

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mooney (Money) ¹ R7309

Mary Mooney f40NC

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State of Georgia, Hall County} SS

On the Twenty fourth day of July Eighteen Hundred and forty three personally appeared in open Court before the Superior Court for the County of Hall and the State of Georgia now sitting, John Mooney, a resident of the County of Hall in the State of Georgia, aged Eighty three years who being first 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], but by reason of old age and consequent lapse of memory he cannot state positively the time he entered the service. At the time he entered the service he resided in Lincoln County, State of North Carolina and he joined General Greene on his march toward Camden and was in the battle near Camden in the State of South Carolina [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] from thence he thinks he was marched to a place called Hanging Rock, where he was in another engagement with the British, from that place he marched to Ninety Six and was in the engagement [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781] at that place under General Greene, and from there he marched to a place called the four holes—he thinks where he was discharged and returned home having served a little more than three months.

After having remained home but a very short time, he again volunteered and entered the service under Capt. William Moore, Col. Erwin's Regiment and marched under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] to Cape Fear River where he was stationed at a bridge some distance above the Town and at which place he was engaged in repeated skirmishes with British who were lying on the opposite side of the river.

On one occasion, a cannon having been found in a well, Major Hogg [Thomas Hogg] of the regular Army detached about one hundred young men among whom was the declarant to go down and mount the Gun on carriage. They marched down and went to work and had nearly completed it when the British landed from two row gallies and fired upon them—they retreated and having fallen back to General Rutherford, he with his main force marched down to give them battle—but the British had embarked and were gone—they pursued after the British into Town, but they reached their Vessels. This circumstance happened but a day or two before the news of the surrender [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] of Cornwallis reached them--when the

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British left the port and after their rejoicings were over, he was discharged and returned home having been in the service a little more than three months.

That his said discharges have been burned up, so that they cannot be attached to this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this day and year aforesaid

S/ John Mooney, X his mark

S/ Samuel H. Wilson, Clerk

[Sterling Roberts, a clergyman, and Richard Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court propounded the following interrogatories to John Mooney to which he answered as follows: Viz:

1st: Where and in what year were you born?

He answers: He was born in Lincoln County, state of North Carolina, the year he does not know.

2nd Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

He answers: He has no record of his age but from his best information he is about 83 years old.

[3rd Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?]

To the 3rd Interrogatory prescribed by the War Department, He answers: He lived in Lincoln County, North Carolina, when called into service – since the War, he has lived a long time in York district South Carolina – and for 18 years last past in Hall County, Georgia

[4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?]

To the 4th interrogatory, he answers: that he entered the service as a volunteer.

[5th State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.]

To the 5th, he answers: He recollects Major Hogg of the regular Army distinctly as stated in his declaration.

[6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?]

To the sixth interrogatories, he answers: That he received to discharges from the service – he does not remember who signed gave him the first – the last was signed by Captain William Moore and they have both been burned.

[7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.]

To the 7th, he answers: Richard Wilson, Sterling Roberts, William E. Wilson, Thomas Wilson and others.

[p 12: Ancestry.com version of this document is more legible than the Fold3.com version]

State of Georgia Hall County: On this 27th day of July 1846 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting, John Money [sic], a resident of Hall County State of Georgia, who is known to said Court as a credible Witness aged 85 years who being 1st

duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

He volunteered in Service of the United States in the War of the Revolution (about) June 1780 in Capt. Kennedy's [Thomas Kennedy's] Company North Carolina Militia under Major Hampton Col. McDowell [Charles McDowell] that he served in said Company 2 months and was discharged sick from said Service –

That he again Volunteered and joined General Greene's Command in the Spring of the year shortly after his battle at Guilford Court-house [March 15, 1781] that deponent joined General Greene as Riflemen for 3 months Served more than 3 months and was discharged –

That within one month after returning home he volunteered again for 3 months under Capt. William Moore & (as riflemen) Lieut. Price, Generals Butler [John Butler] & Rutherford & one Major Hogg a Regular Officer, that he Hogg commanded a Company of regular Militia near Wilmington (NC) That this deponent served out the 3 months in Capt. Moore's Company and received a discharge signed by Capt. William Moore --

That he actually was bound to military duty and served as heretofore stated in said 3 tours 8 months.

As a more particular explanation he gives the following which is all from memory as he has no Education nor even a Record of his age. That he was born in Lincoln County North Carolina (as near as he can make his age) April 1761, that he is the son of Jacob Money deceased late of Lincoln County NC, that his brothers were Daniel Money (older than himself) Jonathan, David & James Money -- that he was living in Lincoln County with his father when Capt. Kennedy (Canerday) came down from Burke County (NC) and stopped with his Company at his Father's and got some supplies, that Capt. Kennedy told this deponent & his brother David that the Tories had become so numerous in the Country that they could not remain neutral but must join one side or the other (his Father was full [indecipherable word]²), that himself & brother Daniel [sic] Volunteered in Capt. Kennedy's Company under Major Hampton -- marched from his father's to Esquire Thomas Asbey's old station and camped there for some time. Esquire Asby was a great Liberty man -- from there we marched to the South fork of Catawba River where this deponent was taken sick that his brother attended on him and the principal food he ate was ripe soft peaches that his brother gathered for him that Major Hampton came to see him one morning & told his brother he must try and get him home to his father's that he was left by his brother at a connections by the name of Christopher Money till he went home and got a horse for him to ride home, that he remained at his father's some time doing detached duty in the neighborhood till General Greene came into the County after his fight with Cornwallis at Guilford C. House, that this deponent and another young man (messmate) by the name of William Splawn [?] took our Rifles and marched to General Greene's Army we expected to have found him about 10 miles from home, but he had gone down the Catawba River and crossed over the River to go to Camden that we asked a Capt. of General Greene's Command if we could join them for 3 months in the Rifle Corps that the Capt. went and saw General Greene, and returned, said we could be received in his Company. He cannot now remember the Capt.'s name under which they served nor can he remember the dates further than it was in the Spring of the year only a short time before we had a fight with General or Lord Rawdon at Camden from there he



thinks it was that he went with a part of General Greene's command to what was called the hanging rock had a battle with the Tories and at Musgrove's Mills fought Cunningham (Tory) after he was driven from his Fort, he fought in the Mill-house and outbuildings it was said he was killed, that we marched to Ninety Six tried to take the British at that Fort for some days afterwards moved off over a River and after some time he was discharged that his discharge was for a longer time than 3 months, this deponent fully believes, but that it was for 3 months that he & his friend Splawn Volunteered (for 3 months) and he cannot now swear that his discharge called for more than that length of time, but knows he served longer than 3 months with General Greene at this term of service. That his discharge was signed by the Capt. under whom he served that he has usually remembered his name but cannot now, that all General Greene's command was Strangers to this deponent and he cannot remember their names. That he returned home to his father's in Lincoln County and found his brother David was drafted for 3 months, that his brother was anxious for him to go with him for company &c and he volunteered again for 3 months under Lieut. Price & Capt. William Moore of the adjoining County, and served 3 months was a part of the time under General Butler & General Rutherford, was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] this battle was the hardest fighting of any he was ever in, that he marched down to the lower edge and Eastern part of the State (NC) charged through what was called the Raft Swamp on the Cape Fear River Col. Irwing [sic, Erwin or Irwin?] took the lead in the swamp. That we were stationed for some days 6 or 7 miles from Wilmington (NC) that one Major Hogg a Regular officer found a big Cannon in a well near the bridge on the Cape Fear River and he chose out a part of our Rifle company, deponent was one of that number got out the Cannon and was fixing it on a Carriage for use when 1st we knew 3 Row Galleys with some heavy guns that they slipped up under the bank and fired upon us before we knew of their presence. Major Hogg said we would go back to the Army and get reinforcement and give them battle, on the following day we marched to Wilmington (N. C.) and all the British had left the City and were going down the River. That day we heard of the defeat of Cornwallis in consequence of which we had much firing. That shortly after this my 3 months tour under Capt. Moore expired, I received a discharge from him and returned home to my Father's. My 2 discharges above referred to I kept for 40 years. The night before he moved to Georgia (22 years next fall) he got a young man by the name of Henry Houser to look over his old papers and see what was worth bringing that said Houser said here is your discharges in the old War we concluded they would never be of any use to him and they were burnt with all my old papers that was considered worthless. That he married Nancy Rigdon the next spring after Cornwallis' defeat and was 20 years of age at that time --: That he moved to York District (SC) where he resided till he came to Hall County Georgia where he has remained ever since. That he married Mary Hubbard his 2nd wife in York District some 40 years since, who is still living. That he applied for a Pension some 4 years since, that Mr. Johnson Clerk of the Court took down such questions as he answered to without any time to think of my Services and if his memory serves him he thinks he only mentioned the 2 terms of service for which he received discharges for, that at that time he did not think of the 2 months Service under Capt. Kennedy -- that he has done the other service for his country not mentioned in this declaration as they were short and cannot be at this late day properly remembered by this deponent. That he relinquishes every other claim for a Pension except the present and declares his name is not on any Pension Roll of the United States at this time. That he knows of no person living who can testify to his service whose evidence he can procure. That Houser who burnt his discharges is dead, but all his services was performed as

a private Soldier. That he appoints C. H. Hood of Tallahassee Florida his Attorney to collect the Pension due him from the United States as a Revolutionary Soldier.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year 1st above mentioned before me.

S/ William Sitton, JIC

S/ John Mooney, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Cleveland County: A deposition of the oath of Daniel Mooney taken before me one of the Justices of said County who deposes and saith 1st that he is a brother to the Claimant set forth in the foregoing declaration -- Question by Magistrate -- Relate all the Circumstances.

Witness states, that John Mooney Applicant was a Soldier under Capt. William Moore, who was under the command of General Rutherford and received his discharge near Wilmington NC

June the 21st 1843.

S/ J. L. Self, JP

S/ Daniel Mooney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Mooney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Daniel Mooney".

[p 6: On March 17, 1855, in Hall County Georgia, Mary Mooney, 73, filed for her bounty land entitlement stating that she married John Mooney in May 1817 in York District South Carolina; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Hubbard; that her husband died January 4, 1852 in Hall County Georgia. She signed her declaration with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Mary Hubbard in May 1817 in York District, SC; William Hubbard, 59, resident of Hall County, Ga., testified on April 22, 1856, that Mary Mooney is his sister; that he was in the field working when the marriage between Mary and John Mooney were married.]