Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Alexander Mars (Mears) (Meairs) (Maris) (Mairs) R7087 VA
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State of Indiana } Johnson County } on the 19 day of June AD eighteen hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the county and state aforesaid David Mears a resident of said county and state aged 56 years who being sworn according to law declares that he is one of the surviving children of Alexander Meairs or Maris deceased who was a private in the company commanded by captain Crockett in the Virginia Regiment which he believes was commanded by Col. Christy [sic: William Christian] (he does not positively recollect.) in the Revolutionary war. That his said father he believes served for the term of two years, and was in actual service during the war guarding forts – and that his said father was a resident of Botetout [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia and thinks he must have enlisted or volunteered from that county. That his said father died in Shelby County and state of Kentucky on or about 4 Day of May in the year A D one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine at the age of 87 years, leaving no widow and the following surviving children viz Alexander Meairs, Rachel Fergus, Sherman Meairs, Hannah Wall, John Meairs, Margaret Meairs, David Meairs of which there is now living Rachel Fergus aged 64 years, John Meairs 60 years, Sherman Meairs 62 years, Margaret Hall 58 years and David Meairs aged 56 years, all of whom have repeatedly heard their ancestor Alexander Meairs or Mairs speak frequently of his service in the Revolutionary war, together with the names of the officers of his company and that he never heretofore applied for a Pension.

[signed] David Mars