

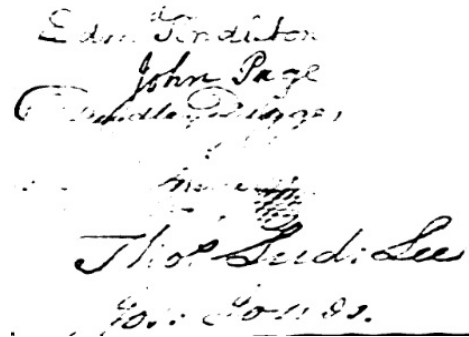
Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia documents pertaining to James Moody VAS2921
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The COMMITTEE of SAFETY of Virginia to James Moody Gent
BY virtue of the Power and Authority to us delegated by the General Convention of the Representatives of the People of this Colony, we, reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Patriotism, Fidelity, Courage, and good Conduct, do, by these Presents, constitute and appoint you to be second Lieutenant of a Company of Marines to be employed for the Protection and Defence of this Colony in Potoumack [sic: Potomac] River. You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Trust reposed in you, by disciplining all Officers, and Soldiers, under your Command, preserving good Order and Regularity amongst them, and using their best Endeavours to annoy the Enemies of *America*, and protect the Property of its Friends. We hereby require the said Officers, and Soldiers, to obey you as their Second Lieutenant and you are to observe and follow all such Orders and Directions as you shall receive from Time to Time from the General Convention, the Committee of Safety, or others appointed by the Convention to direct the publick Affairs during their Recess, or other your superiour Officers, according to such Rules and Regulations as may be established for the Government of the Navy, by the General Convention. Given under our Hands, at *Williamsburg*, this Ninteenth Day of April 1776.

Edm'd Pendleton
John Page
Dudley Digges
J's Mercer
Thos. Lud. Lee
Jos. Jones



Land office at Richmond Va 22nd Augst 1833

I certify that Warrants No 1557 and 1558 for 2000 acres each issued to James Moody a Captain of the state line for three years, bearing date Augst 12th 1783. W Selden R L off

To the Governor of Virginia:

The petition of the heirs of Capt. James Moody respectfully states, that their ancestor entered the service on the 13th day of April 1776 as a second Lieut. of Marines (as his Commission herewith filed shews and continued therein till the end of the war, having obtained the rank of Captain [three undeciphered words]).

He received for his services four thousand [acres] of land during his life time but your petitioners consider themselves entitled to the additional quantity of Land promised by the Legislature to all officers who should serve over six years.

The record of the [undeciphered word] of officers who sat in 1782 shew that Capt. James Moody became a Supernumerary Captain at that time & continued in that Capacity until the disbanding of the army

The additional land, claimed is respectfully solicited by Thos. Green pr. [undeciphered name] Jr
atts. for the Heirs

The Deposition of Henry Buchanan of lawful age taken before us in persuance of the annexed commission and decretal order to us directed at Matthews Court House in the State of Virginia on this tenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1837 to be read as evidence in perpetuarm rei memoriam in a case now pending and undetermined in the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for the County of Washington, in chancery wherein James Moody Vaughn Thomas Vaughn and others are ptffs and Henry Northup adm'r of James Moody dec'd and others are Def'ts.

This Deponent being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposeth & saith that he is now in his seventy sixth year that at the beginning of the Revolutionary War he became acquainted with James Moody who was at the time a second Lieutenant of Marines on board the sloop of war Congress command by Capt Wm Skinner [William Skinner R92]. That said James Moody intermarried about the beginning of the year 1776 with a Miss Tillage who lived in the same neighbourhood with deponent Viz in the vicinity of Gloucester Town, Virginia. That by that marriage said Moody had two children, one of whom died a mere infant, and that the surviving Catharine intermarried with one James Vaughn & gave birth to several children, some of whom deponent well remembers to wit – James Moody Vaughn, John & Tillage Vaughn, and William Vaughn. James Moody Vaughn lives at this day within three miles of deponent, in Elizabeth City County. Tillage & William are both dead and John he believes lives in Richmond. There were other children of that marriage with whom deponent is unacquainted. That after his marriage said Lt James Moody was promoted to a Captaincy in the infantry of the Virginia State line and was stationed at Little York for a time where deponent left him about the beginning of the year 1778 when deponent went to the South in the first Virginia Regiment of Cavalry under Col [William] Washington – when deponent returned in 1783 James Moody had left this part of the world and deponent has never seen him since. Sometime afterwards the report was that he had gone to Kentucky.

Question by Commissioner. How long did James Moody and his wife live together?

Answer – Until the death of his wife which was shortly after the birth of the second child.

Question. Were you at the wedding of James Moody & Miss Tillage?

Answer – I was not, but it was spoken of all through the neighbourhood and I saw them frequently together, as man and wife. And further this deponent saith not

Henry Buchanan.

The deposition of William Buchanan taken at the same time and place.

This deponent saith that he is now in the 68th year of his age. That altho' he was young at the time yet he well remembers of Capt James Moody of the Virginia line, as he was called. That he remembers that he was married to a Miss Tillage and that after the marriage she lived on Sarah's Creek near Gloucester Town. Deponent cannot remember when he, Moody, went away but he knows that he left an only child named Catharine, who was committed to the care of a Mr March with whom she lived for many years until she married with James Vaughn This deponent does not know when Moody left nor is his memory charged with dates – he only remembers what he has stated.

And farther this deponent saith not.

Wilam Buchanan.

The deposition of Jacob Jenkins of lawful age taken at the same time and place.

The deponent saith that he is now in his seventy fourth year of age. That he has all his life lived within some eight miles of Sarah's Creek in the County of Gloucester and has always understood that Capt James Moody's family lived on Sarah's Creek up to the time of Mrs Moodys death He knows Catharine Moody the daughter of said James Moody who lived with a Mr March & who intermarried with James Vaughn. The Capt Moody of whom he speaks he always understood was an Officer in some Virginia Regiment which regiment he does not know nor does he know when Moody left the County of Gloucester, or what has become of him.

And further this deponent saith not.

Jacob hisXmark Jenkins

To The Executive of Va.

The Memorial of Ann Dorsey for herself & the other heirs of Capt James Moody respectfully states that he was in service from January 1776 in the Revolution to the end of the war. That he rec'd. only 4000 acres of land and is entitled to an additional allowance of 1 year & 9 months service, which is shewn by the affidavits of C. L. Broadwater & John Adams herewith filed.

Your Memorialists pray that said allowance may be issued them.

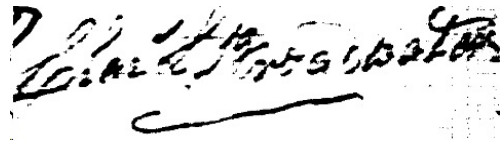
Thomas Green atto for the Petitioners.

State of Virginia } Ss Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and
Fairfax County } for said County John Adams who being duly sworn according to law says that he
enlisted in the moth of January 1776 for the Period of one year in a Company of Marines Commanded by
Capt John Allison [W4112] and that James Moody was a second lieutenant of said Company [several
undeciphered words] he duly knows that he was the 2nd Lieutenant of the company and that after the
service of the [two undeciphered words] they were discharged the said James Moody went into the land
service as an officer but in what rank he knows not and further he saith not.

Sworn and subscribed before me this fifth of January 1838 John Adams hisXmark

State of Virginia } Ss Personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and
Fairfax County } for said County Charles L. Broadwater [Charles Lewis Broadwater S8096] who
being duly sworn according to Law saith that he is now eighty six years of Age that he entered the
Congress a vessel of war fitted out by the state of Virginia at Alexandria in said county as a Midshipman
the [several lines undeciphered] at what time the said Moody entered but he finds in a [undeciphered
word] book now in his possession a record of the officers of said Vessel with their respective rank and
dated the 9th of March 1776 which he thinks is probably the day on which they sailed from Alexandria.
He says that the said James Moody returned to Alexandria in the last of Nove 1776 and [one or two
undeciphered words] that he entered the land service but he knows not how long he continued in the
service or the rank in which he left it and further he saith not

Sworn and subscribed before me this 29th day of January 1838



Rej[ecte]d [?] July 1838

Capt Moody became a Supernumerary in Spring of 1781 and there is no proof to shew that he remained
an officer Rejected DC [Gov. David Campbell]

Additional bounty land is allowed in this case for one year and six months service as a Captain in State
line DC

March 28, 1840/ Cert. issued.