Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Frederick Meltz (Metts) R7113 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Georgia County of Washington

On this Tenth day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Inferior Court sitting for ordinary purposes of the County of Washington now sitting Frederick Metts a resident of the County of Washington and State aforesaid, aged eighty-one 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 act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832 -- That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: He enlisted in the month of January 1779 as orderly Sgt. and served under Capt. Herman Herrin, Lieut. James Wilson, Col. John Heritage, Major John Allen General Linenton [sic, Lillington or Lincoln?]. That he marched through different parts of the State of North Carolina and once to South Key in Virginia, served ten months and was discharged was not in any battle but in several skirmishes.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present: and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Samuel Robison, JIC

S Fred^k Meltz

Single Milly

S/ Silas Floyd, JIC

S/TJ Matthews, JIC

And! Metty

[Silas Cartar, a clergyman, and Thomas Neely gave the standard supporting affidavit.] [John Webb, a clergyman, and Frederick Askew also gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: : September 2, 1833, at age 81, he filed an almost identical claim for a pension adding the following: "This deponent resided in Craven County North Carolina when he enlisted marched through Duplin, Dobbs & Hanover Counties was in no engagements". This document he appears to have signed as "Fredk Metty"

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Answers to the interrogatories as proscribed by the war department –		
Interrogatory	1 st Answer,	In Craven County North Carolina in 1751
"	2 nd "	I have it is at home on my Bible
"	$3^{\rm rd}$:	In Craven County N. C. in the State of Georgia and now lives in
		Washington County Georgia
"	4 th "	I enlisted in the State Troop
"	5 th "	I was not with the regular Troops but very little recollect none of
		their names was engaged in harassing the Tories
"	6 th "	never received a written [discharged], was verbally dismissed by
		Captain Herring
"	7 th "	Windfield Wright, John Webb, Richard Martin, John Wright, and
		Ambross Powell

[p 11] State of Georgia or Washington County:

Personally appeared before me Samuel Robison one of the Justices of the Inferior Court before the County and State aforesaid Frederick Metts [sic] and after being duly sworn according to law makes the following statements in addition to those made on the 10th of December 1832 and on the 2nd day of September 1833 in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That in using the word Enlist in his declaration of the 2nd September 1833 he never intended to mean that he Enlisted as a regular (or Continental) soldier but that he did enter the service of the United States as a Militia soldier in the North Carolina State Troops in the month of January 1779 in the company commanded by Capt. Harmon Herring as first (or orderly) Sgt. and served in that capacity for the term of ten months as stated in his said declaration of September 2nd 1833 and this deponent further saith that so many years having elapsed since he removed from his native country and former acquaintances, that there is no one that this deponent now knows of by whom he could prove his services.

Sworn and subscribed to before made this 21st day of February 1837. S/ Samuel Robison, JIC

S/[signature is illegible]