

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Mosby VAS362

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[Note: This file is erroneously indexed in the Virginia State Library files under the name of John W. Nash. Nash was not a veteran or claimant, but rather was an attorney or agent seeking to obtain bounty land for certain members of the family of John and Littleberry Mosby and/or men serving in companies commanded by John or Littleberry Mosby. Consequently, I have chosen to include this file under the name of Capt. John Mosby, since most of the substantive documents in this file relate to him or his company.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

[p. 1: List of contents of this file:

John W. Nash

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affidavit Henry Lipford]

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Powhatan County to wit

This day Wade Mosby made oath before me a Justice of the peace for said County that he found the within document among some old papers belonging to his deceased brother John Mosby & account beginning Copy of an account in hand writing of his said Brother John Mosby. Given under my hand this 7th day of August 1833

S/ Th. Miller

The Continent of America

To John Mosby Dr.

1777

	[£]	[S]	[P]
To 51 Blankets @ 30/each	76	10	0
" 1 Rheam of writing paper	2	10	
" 22 Rifles, Screws & Moulds	122		
" 45 Musketts and Fowling Pieces	225		
" 3 Musketts Bayonetts' & accourtramts	18		
" 2 Waggon & Teams	260		
" 1 Horse Do Major Curthbert	30		
"3 Axes	1	10	
" Shewing [shoeing?] Horses	4	7?	
" Cash for the Carriage of Guns		4	
" Do for taking up Waggon Horses		5	
" 3 Blanketts	4	10	
" 1 Gun and Screw	5	6	
Expences for bringing Amunition from Williamsburg to Cumb'd [Cumberland] Court House	6	17	3
To Bounty for recruiting 67 Men	335		
Do for Do 9 Men	5		
8 Jack Baggs	2	8	
7 Pales G Belbs [???] <i>7 Pales G Belbs</i>	1	5	
Cash paid Docter for Service done		10	
Do for 1 Barrel [?] <i>Barrel</i>		6	
Do for repairing a Waggon		12	
Do for Washing Blanketts		8	
Do for 1 Drum Hord [?]	1	2	
Do for 1 pr. of Waggon lines		4	
Do for Wm Woodson [William Woodson] for going after Deserters		13	6
1 Drum	2		
1 Fife		12	
Cash for Rent of House for Sick		7	6
Do for Wood & House Room	3	15	
Do for Ferrage at Bond Ferry		12	6
Do for Do at Ders's [?] Ferry		12	6
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Do at Salsby [Salisbury] for Wood & House Room	1	16	
Do for 1 Barrel		12	
Do for taking up a Horse	1	7	

Do for 1 Barrel		12	
Do for Minding Waggon at Cambden [Camden]		8	
Do for Soeing [shoeing] Horses	1	15	
Do for 2 Waggons whips		12	
Do for Rum for Sick Horse		2	6
Do for Mending Waggon	1	5	6
Do fro Ferrage Yadkins Ferry	1	5	
Do for Taking up horses		6	
Do for powder Horns		6	
[next page]			
1777 Amount Brought Over	£		
To Cash for Ferriage from Purrysburgh	1	4	
Do for Curry Comb		6	
1 pr Waggon Lines		3	
1 pr Horse phlomes [?] <i>phlomes</i>		6	
a Swingle Tree for Waggon		6	
Cash pd at the Union [?] for pasturage	3	13	4
Do for ferriage at Purisburgh for 2 Waggons & teams	14	2	
Cash to the Doc. for services done	1	4	
Do for tests		10	
Do for Hire of a Waggon		12	6
Usage [?] for 2 Waggons Horses from 1 st Nov to 25 th April @ 10/each pr day	35		
Do for Waggons Horse from 1 st October to Apl. 25 @ 2/pr Day	20	5	
Do for 1 Waggon Horse from 10 th Oct. to Apl. 25 @ 2/pr day	19	5	
Do for 2 Do from 5 Oct. to Apl. 25 th	39	10	
Do for 1 Do from 20 th Oct. to Apl. 25	18		
Do for 1 Do from 1 st Decr. to Apl. 25	14	10	
Do for 4 pack Horses on our March from Virginia from 1 st Feby to Apl. 25	34		
Cash paid Putney for Shoeing Horses	3	18	
Do paid Dan. Bartrite for pasturage	3	12	
Do pd for Making 60 Soldiers boots & Kelts	14	8	
Do for Cutting them Out	7	4	
Do for Hooks Eyes Buttons	1		
A Bounty of ten Dollars each for recruiting 8 [?] Men during War	15		
on Acct. Lieut. Package [?]. <i>1000 (Pack ag. 1)</i> Continent for Marching 8 Men from Virginia to Savannah in	139	10	9

Georgia & Arming & ?? <i>Handing from</i> way necessary			
?? <i>Handing from</i> for 57 Men from time of their Enlistment March 23 rd 1777 to 9/ ? <i>Handing from</i>	293	5	9
Cash to [image illegible at bottom of the page]			
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Rations for 1 Cadate [cadet] from 19 January till 1 st Augt.	12	1	
Attested this 25 th Oct. 1777 before	1850	17	7
	1646		
	204	17	7
By Cash of Geo. Walton Esqr. 804 Dollars	£201		
By Do of Do 3400 Dollars	850		
Do to Do Delivered Lieut. Winfield 216 Dollars	56		
Do delivered Lieut. Dark 900 Do	295		
Do Major Cuthbert 1000 Do	66		
Do of Colo. Hicks 264 Dollars			
	£1646		

[p. 7-9: summary of notes made by John H. Smith, Commissioner in charge of making recommendations to the Governor of VA regarding bounty land grants regarding the several veterans mentioned in this file.]

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Obscure soldier who have died in the Army some 50 odd years ago in a distant State as that [indecipherable word] would be [indecipherable word] relation to more recent transactions, where the evidence was of easier attainment

The heirs of Saml. Mosby [Samuel Mosby] a Sergeant in Captain Charles Fleming's Company in the Continental line

This case like that of Richard Alderson depends upon the single [indecipherable word] of Ferguson Taylor who speaks distinctly and clearly upon this subject. Taylor is a respectable inhabitant of Powhatan County and at this time a Pensioner of the US as one of the Survivors of the Revolutionary Army

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The foregoing [indecipherable word] are [indecipherable word] submitted to the Executive Council with this further remark in relation to the claims of the Heirs of Lieutenants Clarke & Mosby that it is clearly known that they were taken prisoners at Savannah with General

Littleberry Mosby & that their claims for 3 years Service must rest upon the same footing with the said Littleberry – & it is submitted to the Council upon the Testimony of Wade Mosby in particular whether they did not continue to be officers to the end of the War.

Respectfully

S/ Jno W. Nash for the applicants

Augt. the 13th 1830 [could be 1831]

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Cumberland County to wit

This day Jesse Parker made oath before me a Justice of the peace for said County that he enlisted in the Continental Army in the County of Cumberland in the year 1776 to serve three years. That at the same time that he enlisted Hezekiah Robinson also enlisted in the same company and on the same day and for the same term of service that the officers who had the command of the company at the time of his enlistment were Captain John Mosby, Jacob Winfree and John Clark as first and second Lieutenant and Robert Mosby as Ensign, that the said company after their enlistment remained for some time stationed at Cumberland Old Court House, and was marched from there to Moore's Ordinary in Prince Edward County Virginia where it also remained for some time – that it was then ordered on to the South and after getting in South Carolina or Georgia, was attached to the Georgia Battalion. That the said company continued in service at various places in South Carolina and Georgia until the capture of the American troops at Savannah that the said Parker together with a number of others belonging to said company were taken prisoners at Sunbury [Sunbury] about forty miles from Savannah, and about four days as well as he can remember after Savannah had been captured by the Enemy. That the said Hezekiah Robinson was taken sick and died about eighteen months or two years after his enlistment – that he died at someone of the little Islands on the Coast of Georgia to which he had been detached from the company upon service. The name of which little Island this affiant does not now remember. That the said Hezekiah Robinson was a school mate of this affiant & they were both raised in the County of Cumberland and in the same neighborhood & enlisted on the same day and for the same term of Service viz. Three years. That the said Hezekiah Robinson died without ever being married or making any will as far as this affiant knows or believes & thinks if he made any will this affiant must from there intimacy have known something of it. This affiant also says that he has always been acquainted with John Robinson of Cumberland County who is now making application for the military claims due his deceased brothers Nathaniel Robinson & the said Hezekiah and knows from the declarations of all the members of the said Robinson family that the said John Robinson was the oldest brother the said Hezekiah after Nathaniel Robinson who was said to have died in the Army to the North at Camp Valley Forge, Nathaniel being the oldest and John second brother.

This affiant also says that Erasmus Oakley (late of Cumberland & whose heirs are now making application for their Father's land) was a Sergeant in the same Company to which this affiant belonged, that he enlisted also for three years while the company was stationed at Cumberland old Court House, – that the said Oakley and himself were taken prisoners together at Sunbury and carried to Savannah and put on board with a number of others of a prison ship, that this affiant remained himself on board the prison ship for about 5 or 6 months and thinks the said Oakley remained about as long. That the said Oakley and Rice Ennis (who belonged to the same Company with Oakley & myself, who had also enlisted before the Company marched from

Virginia for 3 years) made their escape together, and about the same time he said affiant made his escape and reached the Can't of the detachment of the French troops then stationed in the vicinity of Savannah, from thence he proceeded to Augusta where there was a few troops and from which place this affiant received his discharge from Colonel Richard Parker and returned home to Virginia after being absent 3 years and a month or 2 – that this affiant has since lost his discharge – This affiant also says that he does not know, in what manner the said Oakley and Rice Ennis or from whom they got there discharge but feels perfectly confident from that time they made their escape from the enemy. That they must have served out there time of 3 years. This affiant thinks but will not be certain that Rice Ennis acted as a Corporal, he knows he was well thought of in the company – This affiant himself acted as Sergeant as he expects to be able to prove.

This affiant also says that General Littleby Mosby [Littleberry Mosby] marched from Virginia to the South about the same time that this affiant did and he thinks with the Company, as he soon after getting to Georgia succeeded to the Command of the Company to which this affiant belonged and the said Littleby was taken prisoner as this affiant now thinks at Savannah & if not at Savannah, he was at Sunbury, all of which happened about the same Time, that the said Littleby was put upon parole at Savannah.

This affiant being question in relation to Ensign Robert Mosby & Lieutenant John Clarke, says that they were officers in the same company with Littleby Mosby at the capture of Savannah and to the best of his recollection they were taken Prisoners at Savannah, but what became of them after the affair at Savannah, he does not now recollect whether they were paroled and came home or remained there, he is [indecipherable word] did not admit of his knowing, but always understood that Littleby Mosby remained there, The affiant also says that Robert Mosby & Clarke belonged to the same Company and was engaged in the same Service with Littleby Mosby, and must have served 3 years or about that time judging from the time affiant was taken Prisoner, as both the said Robert Mosby & John Clarke were in command at Cumberland old Court House when this affiant enlisted and had been for some time as he always heard and believed. The said Robert Mosby he considered a good officer and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant while in Command in the South. Clarke also done his duty but was objected to by some as to blastering . – Captain John Mosby resigned and came home long before the affair at Sunbury & Savannah, and Jacob Winfree also died sometime before [2 words blotted out with inkblots] – This affiant also questioned in relation to Robert Mosby & John Clarke says that Robert Mosby has been dead for a number of years – and John Clarke some short time after his return and perhaps about the close of the war or a little after, was compelled to leave the country in consequence of some misconduct, and has never returned leaving the said Frances Clarke & two daughters Sally and Patsy as I have heard.

S/ Jesse Parker¹

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse Parker". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The foregoing affidavit was this day taken and sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for the County of Cumberland by the above named Jesse Parker. Given under my hand & seal this 31st day of July 1831.

S/ Meritt H. Booker

¹ [Jesse Parker S11217](#)

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Cumberland County to wit

This day Thomas Merryman² personally appeared before me a Justice of peace for said County and made Oath that he enlisted in the Continental Army sometime in the year 1776 some short before the declaration of Independence, under Captain George Nicholas who belonged to the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Alexander Spotswood that the said Thomas Merryman enlisted for the term of three years, was at the Battles of Germantown [October 4, 1777], Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & many other little affairs to the North. That about the same time that this affiant enlisted Nathanael Robinson of Cumberland County also enlisted in the same Company and Regiment for the like term of 3 years. That this affiant and Nathaniel Robinson had been raised in the same neighborhood and had been intimately acquainted from their childhood – that the said Nathaniel Robinson acted as a Sergeant in the company to which we belonged and was a good soldier. And this affiant also says that to his certain knowledge the said Nathaniel Robinson died at Camp Valley Forge before [several indecipherable words] without ever being married or [indecipherable words] as far as this affiant knows or believes and he is convinced that if he had made any will, [indecipherable words] their intimacy would have record of it. This affiant also says that John Robinson of Cumberland and who is now seeking to receive the [indecipherable words] said Robinson's military claim is the oldest [indecipherable words] of said Nathaniel – Nathaniel having the oldest child and John Robinson the next; this affiant also knew Hezekiah Robinson, a younger brother of the said John, and always heard (but does not know it of his own knowledge) that he had marched with the detachment of troops to which Littleberry Mosby belonged to the South and died while in Service, without ever marrying, or making a will – This affiant being interrogated in relation to Edward Booker says that he knew the said Edward and became acquainted with them for the first time in the Continental Army to the North, and from that time, to the period of the said Edward's death continued to be well acquainted with him, the said Edward belonged to Spotswood's Regiment and acted as Sergeant, though this affiant is inclined to think he did not belong to the same Company with himself and Nat. Robinson, though Booker and himself were often on duty together and were well acquainted he thinks the said Booker enlisted for 3 years, or during the War, and this opinion is strengthened from the length of time that he knew him to be in service. Edward Booker was a good Soldier and stood high with his Comrades in the Army, he died many years ago in the County of Cumberland after the war was ended, leaving the following children Polly Booker who married Stephen Cooke, Richard Booker, William Booker, Anderson Booker, & Patsy who married John Thompson. The affiant says that he always understood that Jesse Merryman and Erasmus Oakley belonged to the same detachment of troops, that Littleberry Mosby did, and marched with him to the South affiant knows that his time expired in the northern Army, and he returned home before John Parker did -- says that it was always considered and stated in the neighborhood at that time, that Parker had served his 3 years in the Continental Army to the South

Given under my hand and seal This 2nd d day of August 1830

S/ James Isbell, JP

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Tho Mann [Thomas Mann]	do	1	13	4
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² [Thomas Merryman S38203](#)

Jno Martin [John Martin]	do	1	13	4
Rich Eason [Richard Eason?]	do	1	13	4
Ben Teray [Benjamin Terry?]	do	1	13	4
[4 illegible lines of entries]				
Dan Weatherford	do	1	13	4
? Weatherford	do	1	13	4
Ben Weatherford [Benjamin Weatherford]	do	1	13	4
Jno. Adams [John Adams]	do	1	13	4
Will [?] Dunford	do	1	13	4
Jos. [?] Terry [Joseph Terry]	do	1	13	4
Jno. Harrels [John Harrels]	do	1	13	4
George Saunders	do	1	13	4
Jacob Scott	do	1	13	4
Grant Tyler	do	1	13	4
Jms Cooper [James Cooper]	do	1	13	4
Tho. Hodge [Thomas Hodge]	do	1	13	4
George Orsborn [George Osborne?]	do	1	13	4
[two illegible entries]				
Andw Hardy [??] [Andrew Hardy]	do	1	13	4
Ed Magbride [Edward McBride?]	do	1	13	4
Tho. Phillips [Thomas Phillips]	do	1	13	4
To Rations for Jno Mosby [John Mosby]		7	10	
To do for Lieut. Winfree		3	15	
To do for Lieut. Clarke		3	15	
[two illegible entries]				

S/ Jno Mosby
Examined & Certified
Sam Elbert Coll.

Sworn to before
me this 1st October 1777
William O'Bryen
[p. 56]

Powhatan County to wit

The within is a document found by me among the papers of my brother John Mosby and in his hand writing [balance of this document is illegible]

S/ Wade Mosby

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Powhatan County to wit,

The within is a document found by me among the papers of my deceased brother John Mosby & the signature thereto of his name is in the said Mosby's handwriting though the body of the paper itself is in a handwriting unknown to me.

S/ Wade Mosby

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Roster [B113](#)

[see also [B181](#)]