Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thornton Meade (Mead) W18506 Mary Meade f28VA
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Virginia

At a Monthly Court held for Louisa County on Monday the 11th of May 1818

David Bullock being duly sworn in open court states that he was at Albemarle Barracks in the year 1788 [sic] and 1789 [sic] and that he knew Thornton Mead then as a Soldier in the regular Service. He does not recollect the Company – The Regulars were commanded by Colonel F. Taylor [Francis Taylor] and that this deponent believes he the said Thornton was in service for nearly two years – Thornton Mead of the County of Louisa Swears in open court, That he was enlisted in the Service of the United States about the year 1778 that he was attached to Captain Benjamin Timberlake's Company afterwards commanded by Captain Richard White, under the command of Colonel Francis Taylor and that he served as a private from the time of his enlistment till the 22nd May 1781 – when he was regularly discharged. He served at the Barracks in Albemarle County when the Troops were stationed for the purpose of Guarding the British forces captured at Saratoga [October 7, 1777] –

He further states he had a discharge and sold it, and that he is in needy & Poor, and needs the assistance of his country for support all of which is ordered to be Certified to the Secretary of the War Department for the United States according to an act of Congress in that case made and provided –

[Attested by John Poindexter, clerk of the County Court of Louisa May 29, 1818]

At a Court held for Louisa County on a Monday the $10^{\rm th}$ of July 1820 District of Virginia – To wit

On this 10th day of July 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Louisa Thornton Mead age 59 years, resident in the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he enlisted in Louisa County in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Benjamin Timberlake afterwards by Captain Richard White in the ___ Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor in the line of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he has received a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 – that the Original declaration was dated the 11th day of May 1818 and that the number of the pension Certificate is 6405 – 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. The following is a true Schedule of all my estate (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) to wit, one safe, one chest, one table, 2 pots, one skillet, 5 chairs, 2 shoats, one spinning wheel, 3 pair cards, 5 plates, 5 cups and saucers, 2 jugs, 2 pewter dishes, 2 basons, 5 spoons, 2 coffee pots, 5 knives and forks, one tub, 2 piggins, and one can – I am a farmer by trade but owing to frequent rheumatic attacks and other diseases am unable to follow my avocation with any prospect of a support – I have a wife named Mary about 57 years old who is very infirm – I have one son living with me – who is about the age of 21 years and consequently not under my control – I have no other family nor income.

S/Thornton Mead¹

[p 12: On October 9, 1841 in Louisa County Virginia, Madison Meade, 46, filed an application under the 1838 act by right of his mother Mary Mead widow of Thornton Meade; that his parents were married January 24, 1788; that his father died December 31, 1833 and that his mother died August 5, 1838 still the widow of Thornton Meade

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[p 14: Finding by the Louisa County court that Madison Meade was the only child who survived his parents' deaths.]

[p 15: copy of a marriage bond dated January 18, 1788 issued in Louisa County Virginia to Thornton Meade and William Meade conditioned upon the marriage of Thornton Meade to Mary Garland.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 11, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned in the amount of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and terminating August 5, 1838 when she died.]

[Note: This veteran may be the same man as <u>Thornton Mead VAS623</u>, but because that veteran only claimed bounty land based on the dissipation at the Siege of York and not for services at the Albemarle barracks, I thought it best to keep the 2 transcriptions separated.]

¹ identical handwriting as the body of the document itself, consequently very unlikely to be the actual signature of the veteran