febr'y. 1787

15th Nov'r. 1790 Ref'd. to Claims

Reasonable

Congress

ref'd 8th [?]r 90

[The following are from federal pension records.]

Virginia towit.

At a Court held for the County of Monroe the 16th day of June 1818.

Francis Meadows appeared in Open Court (being a Court of Record) and made oath that about the

month of February 1777 in the County of Augusta he enlisted for three Years as a private soldier in the Revolution under Captain David Laird, who was afterwards cashiered, and the men who were under said Laird (& Returned to serve during the war) as he believes were placed under Captain Nathaniel Lamb of the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Green [John Green BLWt866-500] of General Wheaton's [sic: George Weedon BLWt2418-850] brigade & Virginia line on Continental establishment and that he served two summers in the light infantry Commanded by General Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne], & that he served about three Years, and about three months, and was taken prisoner by Lord Cornwallis at Charlestown & remained a prisoner about fourteen or fifteen days & made his escape & returned to Albemarle County Virginia and Reported himself to Colo. Wood who then commanded the barracks in said County, who gave him a furlow until his company was exchanged who were also taken prisoners; he further states that the exchange did not take place (to his knowledge) before the close of the war. he afterwards came to the County of Monroe, where he has been a resident for at least nine years. he further states that he is in reduced circumstances in life and needs the assistance of his Country for support. It was also proven by Jonathan Roach [W3870] who is a resident in the County of Monroe & knows of his own knowledge that the said Francis Meadows did enlist in the army of the Revolution in the County of Augusta under Captain Laird. The Court do certify that it appears to the satisfaction of said Court that the said Francis Meadows (who is a man of good character) did serve in the Revolutionary war against the Common Enemy for about three years and three months, as stated in the above declaration and continental establishment, & that the said Court is well satisfied from the oath of several respectable persons resident in the said County of Monroe that the said Francis Meadows is in reduced circumstances in life and needs the assistants of his country for support.

Virginia;

At a Court of Quarter Sessions held for the County of Monroe the 15th day of August 1820.

On this 15th day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for said County Francis Meadows aged about 66 years & resident in the said County, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows– That he enlisted about the month of February 1777 in the County of Augusta for three years as a private soldier under Captain David Laird, who was afterwards cashiered (& he returned to serve during the war) & the men who were under said Laird as he believes were placed under Captain Nathaniel Lamb of the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Green & Gen'l Wheaton's brigade Virginia Line on continental line establishment. that he served in the light infantry two summers commanded by General Wain & that he served about three years & about three months & was taken prisoner by Lord Cornwallis at Charleston S.C. & remained prisoner about 14 or 15 days then made his escape & returned to Albemarle County Virginia & reported himself to Colo Wood who had command of the barracks in said County who gave him a furlough until his company would be exchanged who were also taken prisoners which exchange did not take place until the close of the war to the best of his knowledge. That he made a declaration before the said County Court of Monroe on the 16th day of June, 1818 & that he has received from the secretary of the department of War a pension certificate dated the 29th day of January 1819 numbered 6013 And Ido solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time by Gift sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any Income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed towit two yearling colts – one colt two years old four cows & two calves. 12 sheep– 14 hogs– 12 geese– three small pots & six pair of hooks – 1 bushel kettle – 1 half bushel oven – 1 skillet & seng [i.e. ginseng] hoe– 2 old axes– one hand saw & drawing knife– 1 frow plain & Coopers compasses & trowel– 3 bee stands & shovel 7 pewter plates– 1 dish & basin– nine Iron spoons– 1 set of knives & forks– 1 old rifle gun– one old loom & two Reeds 3

piggons & one pail– one old washing tub– one big wheel 1 pair cards– 1 new spinning wheel– one old wheel– one old looking glass– 5 old chairs– one old chest– 1 cut reel & churn 2 bottles– 1 tin pan– two augers– two gimblets– six tin cups– three old reef hooks– one round shave– three bills– 124 acres of Land which I bought of Henry Maddy lying in Monroe County– \$105_00 cts which is coming to me– to be paid in trade in three years from this time I owe to Henry Maddy \$100_00 cts for which my property is now under execution– I have no particular trade– I am not able to work owing to a severe Rupture– I have a wife who is also verry frail & not able to work– I have sixteen children (12 of them sons) who have all left me but six all of Whom are under the age of 14 years Francis hisXmark Meadows
Value of property \$249.00 cts.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

Washington County to Wit this day Michael Derk Came before Me a justice of the peace for the County afore said and made oath that he new Francis Medows, (lived a Neighbour to him and that he enlisted as a Soldier under Capt. Nathan Lamb and was in the service for three years or upwards and that he has since lived, Several years a neighbour to him; given under My hand this 28th day of aperil 1812,
Arch'd Rutherford

We do certify that we do know of Francis Meadows' enlistment under David Laird for three years and that he served for that time or longer Given under our hands this 9th day of May 1812
John Maggort
Paul hisXmark Lingel

State Virginia Monroe County to wit
Francis Medows being duly sworn on the evanglist of Almighty God doth say that applicant enlisted in county of Augusta in the state aforesaid he thinks in Feb'y in the year 1777 or 1778 or the company commanded by Capt David Lard and Nathaniel Lamb was the Lieutenat in the Regiment command by Col Green and He thinks it was the 10th Regiment and in the Brigade commanded General Wheaton in the Virginia line on Continantel Establishment for during the war That he served under the said Capt Lard for about one year who was afterwards captured and he was then transfered and put under Capt Nathaniel Lamb who was promoted from a Lieutenant to a Capt in which company he served untill he was taken a prisner by the British at Charles Town in the state of South Carolina and was kept a prisner about eight day and made his escape and then came on to the state of north caroliana he thinks to General Blufords [sic: Abraham Buford S46372] brigade and got a furlow from from Col Allen[?] and then returned home to the county of Agusta and state of Virginia and he then obtained a furlow from Col Wod untill his his regiment should be exchanged which was never done that he ever heard of He dose not now know or recollect what he has done with his dicharge. He is now a revolutionary pensioner. This Deponent further states that he was in the Battles of Stoney point – at Brandawinnn Battle at German Town Battle – at Monmoth Battle [sic: Stony Point 16 Jul 1779; Brandywine 11 Sep 1777; Germantown 4 Oct 1777; Monmouth 28 Jun 1778] and some others. And that he the s'd Deponant never rec'd any bounty land for his Services The Deponant about Sixty Six or Sixty Seven years of age was at the time of his enlistment a fair compexion Gray eyes Black hair five feet and four or five inches high and further sayeth not
Sworn and subscribed this 20th day Francis hisXmark Medows
of August 1822 by [undeciphered] Wm
Vawter a Justice of the peace in
and for the county of Monroe and
Stat of Virginia Wm Vawter

State of Virginia Monroe County to wit
John Rains [W4058] being duly sworn on the evangalist of Almighty God doth say He enlisted and served

in the Company commanded by David Lard and knew and was well acquainted with the aforesaid Francis Meadows the aforesaid applicant and belonged to the same mess that the s'd Francis Meadows belonged to and when the s'd Meadows was put under Capt Nathaniel Lamb He this Deponant was put under the s'd Lamb and This Depont states that him and the s'd Meadows were in the same companies and in the same mess together for the term of three years untill this Deponant was discharged and the s'd Meadows was contined in service for during the war. And this Deponant further states that he was well auquainted with all the officers that s'd Meadows has set forth in his decleration and knows a number of the sercumstances set forth to be true and further sayeth not
Sworn and subscribed this 20th day of August
1822 before me Wm Vawter a Justice of the
peace in and for the county of Monroe and
state of Virginia Wm Vawter

John hisXmark Rivers

NOTE: On 20 Sep 1841 Frances Meadows, aged 69 or 70, applied for a pension stating that she married Francis Meadows in the fall of 1790 or 1791 in Rockingham County VA, and that he died 20 Nov 1836. A document in the file states that her name before this marriage was Frances Bush.