

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine Merewether (Merriwether) W8454 Priscilla f93VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 1/16/12

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[f p. 13]

State of Kentucky Henry County: SS

On this 1st day of October 1838 personally appeared before John Chilton, , John Wooden, David Adams, James Walker, Samuel Ireland, Thomas M Jullard, Thomas B. Hancoett, William O'Bannon & John [illegible] Judges of the County Court of Henry County Kentucky now setting Priscilla Merewether a resident of Kentucky in the County of Henry aged 67 years and upwards who, being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1834 – entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Valentine Merewether who this declarant always understood and believed was a Lieutenant in the Army of the revolution But this declarant will not undertake to state the particulars of the service of her husband as he the said Valentine Merewether made a declaration in his lifetime¹ and after the death of the said Meriwether a certificate was issued to this declarant allowing her for the service of said Valentine Merewether at the rate of \$160 per annum from the 4th day of March 1831 until the death of the said Valentine Merewether which was in August 1832. She further declares that she was married to the said Valentine Merewether on the 27th day of December in the year 1790 in Fairfax County State of Virginia as will more fully appear by the proof hereunto annexed – that her husband the aforesaid Valentine Merewether died on the 15 day of August 1832 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service – but the marriage took place previous to the 1st of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court on the day and year above written.

S/ Priscilla Merewether



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State of Kentucky Mason County: SS

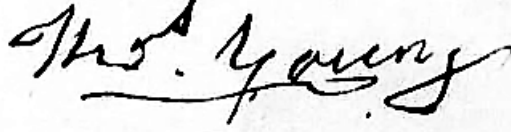
I Thomas Young² aged about eighty-three years do hereby Certify upon oath that I was well acquainted with Volentine Meriwether who was a Lieutenant in the Virginia line and served in the Illinois Regiment commanded by Colonel Montgomery in the year 1781 And I verily believe that he served during the War and was honorably Discharged at the Close of the same

¹ But see her later affidavit transcribed herein acknowledging that he made no such declaration.

² [Thomas Young S11921](#)

and further this Affidavit [sic, Affiant] saith not. Given under my hand this 13th day of May 1834

S/ Thos. Young

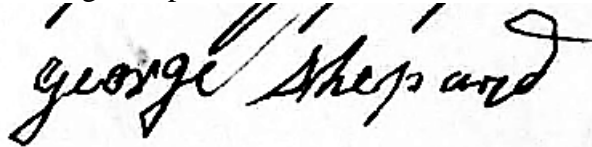


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State of Kentucky Mason County: SS

I George Shepherd³ aged about seventy-four years do hereby Certify upon Oath that I was acquainted with the name of Volentine Meriwether who was and Officer in the Virginia line and served in the Illinois a Regiment in the year 1772 and I Verily believe that he served during the war and was honorably Discharged at the Close of the Same. And further this affidavit [sic, Affiant] Saith not. Given under my hand this 9th day of April 1834

S/ George Shepard



[f p. 87]

State of Kentucky Shelby County: Sct.

I Jesse Alvis⁴ aged about 76 years do hereby Certify on oath that I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Valentine Merriwether in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia and do well know Lieutenant Merriwether entered the Army of the Revolutionary War in the year 1777 as a Lieutenant in the Virginia State and Continental line and I do well know he remained in the Army up to the latter part of the year 1780 or the first of 1781 at which time he was marched to the West. I verily believe he entered the Army for during the war and served to the close of the same and was honorably discharged – I also knew Lieutenant Merriwether in the State for many years and have had various lengthy conversations of our Troubles and Sufferings while in the Army and contending for our Liberty. I was well acquainted with Lieutenant Merriwether's wife whose name is Priscilla and lived his neighbor in Virginia and also in this State and further saith not.

S/ Jesse Alvis, X his mark

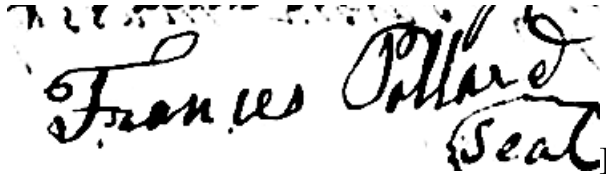
[Attested July 22nd, 1834]

[f p. 47: affidavit of Miss Fanny Pollard, 70, given in Henry County Kentucky September 21, 1838 to prove the marriage of her sister Priscilla Pollard to Valentine Meriwether in Fairfax County Virginia in the year 1790

S/ Frances Pollard

³ George Shepard FPA W8723

⁴ [Jesse Alvis S35765](#)



[f p. 48: Affidavit of Mrs. Sally Woolfork [sic], upwards of 70, of Henry County Kentucky in August 1838 to prove the marriage of her sister Priscilla Pollard to Valentine Meriwether; that they were married in December 10 1790 in Fairfax County Virginia



Signature looks like "Sally Woolfolk" to me.]⁵

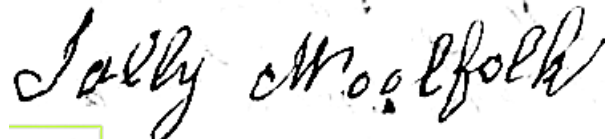
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[State of Kentucky Oldham County]

Also appeared before the said Oldham County Court in the State of Kentucky on the 21st July 1834, Priscilla Merriwether who states upon oath that she is about 63 years of age, that she was married to Volentine Meriwether in the State of Virginia Fairfax County in the year 1790, that in relation to the services of her deceased husband in the war of the revolution his statements have been very numerous although my recollection is much impaired by reason of age and trouble but will state those facts only which I firmly recollect to have heard my deceased husband so repeatedly talk about – My husband Volentine Merriwether entered the Army of the revolutionary war in the spring of 1777 and continued an officer till the close of the war he stated many of his brother officers a few names only I now recollect this Colonel Gibson, General Clark, Major Thomas Masee, Captain George Catlett, Captain Thomas Young, Colonel Montgomery, Colonel William Crawford, Captain John Ashley, Colonel Stevenson, Colonel Thomas Marshall, and many others and when general Lafayette visited the Western Country and while at Louisville General Lafayette sent a special messenger to my husband Volentine Merriwether for him to come to Louisville to see him. Mr. Merriwether feelings glowed with sentiments of joy for that distinguish man whom he had so often walked with in the path [of] danger and called the Marquis the brother in arms the soldier in battle Mr. Merriwether was then in a weakly state of health and unable to go to visit his old brother as he called him the Marquis Lafayette, and distinctly recollects it was with my utmost persuasions that I kept him from going which [I] did with a view to not let him endanger his remaining a few days that some few weeks before he died he began to make out his claim for an allowance of his pension but took his bed and was unable to attend to it he then sent for Mr. Armstrong a very able Lawyer but Mr. Meriwether was so far spent that I would not permit the Gentlemen to attend to that business although Mr. Meriwether had made some progress in the papers but those papers were lost and mislaid.

S/ Priscilla Merewether

⁵ In another document in this file, her signature appears as follows



[f p. 59: an affidavit dated April 17, 1834 in Oldham County Kentucky signed by Priscilla Meriwether on behalf of herself and 3 of her children, Thomas H, David & William C Meriwether, and George Meriwether, Martha Meriwether, Mary P Meriwether and Mildred A. Meriwether stating that they are the heirs of Valentine Meriwether and that they have never received any bounty land for his service in the revolutionary war.

*Priscilla Meriwether for her self
and for Thomas H William C David
and George Meriwether*

*Mary P Meriwether
Mildred A Meriwether*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$160 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant for one-year in the Virginia Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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Addendum to Valentine Meriwether (Merriwether) W8454

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[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Meriweather, Valentine. Much of the file is a copy of the federal pension application. Also included is a misfiled document pertaining to William Merrick VAS4015.]

State of Kentucky }
Oldham County } Sct [20 Oct 1834]

We Priscilla Merriwether for herself and those of her Children viz. Thos H. Meriwether David and William C. Meriwether Precilla Mildred and Martha Meriwether Children of said Precilla and all heirs of Volentine Meriwether Deceased Duly sworn on Evangelist of the almighty God say that we have never Received nor have any others claiming as Heirs to Volentin Merriwether their Ancestors Deceased to their knowledge any Land Bounty from the United States or state of Virginia or any Money on account of services Rendered in the Revolutionary war By the said Volentin Meriweter nor did the said Volintine Meriwether in his lifetime to the knowledge of the depononts Receive any Land Bounties or Money from the said state or the United States and further sayeth not sworn to and subscribed to

Precilla Merriwether for herself and for Thos. H. Merriwether William C. & David Meriwether
George Merriwether Mary P. Merriwether and Mildred A. Merriwether & [rest missing at bottom of page]

Rejected March 20 1840 D.C. [Gov. David Campbell]