

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Littleberry Mosby BLWt64-300

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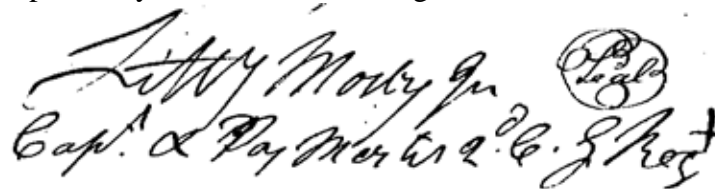
Know all men by these presents that I Littleberry Mosby Junior late Acting as Captain and Pay master in the second Continental Regiment, State of Georgia under the command of Samuel Elbert during the late War with Great Britain, but now presently residing in the County of Powhatan and State of Virginia, do make constitute and appoint John Davidson of the City of Washington and District of Columbia, by lawful Attorney for me, in my name and in my behalf to receive from the Honorable the Secretary of War, a Warrant for the proportion of Land due me in Consideration of my services aforesaid, and to do all lawful acts requisite full effect being the Premises, hereby affirming and ratifying all that my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of September 1803.

Signed Sealed and delivered In the Presence of

S/ Littleberry Mosby, Jr.

Capt. & Pay Master 2nd C. G. Regt.



Littleberry Mosby Jr.
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Virginia Powhatan County November 9th 1802

Sir,

From seeing your Advertisement of the 16th of August I have taken the liberty to address you on the subject, and request the favor of your information, -- I was a Captain in the 2nd Continental Regiment belonging to the Georgia line which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Samuel Elbert. I was also appointed pay master to the same, which the returns in your Office will show if they are not destroyed by fire. The greater part of our

Regiment were killed and taken prisoners in the Town of Savannah in December 1778. I was one that was taken and remained a prisoner for 12 months, and then was exchanged for by Major General Lincon [Benjamin Lincoln] who then commanded in Charlestown, who gave me a furlough to return to Virginia for a few months which prevented my being taken again with the balance of the Regiment in Charlestown. -- After the fall of that Town and while I was at home on furlough I received a letter from Mr Jefferson¹ who was then Governor of Virginia requesting made to try and raise as many volunteers as I could & join General Baron Steuben as soon as possible. I raised out of the Militia about 60 men and joined Baron Steuben at Petersburg, and after the battle at Petersburg, I was under the command of General Lafayette until the siege of York, when I met with our Colonel then General Elbert, who told me I might remain at home in Virginia until I should be called for, as we had at that time no men to command, shortly after that, there was an end to the war, and what few Officers and men that belonged to the Regiment were scattered almost through the United States -- what few Officers and men that were in Virginia at the close of the war, who belonged to that Regiment, I am satisfied never did receive their bounty of Land from Congress, for this is the first application I ever made for it. -- if the patent Rolls and Abstracts of pay for the Regiment will be of sufficient voucher of my services I have them now in my possession one of which I have enclosed you, or if a Certificate from a few respectable men in this County will answer a better purpose I can forward one as I know of no superior Officer living whom I could apply to for a certificate of my services, -- there are a few Soldiers that belonged to the same Regiment that have made application to me requesting information how they were to obtain their bounty of Lands, I promise, them that I would write you on the subject, Sir you will confer a great favor on me if you will please to inform me by line whether the vouchers spoken of will be sufficient as to myself and what will be sufficient for those that have made application to me.

I have the honor to be with the great respect Sir your most obedient
S/ Littleberry Mosby, Jr.

N. B. the pay Rolls were
made out in Georgia money
at 5/ to the Dollar.

¹ Thomas Jefferson

**A Regimental abstract of sundry Sums of money due the officers men & belonging to
The 2d Conl. Georgia Battn on Pay Rolls for the month of September 1778**

Field Officers				Staff Officers					Capns. Compy pay due			
Saml Elbert ² Col				Litty Mosby ³ P. M.	5	0	0	1	Saml Elbert	71	5	0
Danl. Roberts ⁴ Lt Colo.	30	0	0	Mott Roach	3	5	0	2	Edward Wood	81	6	0
Benj. Porter ⁵ Majr.	20	0	0	Da ^d Braider ⁶ ?? ⁷	22	10	0	3	Danl. Roberts	62	6	1
	50			A. Alexander Sur. Mate ⁸	12	10	0	4	Jno Bard [John Board]	68	6	11 ½
Benj. Porter Major's pay from 1 st to 24 th October	15	10	0	R. Crunder do	12	10	0	5	Geo. Hancock [George Hancock]	70	10	0
£	65	10	0	J. Strong Q M Sert. ⁹	2	10	0	6	Ltty Mosby	83	10	0
				£	58	5	0	7	Jn Cunningham	71	11	8
								8	Elisha Miller	81	2	3
								9	Thos Moore	134	16	8
									£	724	14	7 ½
									Staff Officers	50	5	
									Field Officers	65	10	
										848	9	7 ½

I hereby certify that I have examined the within Abstracted, and the different vouchers that prove eight hundred forty-eight pounds nine shillings and seven pence half penny as do the Officers and men of the 2nd Georgia Contl Batt.
S/ B. Porter

² Samuel Elbert

³ Littleberry Mosby

⁴ Daniel Roberts

⁵ Benjamin Porter

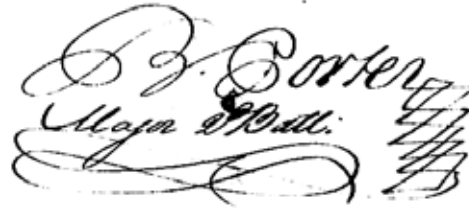
⁶ David Braider

⁷ I cannot decipher title. It may be something "Doctor"

⁸ Surgeon's mate

⁹ Quarter Master Sergeant

Major 2nd Batt.



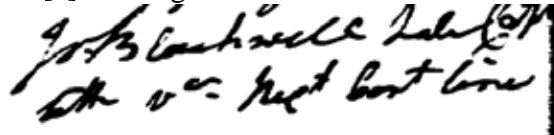
D. J. Porter
Major 2nd Batt.

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

Fauquier County

I do certify that I knew Littleberry Mosby of the Virginia Continental Line – he was a commissioned officer his grade I do not certainly remember – he was in Georgia and perhaps attached to the 2nd Georgia Battalion, but still continued in the Virginia Continental Line – it often happened that officers were attached to the Battalion & troops of other States but they always made returns as belonging to the lines from which they had been transferred – a Regiment of Pennsylvania was attached to Weedon's [George Weedon's] Brigade for a short time, and such periodical [sic] transfers were not uncommon – but it was always understood that no change in compensation was to take place, for the officers had no choice on the subject – being as transferred and attached to other troops by the Commanding Officer at his will & pleasure whenever the service required it. Given under my hand this 23 day of July 1822

S/ Jo. Blackwell Late Capt. [John Blackwell]
6th [?] Va. Regt. Cont. Line



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No Land Bounty warrant appears to have issued for the services of Littleberry Mosby in the Revolutionary War.

Land Office

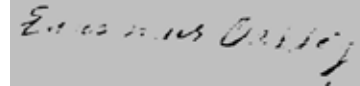
3rd May 1822

S/ Wm G. Pendleton, Reg. L. Off.

Cumberland [County Virginia] October 28, 1822

This is to certify that I joined the Virginia Continental Line with the late General Littleberry Mosby in the year 1776; that we marched together, and we served 3 years, during which time he conducted himself in an officer like manner. That about the 27th of December 1778 we were taken prisoner at the siege of Savannah and I was sent on board the prison ship where I was confined about 9 months; and Littleberry Mosby on Paroled; and in October 1779 I left him in Savannah as a Captain.

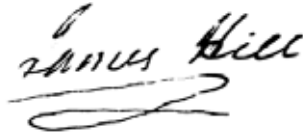
S/ Erasmus Oakley¹⁰



Manchester, 14th March 1822

I do hereby certify that sometime in the year 1776 that the late General Littleberry Mosby of Powhatan County Virginia and myself did enter in the Continental Army about the same time, that we marched together attached to the Second Georgia Continental Battalion for three years, under General Mackintosh [Lachlan McIntosh], Colonel Samuel Elbert, and John Stirk Lieutenant Colonel, that he was Lieutenant to Captain John Mosby's Company: and that on the 17th of December 1778, I left him in the State of Georgia, acting in the capacity of Captain.

S/ James Hill



Richmond March 15th, 1822

I do hereby certify that I was attached to the Second Battalion in the State of Georgia that General Littleberry Mosby [text too faint to discern] and that about the 29th of December 1778 we were taken prisoners in the town of Savannah and I was sent on board the prison ship, where I was kept for 16 months and General Littleberry Mosby on parole, and that he acted in the capacity of Captain when taken prisoner.

S/ Benjamin Smith,¹¹ X his mark

[Jesse Parker¹² also gave a supporting affidavit May 1822 but the image of the document as posted online is so

¹⁰ [Erasmus Oakley W5437](#)

¹¹ [Benjamin Smith S38387](#)

¹² [Jesse Parker S11217](#)

poor that I did not attempt to transcribe it.]