

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joel Meador W7445

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State of Tennessee } SS

Smith County }

On this 26 day of November 1832 personally appeared before the worshipful John Chambers Samuel D McMurry J. M. Copper holding the county Court for Smith County Joel Meador a resident of Smith County Tennessee aged 73 years the 8 day of March 1832 who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. He resided in Bedford County Virginia where he was born & raised. In the year 1779 in the fall season he entered the service as a volunteer under Capt. Thomas Arter [sic: Thomas Arthur] – John Smith was Lieutenant & George Turnbull was ensign. Applicant marched with his company to Moor's Tavern [Moore's Tavern or Ordinary] in Prince Edward County & joined a rigiment commanded by Col. Charles Linch [sic: Charles Lynch]. Applicant marched thence to Petersburg & continued at Petersburg until discharged. Applicant served three months in this tour & rec'd a written discharge.

The second tour was served as follows – Appli't. was drafted in Bedford county for 6 mos tour in the year 1781 fall season he was attached to the company of Capt [Nathaniel] Rice the company was assembled at Prince Edward court house – this company was then marched to Richmond & there stationed as a guard – then sent down James River 60 or 70 miles to unload a Ship with amunition – the company to which applicant was attached carried down boats and lightened the Ship – he returned with the boats & the Ship to Richmond & was there discharged, & rec'd. the written discharge of Capt. (he thinks Benjamin Nathaniel) Rice – In that tour he served 6 months & a few days which is all the service he performed. His written discharges he gave to Moses Greer a member of the Virginia Legislature for the purpose of trying to procure some pay for his service but rec'd. none & has never been able to get back his discharges.

He was born in Bedford County Virginia & lived there until until about 1805[?] when he he moved to Smith county Tennessee where he has lived ever since. He can prove his services as above stated by Isham Meador [sic: Isham Meador, pension application W25697] & Jonas Meador [R7081] respectable Citizens of this county. He was born in Bedford County Virginia on the 8 day of March 1760. The only record he has of it is recorded in his fathers family Bible in Virginia & he has seen it often.

He recolects Seargent Casa & Capt Jones who sometimes commanded. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. [signed] Joel Meador.

[Isham Meador, 71, and Jonas Meador, 76, deposed that they had known Joel Meador from his infancy.]

NOTE: On 9 Mar 1837 Sally Meador, "aged seventy five years some time in this month," applied for a pension stating that she married Joel Meador on 13 June 1780, and he died on 7 Apr 1834. Bennet Meador made a supporting deposition. On 15 Sep 1837 Isham Meador, about 75, deposed that he had been present when his brother, Joel Meadow, was married to Sally Meador by a Baptist preacher named William Johnson in the part of Bedford County that became Franklin County in 1786. On 16 Sep 1837 Job Meador, about 73, deposed that he had also been present at the marriage of his brother, Joel Meador. On 15 May 1838 Sally Meador submitted as evidence of the marriage a fragment of the family record kept in a Bible by Joel Meador and transcribed below. She added the following: "The date of 1794 was the date of her seventh child and from that circumstance and her recolection about the ages of her children as well as the

time they were born she is certain her first was born in the month of August 1781 She had been married about fifteen months to the best of her recollection before the first child was born Her other children were Ann, Lydia, Jephtha, Milley, Sally, Bennet, Banister, Ruth and Joseph the seventh Banister whose birth she thinks was in -94 fixes the Period above stated as there was two years between some and more than two years between others previous to the birth of the seventh."

[page torn here and at \* below] was born 1794

[\*] Daughter Ruth was Bourn 1796

[\*] Meador was born the year of our Lord June the 23 179[?] [1798 written beneath]

[\*] Meader was bourn Desember 12 1804