

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Mossom (Mossum) R16608 Va. Half Pay

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At a Court continued and held for the County of Elizabeth City the 2nd day of May 1832

Ordered that it be certified that it has been made [to] appear to the Court by satisfactory evidence that Captain David Mossum entered the service at an early period of the Revolutionary War in the Virginia line and served till the close of the war.

A Copy

Teste

S/ S. S. Howard, Clk

At a Court held for Elizabeth City County, January 27th, 1831

James Webb of lawful age and first sworn in open Court deposeth and saith that David Mossum died leaving no issue, that he had only one sister Nelly who intermarried with William Roe Cunningham and died before the said David Mossum leaving five children to wit: James, David, William Roe, John and Mary all of whom died without issue except John who is still living, whereupon the Court clarifies that the said John Cunningham is only heir at law of the said David Mossum deceased.

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S/ S. S. Howard, Clk

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At a Court held for Elizabeth City County May 29, 1841

Ordered that it be certified that it appears to the Court from satisfactory evidence that David Mossum who was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, died intestate leaving no issue, but an only aunt, and the only near kindred who was Mary Roe, who intermarried with James Cunningham both of whom are dead leaving issue, 1st Elizabeth Roe Cunningham who intermarried with John Webb both of whom are dead leaving issue one child James Webb, 2nd William Roe Cunningham who died intestate leaving issue James, David, Roe and John Cunningham all of whom are dead intestate and without issue except John who is also dead leaving issue Mary who intermarried with John Purkinton who is dead she surviving, John, Thomas, William, James and Ann who intermarried with Jeremiah Cain and Catharine now an infant – 3rd Mary who intermarried with James Latimer who is now dead leaving issue one child row Latimer who is now dead leaving issue Mary who intermarried with Josiah Shelton who is dead she surviving, James, Amanda, Barbara and Pascow Latimer, said Pascow an infant, whereupon the court certifies that the said James Webb, Mary Purkinton, John Cunningham,

Thomas and William, James Cunningham, Ann Cain and Catharine Cunningham, Mary Shelton, James, Amanda, Barbara and Pascow Latimer are the only heirs at law of the said David Mossum.

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S/ S. S. Howard, Clk

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Executive Department Richmond April 16, 1833

The Heirs of David Mossum are allowed Land bounty for his services as a Captain in the State line for three years if not heretofore drawn. The Register will issue a Warrant accordingly.

Attest John B Richardson

S/ John Floyd

Warrants Nos. 9036 & 9037 each for 666 2/3 acres issued on the 10th day of November 1843 to Mary Webb devisee of James Webb sole heir of Elizabeth, a daughter of Mary Roe Cunningham who was sole heir of David Mossum deceased late a Captain in the State line: Nos. 9038 & 9039 each for 500 acres issued to Mary Shelton, James Latimer and Amelia Latimer heirs of the said David Mossum. Nos. 9040 & 9041 each for 166 2/3 acres issued to Pascow Latimer another heir at law of the said David. Nos. 9042 & 9043 each for 380 20/21 acres issued to John & Thomas Cunningham, Ann Cain, Mary Purkington and Nos. 9044 & 9045 each for 95 5/21 acres issued to Catharine Cunningham, heir at law of said David Mossum.

A copy from the records of the Virginia Land Office

Teste

S/ S. H. Parker, Reg. Land Office

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Monday August 4th, 1777

Present – His Excellency

John Page

Daniel Harrison

Dudley Digges

and

John Blair

David Jamison

Esquires

The Governor and Council preceded agreeable to their advertisement of the 2nd of July, to the business of appointing Captains and Subalterns for the Regiment of Artillery to be raised for the service of this State and, after examining sundry recommendations, appointed the following persons to be Captains – viz. – Elias Edmunds, John Aneram, Griffin Post, Edward Moody, Henry Quarles, Nicholas George Moéballe, James Lewis, Turner Richardson, Samuel Timson and David Mossom Captain of the Company of Artificers: And then the Board advised his Excellency to grant to each of the aforesaid Captains, the necessary instructions, and his warrant upon the Treasury, for two hundred and eight pounds, upon account to recruit their respective quotas, being twenty-six men; they giving bond & security to account for the same. And to put off the further appointment till tomorrow.

[Certified as a true copy of the records in the executive Department in Richmond April 30, 1851]

[p 18: in the accounting issues taken from an account given by Lawrence Smith Junior (Pay Master for the state Artillery Regiment) listing payments to Captain David Mossom on various dates; other officers mentioned by full name include Captain John Pope; Lieutenant William Lawson; Lieutenant Samuel Crawley.]

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

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I do hereby Certify that I was well acquainted with David Mossom Generally known by the appellation of Captain Mossom and he was generally spoken of as a firm Patriot and as well as I can charge my memory he was one of the Party that burned the Tender near Hampton that belonged to Squires Command a little before the attack on Hampton by Squires but I do not know positively that he was in the regular Army in our Revolutionary Struggle but always was under the Impression & have frequently heard him spoken of as a man of Military worth I continued my acquaintance with him until his death which was some years after the war with Great Britain had ended and never knew or heard anything dishonorable of him. Given under my hand this 4th day of March 1831

S/ John Westwood