

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Meanly (Meanley)¹ W9948 Philadelphia Meanly f58VA
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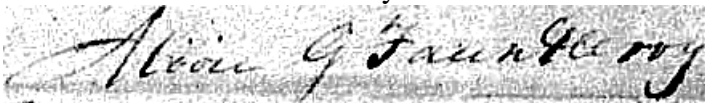
John Meanly of the County of King & Queen, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, doth hereby declare and make oath according to law, before William Brockenbrough one of the Judges of the General Court, and Judge of the Inferior Court of law, for the aforesaid State of Virginia. That he is now about 53 years of age, that he entered into the Army upon Continental establishment about the first of June 1780, and was obtained about Chesterfield Court house under the orders of Colonel Davis, in building Barracks &c until the month of March 1781, when he with others was marched from Petersburg in Virginia in a company of infantry under Captain Sansum [Philip Sansum], which company belonged to one of the two Regiments, under the command of Colonel Campbell, which marched to the South to join the Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] – That he was in the Battles of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781], the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781], and at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – That he went afterwards from the Eutaw Springs to the High Hills of Santee from thence to the round O, from thence to Stono, and from Stono to Salisbury where he was discharged in the month of January 1782 – He further declares on oath that he is in very indigent circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for his support, and he further states that he has no other evidence now in his power of the performance of his said Services.

Sworn to before made this 14th day of October 1818

S/ Wm Brockenbrough

I do hereby certify that John Menly [sic] is a man of large family and all his children. Small that his bodily health renders him incapable of supporting them and his circumstances in the most reduced state his character I believe to be very good.

S/ Abion G. Fauntleroy



October 11, 1818

[In the attestation, the above affiant is referred to as Moore G. Fauntleroy]

Additional Affidavit of the said John Meanly made before me the 25th February 1819 – That said Affiant being first duly sworn, deposeth and saith that the Company in which he enlisted in the year 1781 (as set forth in the affidavit on the other side) was a part of a Regiment, belonging to the Virginia line, on Continental Establishment, and the said Regiment was commanded by

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Colonel Campbell (and that Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] commanded another Regiment to the South which had been raised about Chesterfield Courthouse Virginia). The affiant does not recollect the number of the Regiment but he well remembers it was called Colonel Campbell's Regiment.

Given under my hand the day & year aforesaid – Having no Judicial Seal
S/ Wm Brockenbrough

At a Court held for King in Queen County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 9th day of October 1820

John Meanly appeared in Court and made oath to a written affidavit and schedule annexed and of his Occupation, which is ordered to be recorded and is in the following words and figures to wit:

District of Virginia King and Queen County &c

On this 9th day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of record (because it is expressly made a Court of Record by the laws of Virginia) for the said County and in the State aforesaid John Meanly aged 57 years resident in the County aforesaid and state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows Viz.: for the term of 18 months in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell & in a company commanded by Captain Sansom [sic], in the Continental line, that he is Original Declaration is dated the 10th day of March 1819 [sic], that he has received a pension in his pension certificate is dated the 19th day of March 1819 and numbered 7495. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and 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 hereto annexed and by me subscribed & which also contains a list of my family with their ages & Occupation & health

Schedule of property of John Meanly of the County of king and queen to wit

2 beds & furniture at \$20 – \$40, 3 chest at \$2 \$6,	\$46
1 Cupboard 12/, one loom 15/, 8 flag chairs 16/	7.16
2 iron pots 15/, one stone pots 3/, one Spinning wheel 6/	4. "
1 side saddle 30/, one set knives & forks 6/, one frying pan 4/6	6.75
1 Dutch Oven 3/, 2 pair pot hooks 1/6, 2 pair cotton cards 6/	1.75
1 T Cattle 6/and 3 head Steads [?] 6/ 18/	4. "
	<u>\$69.66</u>

John Meanly aged 57 years his health such as to render him unable to work his occupation that of a farmer, Philadelphia Meanly his wife aged 41 years, very infirm and is Occupied in Spinning and weaving: children: Mary Ann Meanly aged 11 years, John 9 ditto, Samuel 7 ditto, Sarah 5 ditto (afflicted from her birth), Agnes one ditto

S/ John Meanly

[p 13: on Mabry, 1853 in Richmond Virginia, Philadelphia Meanley [sic], 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John Meanley a revolutionary war

pensioner; that she married him September 17, 1807; that her husband died January 8, 1821. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On June 27, 1855 in Richmond Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement adding that she was married to John Meanly by Hezekiah McClelland, a clergyman, and that her name prior to her marriage was Philadelphia Walker.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philadelphia Meanly". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

Her application was attested by Emeline H. Meanley and Emily Timberlake, relationship, if any, not stated]

[p 18: Copy of a marriage bond dated September 17, 1807 issued to John Meanley and James Nunn in King William County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of John Meanly to Delphia Walker.]

[p. 43: affidavit dated April 26, 1855 given in King & Queen County Virginia by Moore G. Fauntleroy and Francis W. Acree stating that John and Philadelphia Meanly lived together as man and wife and had the following children: Mary Ann, John, Walker, Sarah, and Agnes.]

[Note: There is a substantial amount of documentation in this file relating to the widow's efforts to have her pension reinstated after the American Civil War.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 14, 1818, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum commencing March 4th, 1861 and ending May 7, 1864 when she died.]