

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis Meadows W5367 Frances Meadows VA
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Virginia towit.

At a Court held for the County of Monroe the 16th day of June 1818.

Francis Meadows appeared in Open Court (being a Court of Record) and made oath that about the month of February 1777 in the County of Augusta he enlisted for three Years as a private soldier in the Revolution under Captain David Laird, who was afterwards cashiered, and the men who were under said Laird (& Returned to serve during the war) as he believes were placed under Captain Nathaniel Lamb [sic: Nathan Lamme] of the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. [John] Green of General Wheaton's [sic: George Weedon's] brigade & Virginia line on Continental establishment and that he served two summers in the light infantry Commanded by General Wain [sic: Anthony Wayne], & that he served about three Years, and about three months, and was taken prisoner by Lord Cornwallis at Charlestown [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780] & remained a prisoner about fourteen or fifteen days & made his escape & returned to Albemarle County Virginia and Reported himself to Colo. [James] Wood who then commanded the barracks in said County, who gave him a furlow until his company was exchanged who were also taken prisoners; he further states that the exchange did not take place (to his knowledge) before the close of the war. he afterwards came to the County of Monroe, where he has been a resident for at least nine years. he further states that he is in reduced circumstances in life and needs the assistance of his Country for support. It was also proven by Jonathan Roach [pension application W3870] who is a resident in the County of Monroe & knows of his own knowledge that the said Francis Meadows did enlist in the army of the Revolution in the County of Augusta under Captain Laird. The Court do certify that it appears to the satisfaction of said Court that the said Francis Meadows (who is a man of good character) did serve in the Revolutionary war against the Common Enemy for about three years and three months, as stated in the above declaration and continental establishment, & that the said Court is well satisfied from the oath of several respectable persons resident in the said County of Monroe that the said Francis Meadows is in reduced circumstances in life and needs the assistants of his country for support.

Virginia;

At a Court of Quarter Sessions held for the County of Monroe the 15th day of August 1820.

On this 15th day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for said County Francis Meadows aged about 66 years & resident in the said County, 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 about the month of February 1777 in the County of Augusta for three years as a private soldier under Captain David Laird, who was afterwards cashiered (& he returned to serve during the war) & the men who were under said Laird as he believes were placed under Captain Nathaniel Lamb of the 10th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colo. Green & Gen'l Wheaton's brigade Virginia Line on continental line establishment. that he served in the light infantry two summers commanded by General Wain & that he served about three years & about three months & was taken prisoner by Lord Cornwallis at Charleston S.C. & remained prisoner about 14 or 15 days then made his escape & returned to Albemarle County Virginia & reported himself to Colo Wood who had command of the barracks in said County who gave him a furlough until his company would be exchanged who were also taken prisoners which exchange did not take place until the close of the war to the best of his knowledge. That he made a declaration before the said County Court of Monroe on the 16th day of June, 1818 & that he has received from the secretary of the department of War a pension certificate dated the 29th day of January 1819 numbered 6013

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 & that I have not since that time by Gift sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 & 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 hereunto annexed & by me subscribed towit two yearling colts – one colt two years old four cows & two calves. 12 sheep– 14 hogs– 12 geese– three small pots & six pair of hooks – 1 bushel kettle – 1 half bushel oven – 1 skillet & seng [i.e. ginseng] hoe– 2 old axes– one hand saw & drawing knife– 1 frow plain & Coopers compasses & trowel– 3 bee stands & shovel 7 pewter plates– 1 dish & basin– nine Iron spoons– 1 set of knives & forks– 1 old rifle gun– one old loom & two Reeds 3 piggons & one pail– one old washing tub– one big wheel 1 pair cards– 1 new spinning wheel– one old wheel– one old looking glass– 5 old chairs– one old chest– 1 cut reel & churn 2 bottles– 1 tin pan– two augers– two gimblets– six tin cups– three old reef hooks– one round shave– three bills– 124 acres of Land which I bought of Henry Maddy lying in Monroe County– \$105_00 cts which is coming to me– to be paid in trade in three years from this time I owe to Henry Maddy \$100_00 cts for which my property is now under execution– I have no particular trade– I am not able to work owing to a severe Rupture– I have a wife who is also verry frail & not able to work– I have sixteen children (12 of them sons) who have all left me but six all of Whom are under the age of 14 years Francis hisXmark Meadows
Value of property \$249.00 cts.

NOTE: On 20 Sep 1841 Frances Meadows, aged 69 or 70, applied for a pension stating that she married Francis Meadows in the fall of 1790 or 1791 in Rockingham County VA, and that he died 20 Nov 1836. A document in the file states that her name before this marriage was Frances Bush.