

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Isham Meador W25697

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State of Tennessee } SS.

Smith County.        }

On the 30 day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful John Chambers, Samuel D McMurry & J. M. Copper holding the county court for Smith County, Isham Meador a resident of Smith County Tennessee, aged 71 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions 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 was born in bedford county Virginia & lived there until called into service. Applicant was drafted in Bedford County virg. for a six months tour and mustered into service under Capt. Nath Rice [Nathaniel Rice]. The company assembled at Prince Edward Court House The company was then marched to Richmond & there stationed as a guard & sent out on many parties of fatigues. The company to which he was attached was sent down James River 60 or 70 miles to unload a Ship with amunition & carried down boats & lighted the Ship. He returned with the boats & ship to Richmond & was then discharged & rec'd. the written discharge of Capt Rice. He was called out for 6 months & served out his full term. He was called out the 3 or 4 of October 1781 & was discharged the 5 of April 1782. He has lost his discharge & thinks he gave it to a member of the Virginia Legislature for the purpose of trying to procure him some remuneration for his services.

He was born in Bedford County Virginia where he lived until 1805 [5 written over 7 or vice versa] when he moved to Smith County Tennessee where he has resided ever since. He was born in Bedford County Virginia on the 20 day of March 1762. He has no record of his age but has often seen it on the records of his fathers family Bible. He can prove his services by Joel Meador [pension application W7445] & Jonas Meador [R7081] respectable citizens of Smith County who served with him. The company to which applicant was attached was under march to join the main army when Cornwallis was taken [19 Oct 1781] – they were near enough to hear the cannon but did not reach until the battle was over. He was never in a battle & after Cornwallis defeat was kept as guard until his term of service expired.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or immunity [sic: annuity] except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state.

]signed] Isham Meador

NOTE: On 20 Apr 1853 Martha Meador, 74, of Macon County TN applied for a pension stating that she married Isham Meador on 9 May 1817, and he died 2 Mar 1840. On 4 Apr 1854 Jesse Meador, 55, deposed that he was the son of Isham Meador by his first marriage and was present at the marriage of his father to Martha Sullivan in the part of Smith County that became Macon County. On the same date Banister Meador, 54, nephew of Isham Meador, deposed that Isham and Martha Meador were reputed to have been married. On 23 June 1854 Jobe Meador, 69, of Jackson County TN, deposed that he was the oldest son of Isham Meador by his first wife, and that he lived about half a mile from him and about a mile from Martha Sullivan, a widow, when they were married. On 8 Sep 1855 Martha Meador, aged about 75, applied for bounty land. That application was supported on 7 May 1856 by Peter Meador of Macon County.