

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Francis Moss VAS771

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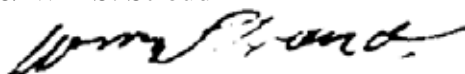
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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I William Stroud Senior<sup>1</sup> now in my eighty third year, and being of sound memory, do state the following facts in relation to Francis Moss, a Soldier of the Revolutionary War; to wit: The said Francis Moss, this affiant believes, enlisted in Williamsburg about the end of the year 1774 or the beginning of the year 1775, and was placed on board a row galley commanded by Christopher Tompkins of the County of Gloucester, and remained in service on board of the said row galley until about the year 1778, about which time the said vessel was hauled up into Queen's Creek in York County; and whether the said Francis Moss was discharged about the same time, or remain longer in the service, the affiant cannot say. The affiant recollects distinctly that the said Francis Moss died at the house of the affiant's father in York County in the year 1781 and about the time of the siege of York.

Further this affiant saith not.

S/ Wm S. Stroud



[Attested in the City of Williamsburg April 4, 1835]

Report upon the claim of the Heirs of Francis Moss armorer – S. Navy for bounty land for his services

To the Governor

Sir,

The name of Francis Moss a Seaman in the state Navy is on the Army register of the State line. A certificate issued in his name for £21 for balance of his full pay & which certificate was delivered to William Reynolds July 27<sup>th</sup> 1787 (see Army register of the State line &c)

In volume 7<sup>th</sup> – Navy Papers – that is a list of officers and seamen of *Henry Galley*, [indecipherable word] Payroll of [indecipherable word] wages belonging to the *Henry Galley* from November 28 to January 28 (no year given). The list begins with the name of Robert Tompkins [indecipherable word or words], and amongst the other officers names "Francis Moss Armorer" this list or payroll was signed by Captain Ro. Tompkins (see [indecipherable word] volume 1<sup>st</sup> Navy Papers).

There are sundry orders in the Journal of the Navy records from September 10, 1778 to

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<sup>1</sup> [William Stroud S6166](#)

April 30, 1779, for clothing &c for Francis Moss which proved that he was then in service in the Navy.

– July 28, 1778, page 437 of the large Journal there was an order for clothing from [several indecipherable words] stores for Francis Moss September 10, 1778, page 470 same book, there was an order for clothing &c & C – April 20, 1779, page 30 of the smaller Journal there are 2 orders of the Board – one for the delivery to Mr. Moss of 4 Quires of paper & [indecipherable word or words] for the

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