

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Edmund Moss VAS770

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

To his Excellency

The Governor of Virginia

The undersigned memorialist pray an allowance of bounty land from the State of Virginia for the Revolutionary services of my grandfather Edmund Moss; I declare that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to the said Edmund Moss on the part of the state of Virginia nor do I believe that he ever received it or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever. I am too young to speak of my grandfather's Revolutionary Services of my own knowledge, but has understood from old persons who were well acquainted with him (whose depositions accompany this Memorial that he entered the service on the Continental line probably as a subaltern & was shortly after promoted to Lieutenant about the year 1778 and continued in service until the surrender of Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] at Little York [October 19, 1781]. – I believe from what I have heard that he served the length of time represented as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line, and accordingly ask an allowance of bounty land for his services. In support of this claim I beg permission to file the deposition of Sarah lost and Martha Jones. Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of March 1835.

S/ William B Avery

[Attested in Surry County Virginia March 30th, 1835]

The heirs at law of Lieutenant Edmund Moss of the County of Sussex who served in the Virginia revolutionary Army pray an allowance of bounty land for his services as promised to him on the part of the State of Virginia. – Together with a Memorial signed & sworn to by one of the heirs, they beg leave to file the depositions of two respectable & credible witnesses, Sarah Moss and Martha Jones, one an near neighbor and the other a member of the family of Lieutenant Edmond Moss' father, where the said Lieutenant Edmund Moss lived before & after he was attached to the Army. – They prove that Lieutenant Edmund Moss first entered the regular service in the early part of the revolution under Captain Nathaniel Mason as a "subaltern," by which they evidently mean, as a noncommissioned Officer, and that he was shortly thereafter promoted to the rank of a Lieutenant, and that he continued to serve in the capacity until the surrender of Cornwallis at little York.

The revolutionary records in the Auditor's Office fully corroborate the statements of these two witnesses – They show that Lieutenant Edmond miles of the County of Sussex was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1779, and became a supernumerary Officer before the close of the War.

S/ Richard D Webb
Agent for the heirs

July 6, 1835

I Certify that I knew Edmund Moss of the County of Sussex before and after the Revolution – that I was intimately acquainted with him for I was a member of his father's family the whole time, nearly up to the time of the said Edmund Moss death. That the said Edmund Moss entered the regular service in the beginning of the Revolutionary war, I think as a subaltern in Captain Nathaniel Mason's Company and was very soon promoted to a Lieutenant. That's the said Moss continued in service as a Lieutenant until the surrender of Cornwallis at York. He came home several times during the war on furlough (as he said) to see his father and other relations. I recollect to have heard him state very many instances which occurred during his service.

I am now eighty-three years of age & have always lived in the County of Sussex. Given under my hand this 24th day of January 1835.

S/ Martha Jones, X her mark

[Note: there are several documents in this file which are illegible as result of the poor quality of the image posted online. Presumably these include the affidavit of Sarah Moss.]