

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cato Moore VAS725

vsl 6VA

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 28th day of June 1783, in the name of Cato Moore, as a Lieutenant of Infantry for £68.6.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Henderson and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To wit – pay as Lieutenant from 3 February 1777 to 13 February 1778

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
10th day of June 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[There is a very faint, compromised image of a document which appears to be an affidavit given by William Gilpin¹ in Jefferson County Virginia on April 21, 1834 in which it appears he states that he was acquainted with Cato Moore in the Virginia line; that said Moore served upwards of 3 years as a Lieutenant; that said Moore was wounded at the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]; that he, affiant, remained acquainted with Cato Moore until his death sometime between 1795 and 1800; that Moore left at his death children who appeared to be named in this document but the images to faint to make out any of those names for certain.]

Petition for Bounty Land

The heirs of Cato Moore Lieutenant Virginia Continental line

This officer settled his accounts with State auditors for a service as Lieutenant from February 3rd 1777 to February 13 1778 – (See Continental officers' accounts on file in the first Auditors Office; & the Auditors certificate accompanying the Petition)

One credible witness – Wm Gilpin proves that Lieutenant Cato Moore served more than three years continuously in the Continental Army.

I report this claim good, for a service of three years, as Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.

Respectfully Submitted
S/ John H Smith, Commissioner

To Governor Tazewell

¹ MD veteran FPA S39571

N. B. In the printed list of officers – No. 2 – I said of Lieutenant Moore – "he does not appear to have been in service long enough to entitle him to land." That list was made upon the evidence of documents above. The testimony of the witness supplies the deficiency of evidence of public documents: and one credible witness is enough to prove any fact, except the commission of perjury or treason. I therefore now report favorably on this claim.

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)]

To the Hon. the General Assembly of Virginia

The petition of Cato Moore humbly Sheweth;

That he was a Lieutenant in the Service of the United States in Col. Wm Grayson's [William Grayson's] Regiment, called one of the Additional Regiments, and that he was in Actual Service during the year 1777, that he was wounded in the Brandywine Action, & that he retired from the service in the year 1778

Your Petitioner humbly conceives that he is entitled to his allowance of land as a lieutenant he is induced to think so, as the other officers of the Regiment obtained theirs, and some of them with as little service as your Petitioner (to wit Col. Levin Powell & Capt. Cleon Moore) and your petitioner will be ever bound to pray &c
November 9th, 1786

S/ Cato Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cato Moore", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Reverse]

Cato Moore's Petition
December 7, 1786
Rejected