

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Moss VAS773

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

In Council July 6, 1778

Mr. John Moss is appointed principal Agent to manage the recovery and retailing goods to the Virginia quota of Continental troops according to Act of General assembly with a salary of five hundred pounds per annum exclusive of all necessary and reasonable expenses. And His Excellency is advised to give him instructions of accordingly, and to issue a Warrant upon the Treasurer for three hundred pounds payable to Mr. Moss upon account to purchase horses to enable him to proceed to Camp to take charge of the said goods as principal Agent (Bond executed)

Extract from the Journal

Attest

Samuel Coleman, A. C. C.

Richmond October 27 1808

I do hereby certify that John Moss Esquire an inhabitant of this City was appointed a Lieutenant in the 1st Virginia Regiment in the month of September in the year 1775 and in the year 1776 was promoted to the rank of Captain in the said Regiment and remained in the Service of the United States until the 4th day of October 1777 at which time I was taken prisoner Therefore can say nothing further on the subject as to my knowledge.

S/ Joseph Scott

late a Captain in the 1st Virginia Regiment

It does not appear from the books in this office that Capt. John Moss has drawn his bounty in lands.

S/ C. Blagrove Clk.

Land Office

November 5th, 1808

I hereby certify that it appears from the books of this Office that Captain John Moss drew on the 26 day of July 1784 seventy-one pounds twelve shillings being the balance of his full pay on Continental establishment.

Given under my hand this 21st October 1808

Auditor's Office

21st October 1808

S/ Francis Howard

but after the war he returned to York Town where he resided when he enlisted and remained for some time and then removed to Richmond, where I presume he resided until he died. I was intimately acquainted with him and went to school with him for three years.

S/ Wm Stroud



[Attested in the city of Williamsburg October 16, 1833]

I Henry Buchanan aged 71 years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Captain John Moss, formerly of York County, and knew that he enlisted sometime during the year 1776 in the first Virginia Regiment, in the Continental service during the Revolutionary war for two years, and that he served during the period of his enlistment, as a Captain of a company of Infantry. That after enlisting in the said service, he was ordered and went to the North in the early part of the year 1777, that to the best of my knowledge, after this term of his service had expired, he reenlisted either for three years or for during the war and that he served during the period of his enlistment. I recollect distinctly of seeing him at the siege of York Town, which was in the year 1781, that after the close of the war, he returned to York County, where he resided when he enlisted, and then remained until he died.

S/ Henry Buchanan

[Attested October 8, 1833 in York County Virginia]

State of Virginia Elizabeth City County: to wit

This day Henry Buchanan aged 76 years personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, and subscribed, and made oath that he was personally well acquainted with Captain John Moss who served as Captain in the Continental Army in the War of the Revolution. That he entered the service in 1775 or 1776, that he enlisted in the County of York Virginia a Company of men in which County the said Captain John Moss resided at the time he marched his Company of men to Williamsburg and there joined the first Virginia Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Nelson. According to the best of my recollection he then joined the Northern Army and remained in the said Regular Service until after the surrender of Little York in October 1781 or until the final close of the War and I am certain that he never ranked higher than a Captain as I well recollect that on his return from the Northern Army he was called Captain Moss and was then in command of the Company after the Surrender of York and the said Captain John Moss continued to reside on his farm in York County within 8 or 9 miles of me for many years after the war of the Revolution, he died many years since leaving one only daughter who was twice married and now deceased, leaving two sons one by each marriage viz. Bailey T Elliott and Robert Tompkins her sole and only heirs at law who are also the sole and only heirs at law of Captain John Moss deceased of the Revolutionary War.

S/ Henry Buchanan

[attested January 29, 1838 in Elizabeth City County Virginia]

[Note by Will Graves: My guess is that the documents in these files relate to at least two different men named John Moss, one of whom at as procuring agent for the VA Continental line and the other who served as a Captain in the 1st VA Regt. It is possible, however, that the man who served as Captain in the 1st VA Regt was appointed procuring agent in 1777.]