

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Battle of Musgrove Mill, August 19, 1780: Roster of Soldiers who either claimed to have served there (and the officers they claimed to have served under) or who others claim were in the Battle at Musgrove Mill

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1. Alexander, James¹ [James Alexander W12190](#)
2. Alexander, Joseph (under Col. James Williams at MM and KM) [Joseph Alexander S15355](#)
3. Alexander, Matthew (under Col. Isaac Shelby and Benjamin Roebuck) [Mathew Alexander W324](#)
4. Anderson, Bailey (probably under Col. Elijah Clark) [Bailey Anderson S30826](#)
5. Anderson, Robert, Moss, *SC Patriots* 20-21 (no pension application) (probably under Thomas Brandon, i.e., James Williams)
6. Austin, Jr., Nathaniel (under Col. James Williams per internet info) (no pension application)²
7. Austin, William B. (under Col. James Williams at MM per internet info) (no pension application)³
8. Barrett, Reuben⁴ (internet info makes no attribution of his services to any particular commander at MM)
9. Barry, Andrew, Moss, *SC Patriots* 50 [Heitman, p. 89] (no pension application)
10. Bean, Robert (under Col. Sevier) [not in Moss]⁵ (no pension application)
11. Bell, James, Moss *SC Patriots* 60 Bockstruck 53
12. Bennett, George, Moss, *SC Patriots* 64 [George Bennett R755](#)
13. Black, William: [not in Moss] [William Black W9730](#)
14. Brandon, Christopher: Moss, *Cowpens Patriots* 30. [Christopher Brandon S9288](#)
15. Brandon, Thomas Capt. (under Col. Williams) (no pension application)
16. Casey, Levi⁶ (under Col. Williams)
17. Cassel, Ralph (under Capt. Joseph Hayes and Col. James Williams) [Ralph Cassel R1791](#)
18. Cato, William (widow's statement in P/A only) [William Cato R1805](#)
19. Chandler, Daniel: Moss, *SC Patriots* 162 (under Roebuck at MM) [Daniel Chandler S32175](#)
20. Chandler, Mordecai: Moss, *SC Patriots* 162 (under Shelby or Clarke at MM) [Mordecai Chandler R1848](#)
21. Clarke, Elijah [James Williams' battle report] (no pension application)
22. Clarke, John C.⁷ (no pension app)
23. Cobb, Pharaoh: (under Shelby) mentions JW [Pharaoh Cobb S1657](#)
24. Collins, John (under Shelby and Clarke—went with prisoners to NC) [John Collins S8248](#)
25. Couch, William: Moss, *SC Patriots* 203 (under Benjamin Roebuck—to wit: Col. Williams) [William Couch R2361](#)
26. Edward Cox: [Edward Cox S3170](#)
27. Culbertson, Josiah (under Col. Shelby at KM, presumably same at MM) [Josiah Culbertson S16354](#)
28. Davidson, William [not in Moss] (no pension application)⁸
29. Dowling, Robert [no reference in Moss]⁹ (no pension application)
30. Doyle, Edward: (he gives a fairly detailed account of MM) (probably under Williams) [Edward Doyle S32216](#)
31. Enloe, Potter (widow's statement only) [Potter Enloe \(Inlow, Inloe\) W11912](#)
32. Fain, Ebenezer (Col. Clarke) [Ebenezer Fain R3421](#)
33. Farr, William 4VV31-32; newspaper article claiming Farr with JW at MM¹⁰
34. Farrow, John [WTG has doubts about his claim to be at MM—he says he was there under the command of Cols. Cleveland, Shelby and Campbell—sounds more like KM than MM] [John Farrow S21193](#)
35. Farrow, Samuel¹¹
36. Farrow, Thomas (names JW in his application) [Thomas Farrow S17946](#)
37. Ferguson, Andrew (A free man of color) [WTG: I don't see any reference to MM in this app.] [Andrew Ferguson S32243](#)
38. French, Lafford (also spelled Lifford) [Lafford French W7329](#)
39. Gains, James, Moss, *Cowpens Patriots* (White, 238)

40. Gillam, Robert, Jr., (under Williams) [Robert Gilliam \(Gillam, Gilam\) W8848](#)
41. Golightly, David (he calls it "Musgrove's ford") [David Golightly S18888](#)
42. Goodlett, William [William Goodlett W8857](#)
43. Greene, McKeen¹²
44. Hammond, Samuel, Maj. [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)
45. Hampton, John [but he also claimed he was at Fishing Creek—he could not have been at both skirmishes. He also says Genl Sumter was wounded at MM—TS wasn't at MM at all! This veteran isn't likely to have been at MM]. [John Hampton W7700](#)
46. Hand, Samuel (under Col. Brandon) [Samuel Hand W10](#)
47. Hayes, Joseph, Moss, *SC Patriots* 429
48. Henderson, Robert (Col. Andrew Hampton) [Robert Henderson S31738](#)
49. Holman, Jacob: [Jacob Holman R5165](#)
50. Hughes, Joseph, Lt. (Col. Brandon) [Joseph Hughes S31764](#)
51. Hyder, Michael [not in Moss]¹³
52. Inman, Shadrack [he was killed at MM] (under Clarke)
53. Kenedy, William (Col. Brandon) [William Kenedy S2695](#)
54. Kirkpatrick, James (possibly at MM under Brandon)¹⁴
55. Kuykendall, James (possibly at MM under Charles Robertson)¹⁵
56. Larence, Isaac: [Isaac Lawrence \(or Larence\) S32373](#)
57. Lindsey, Moses [Moses Lindsey S4551](#)
58. Little, R. G., Draper MSS, p. 217 letter dated 4/26/1849 in which Little claims service at MM
59. Massengill, Michael [not in Moss]¹⁶ [Michael Massengill S1687](#)
60. Masters, Notley [Notly Masters W5365](#)
61. Mayes, Samuel (Cols. Williams and Brandon) [Samuel Mayes W2140](#)
62. McBee, Silas (under Clarke) (WTG: McBee does not say he was at MM in his pension app)¹⁷ [Silas McBee S7202](#)
63. McCall, James ?[Sam Fore]¹⁸
64. McCampbell, John, Moss, Cowpens *Patriots* (White, 202)
65. McDowell, Joseph, Maj.
66. McJunkin, Joseph: [Joseph McJunkin S18118](#)
67. McKnight, William (Cols. Roebuck and Thomas) [William McKnight S32407](#)
68. Mills, John [John Mills S9024](#)
69. Moore, Hugh [Hugh Moore W8473](#)
70. Moore, Samuel (Col. Hambright)
71. Mote, Levi: [Levi Mote S7245](#)
72. Parson, ____, Captain (referred to in pension app of Bailey Anderson)
73. Patton, Matthew [Matthew Patton S18153](#)
74. Peden, Alexander (Col. Thomas, Benjamin Roebuck) [Alexander Peden S21417](#)
75. Peden, Samuel [Samuel Peden S30649](#)
76. Pettit, Henry (under Captain James Smith and Col. John Thomas) [Henry Pettit W5528](#)
77. Prewett, William (Col. Brandon) [William Prewett R8460](#)
78. Price, Thomas (Capt.)¹⁹
79. Price, Thomas, Jr.
80. Quinton, Samuel, Sr. (Col. James Williams) [Samuel Quinton S32461](#)
81. Ridgeway, Samuel (Col. James Williams) [Samuel Ridgeway S4119](#)
82. Robertson, Charles, Maj. (Col. John Sevier)²⁰
83. Robertson, Wm., Lt. (Col. Charles Robertson, his father, and Col. Sevier)
84. Roebuck, Benjamin, Moss, *SC Patriots* 827
85. Savage, John, Moss, Cowpens *Patriots*
86. Sevier, Valentine: [Valentine Sevier W6012](#) [not in Moss]²¹
87. Shaw, Gilbert: [Gilbert Shaw W3876](#)
88. Shelby, Isaac, Col.
89. Smith, James, Capt. (Henry Pettit states in his pension app that Smith commanded his company at Musgrove's Mill under Col. John Thomas).
90. Smith, William²² [William Smith W22272](#)

91. Aaron Starns [he gave an affidavit stating he was at MM –his affidavit is in Landon Farrow W21088 file—Starns did not file for a pension himself.]
92. Steel, John, Capt. Moss, Cowpens Patriots; King's Mountain Patriots, 240
93. Steen, James, Lt-Col. , Moss, SC Patriots 894 (Col. Brandon)²³
94. Stone, Solomon ?(no pension application)
95. Story, Henry (Col. Brandon) [Henry Story S32537](#)
96. Taylor, George, Captain (his brother, Lewis Taylor says in his application that George was at MM)
97. Taylor, Lewis²⁴ [Lewis Taylor S1728](#)
98. Thomas, Jr., John, Col. [according to Saye]
99. Todd, John (no pension application)
100. Toney, Abraham (Col. John Thomas and Col. Thomas Brandon) [spelled "Taney" in Draper] [Abraham Toney R10642](#)
101. Trammel, Dennis [Dennis Tramel \(Trammel, Trammell\) R10672](#)
102. Vance, David, Capt. (Col. McDowell) (no pension application)²⁵
103. Watson, Samuel, Lt., Moss, Cowpens Patriots
104. Capt. ___ White²⁶
105. Wilbanks, Gillam (Col. Brandon)
106. Wilbanks, Wm. (Col. Brandon) [William Wilbanks R11508](#)
107. Williford, Nathan (Col. Roebuck) [Nathan Williford S32066](#)
108. Wilson, Andrew (Cols. Clark and Shelby) [Andrew Wilson R11674](#)
109. Young, William, Capt. (Col. Brandon and Gen. Sumter) [William Young W10008](#)

¹ In his pension application, this declarant states that he was with Capt. Joseph McDowell in a skirmish against Tarleton on the Enoree River. This MAY be a reference to Musgrove's Mill.

² <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/c/h/a/Dorothy-W-Chance/GENE1-0025.html>

³ <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze1tad9/kntgenes/gen/d0000/g0000008.html>

⁴ <http://mysite.verizon.net/vze1tad9/kntgenes/gen/d0000/g0000008.html>

⁵ <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~barrettbranches/2003reunionpics/mainindexreunion.html>

⁶ http://www.pearland.com/HOKANSON/Bean_Robert_1764.htm. Also, Michael Massengill S1687 states he served under a "Capt. Bean" at Musgrove Mill.

⁷ <http://mjgen.com/casey/casey.html>

⁸ <http://72.14.203.104/search?q=cache:6VVXtPikFugJ:search.ancestry.com/db-abl/P1705.aspx+%22Musgrove%27s+Mills%22&hl=en&gl=us&ct=clnk&cd=32>

⁹ <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~genea/Ddarlineage4.html>

¹⁰ <http://www.bridow.com/genalogy.htm>

¹¹ http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess110_1993-1994/hj94/19940302.htm

FARROW, Samuel, lawyer, born in Virginia about 1759; died in Columbia, South Carolina, 18 November 1824. His father settled near Musgrove's Mills, in Spartanburg district, South Carolina, about 1765. The son was a member of a company of scouts in the Revolutionary war, was wounded in one of the numerous skirmishes in which he was engaged, and took part in the battle of Musgrove's Mills. When he was made a prisoner, together with his two brothers, his mother, a daughter of Colonel Philemon Waters, obtained their release by delivering up six British prisoners, and boasted that she had made a good bargain, because she could beat the British four to one. After the war he studied law, was admitted to the bar in Charleston in 1793, and settled at Spartanburg. In 1810 he was elected lieutenant governor, and in 1812 as a Democrat to congress from the Pinckney district, serving from 24 May 1813, till 4 March 1815. He was reelected, but resigned, preferring to serve in the state House of Representatives, of which he was a member from 1816 till 1821, when he retired from public life. The organization of the South Carolina lunatic asylum and deaf and dumb asylum was chiefly due to his efforts.

¹² <http://www.famousamericans.net/samuelfarrow/>

¹³ <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~scroots/sc05443.htm>

¹⁴ <http://fourkings.freeyellow.com/Hyder.html>

¹⁵ <http://jpkirkpatrick.com/kirkpatrick/d234.html>

[Ebenezer Fain R3421](#) contains an affidavit given by Jesse Mellim stating that he heard James Kuykendall during his lifetime say that he and Ebenezer Fain served together under Col. Charles Robertson

from the first campaign under Cornwallis was captured. [see footnote.com p. 36 of Fain's application]. Since Fain says he was at MM, maybe Kuykendall was there too. Kuykendall evidently didn't live long enough to file his own claim for a pension.

¹⁶ <http://www.tngenweb.org/revwar/records/m/massingale.html>

¹⁷ <http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/m/c/b/Danny-A-Mcbee/GENE1-0004.html>

¹⁸ Join us at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site as Sam Fore, librarian at the John D. Rockefeller Library in Williamsburg, Va., will be speaking on South Carolina Patriot Lieutenant Colonel James McCall. Lt. Col. McCall was a native of the South Carolina Backcountry, and fought in many battles during the American Revolution, including Musgrove's Mill, Blackstock's and Cowpens.

<http://www.discoverouthcarolina.com/stateparks/programdetail.asp?PID=26248>

¹⁹ William Price [[William Price W1072](#)], in an affidavit in support of the application filed by Margaret Price, widow of Thomas Price, Jr, states that his father, Capt. Thomas Price and his brother, Thomas Price (Jr.) were both present at Musgrove Mill under Col. Clarke. William's affidavit is to found in [Thomas Price W1076](#).

²⁰ <http://robertson-ancestry.com/1223-01.htm>. The problem is this is that Col. John Sevier was not present at Musgrove's Mill.

²¹ <http://www.tngenweb.org/revwar/records/s/sevier.html>

²² WILLIAM SMITH: Born 20 Sept 1751 - Died 22/23 Jun 1837 Married 1780 to Mourning Bearden, Born 1763 - Died 1842. William Smith, while residing in Spartanburg District, South Carolina, enlisted during the fall of 1775 and served as a Lieutenant under Captain Joseph Wofford and Colonel John Thomas Sr. and was in the Snow Campaign. He also served as Lieutenant under Captain John Thomas Jr. and Colonel John Thomas Sr. during 1776 and was in the battles with the Indians at Tamassee and Black Hole. He became a Captain during 1777 under Colonel John Thomas Sr. In 1778, he was a Captain under Colonel LeRoy Hammond and was in the fight at Rocky Comfort Creek and the Battles at Purrysburg and Stono. Next, he was a Captain under Colonel John Thomas Jr. in the Spartan Regiment of General Sumter's brigade. He also served as a Major and was in the Battles at Hanging Rock, Old Iron Works, Musgrove's Mills, Fish Dam Ford, Blackstock's Plantation, Cowan's Ford, Guilford Courthouse, Fort Granby, Quinby Bridge and in numerous skirmishes. In July and August, 1782, he was Adjutant under Major John Ford of the Spartan Regiment. After the war, he was chosen County Judge. He was a member of Congress from 1797 to 1799, and served as a state senator for 20 years. [http://www.net-](http://www.net-magic.net/ameliaislanddar/pages/southcarolina.html)

[magic.net/ameliaislanddar/pages/southcarolina.html](http://www.net-magic.net/ameliaislanddar/pages/southcarolina.html)

²³ <http://www.pigggenealogy.com/steen.htm>

²⁴ <http://www.tngenweb.org/franklin/revwar.htm>

²⁵ <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~genea/Ddarlineage3.html> , see also

<http://www.willowarchives.com/trees/d0050/g0000086.html> and <http://www.obcgs.com/menof.htm>

²⁶ William McKnight([William McKnight S32407](#)) states in his amended declaration that he distinctly remembers that he was under Capt. White at Musgrove Mill.