

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Moody R7304

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[Note: The scribe of the following application had a very challenging handwriting. Use the transcript with more the usual caution.]

State of Alabama Clarke County: On this third day of June in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before James Wilkerson Judge of the County Court of said County of Clarke now sitting Thomas Moody a resident of said of Clark and State of Alabama aged seventy-three years old, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he entered the Services of the Congress and served under the following officers and served as herein stated.

The first term of service was under Captain Samuel Garland in the Militia of Lunenburg County Virginia, which service was under the command of Major John Glenn against the Cherokee Indians on the long Island of Holston [River]. I was in an engagement with the Indians at the White Oak Glade the service commenced in [word written over, appears to read "April"] 1776 and was discharged on the 6th of November 1776 on the long Island of Holston, in which service I served as fifer. We marched through New London in Bedford County, crossed New River at English's ferry thence to Fort Chissell [Chiswell] thence to Fort Black thence to the long Island of Holston and after the engagement with the Indians we built a fork [fort] on the North Bank of the Holston River opposite the Island and called it Fort Henry after Patrick Henry –

The second term of service was as Captain of the Virginia State Troops, as Recruiting officer in which service I was employed six months. The service commenced in May 1777 and ended in October 1777. I was under the command of Colonel Edward Carrington and General Thomas Nelson.

The third Term of service was a private in the Virginia State Troops under Captain Sylvanius Walker and commanded by Colonel Richards & Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn Commanding General Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens]. The service commenced in May 1780. We rendezvoused at Hillsboro in North Carolina in June 1780 and joined General Stephens at that place at which place we remained until about the last of July from that place we marched South for the purpose of Joining General Gates [Horatio Gates]. We crossed Pedee at Mass ferry – then by Anson old [?] Court House. We crossed deep River at Amind [?]¹ Creek

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Mills. We crossed big birch [?]² Creek at a ford. We crossed Safe-Hooz [??]³ at a ford on the 15 of August we joined General Gates at Ruglys Mills [Rugeley's Mills] on the 16th of August we had the engagement with the British Troops near Camden & were defeated. The troops were ordered to assemble at New Garden in North Carolina after the defeat. At that place we remained four weeks from thence we marched to Huegens [?]⁴ Creek in Guilford County [Guilford County] at which place we remained three weeks from thence we went to Gilford County in the same State & County. On the first of November 1780 I was discharged by Major Morrison. The only officer that was present after the defeat. I hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

1. Where and in what year were you born

Cumberland County State of Virginia 9th of November 1759

3 [sic] Where were you living when called into Service, where he lived since the Revolutionary war and where are you now living

I resided in Lunenburg County Virginia when called into service lived there until 1793 – from there to Surry & Iredell County North Carolina where I lived until 1816 from there to [indecipherable word]⁵ County [one or more indecipherable words]⁶ when I remained until 1829 – from there I came to Clark County Alabama where I now reside.

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

I have none

4. How were you called into Service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute. If a substitute for whom

I volunteered every time

5. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service. If so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

I received a discharge from Samuel Garland or Colonel John Glenn. I do not know which period the third time of service I was discharged at Guilford Court House North Carolina by Major Morrison

Thomas Moody further states on oath that there is no person living or near to him by whom he can prove the services which he has stated nor has he any knowledge of any person living who knew him as a Captain in the service who is now alive. I am known to Elijah Kern [?] & J. E. J. Macon[?] And John Scarborough a clergyman who resides in the neighborhood with me. Sworn to & Subscribed before me this day & date first written.

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Safe-Hooz

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Huegens

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Surry & Iredell

S/ Thomas Moody



[John Scarborough, a clergyman, J. E. J. Macon and Elijah Kern gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Oglethorpe County Georgia

I do hereby Certify that I was a Citizen of the Lunenburg County and State of Virginia in the year 1776 and in my 23rd year of Age to the best of my recollection in the spring of the same year Thomas Moody lived about 4 miles from me of the said County and State enlisted with Captain Samuel Garland in the Minute Service. Major John Glenn there Major both of said County and State. I went with the said Thomas Moody when on his march as fore [far] as Lunenburg Court House where he joined the Company of Minute Men they had orders to March immediately to the long Island of Holston against the Indians. I was one of the Spectators when they marched off some time in the same year to the best of my recollection it was in the month of November the said Thomas Moody returned home, and was very much more down with furteauge [sic, fatigue?] and said he was discharged at the long Island of Holston. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th of June 1834

S/ Jas. H. McWhorter, JP

S/ John Moody

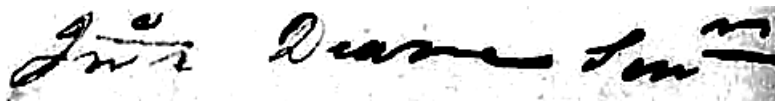


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State of Alabama Clarke County: Personally appeared before me W R Hamilton Judge of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid John Deane Senior⁷ who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that about the first of August in the year 1780 that he the said John Deane Senior was at Hillsborough in the State of North Carolina on a return march from General Gates Army to the State of Virginia to be discharged and whilst there he was acting as orderly Sergeant & directed to execute the sentence of a court-martial by inflicting corporal punishment upon a Soldier also was ordered to fire thirteen minute [?] guns which he did as a Salute to the Virginia militia who had arrived there on their march to join General Gates Army they all crossed the Eno River near Potts Mills these circumstances all have been related to me recently by Doctor Thomas Moody which give me reason to believe that the said Moody was there at that time and in the Service of his Country. Sworn to and subscribed before made this 18th of December 1834

S/ W. R. Hamilton, Judge

S/ Jno. Deane Senr.



The State of Alabama Clarke County: Before me Miles E King an acting Justice of the Peace in

⁷ FPA S16760

& for the above named County & State personally appeared Thomas Moody who after being duly sworn deposes & says that in explanation of the Depositions now on file in the Pension office that although he was the owner of a Wagon & team during the last period of his services in the year 1780 which was pressed into the service of the southern Army of the United States as a foraging wagons, after being valued as other articles taken for the service for which he never received any pay yet he did not drive said wagon & team himself, but employed one Jack Cook, a man in whom he had confidence to drive his wagon, & that he himself done duty as a soldier at the time as related in his Declaration under Captain Sylvanius Walker and related, commanded by Colonel Richards or Richason & Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn that he was present at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina the 16th of August 1780 & that he was discharged from service by Major Morrison in November 1780 having made & served a Tour of 6 months. He further deposes & says he was not engaged any part of the time as a Teamster or Waggoner but employed one Jack Cook to drive his wagon as before stated after it was pressed into the service.

He now hopes in the extremity of old age with the means of Proof more positive that he has offered is rendered in possible from the lapse of time that he may not be excluded from the benefits which his country has provided for those who served her in time of her greatest extremity as it is now impossible to furnish record Proof of his commission as a Recruiting Officer. He submits to the Department to consider that Term of service simply as a private & allow him a Pension of accordingly in connection with the other two terms of service which are proved by evidence as conclusively as can be expected reasonably at this remote Period of time.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the 31 day of January A.D. 1852

S/Miles E King, JP

S/ Thomas Moody