

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gilbert Moss R7457

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On this twenty first day of September 1839 Personally appeared before T. M. Harden a Justice of the peace in & for said County now sitting Gilbert Moss formerly a resident of Yorke [sic, York] District South Carolina but now of Lincoln County North Carolina, aged about Seventy Seven 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 under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. He was first drafted out of the company of Captain Thomas Jenkins [sic, Thomas Jenkins], who had a short time previous to this been made prisoner of by the Tories & carried off to Ninety Six where this deponent believes the said Captain Jenkins there died or was hung by the Tories. When this deponent was drafted he with 5 others his brother Joseph Moss, Lasers Woods, John Parker, Thomas Rigdon & William Jenkins were together, they appointed themselves William Jenkins to head them and John Parker a Sergeant. This was about two years before the Revolutionary War closed as well as this deponent now remembers. This deponent with the party above named proceeded from their place of residence which was on Kings Creek in Yorke District South Carolina to join General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] which they did about 100 & 15 miles below McCord's ferry on the Congaree River. When they joined General Sumter the General confirmed the appointment of William Jenkins as our Lieutenant, and this deponent continued to do duty with General Sumter & Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] of Yorke District was there with General Sumter as our Colonel -- This deponent continued to do duty until he was discharged by General Sumter at Orangeburg South Carolina length of this tour the relator [sic] cannot absolutely state, but thinks it was a 6 months tour as he remembers he walked that he might leave his horse at home to plow and believes it was about the time of year the farmers weed their corn say about the month of June, and he returned home a few days before Christmas and from these facts he believes it was a 6 months tour, he served during the above tour of service. This deponent was not in any regular battle but was actively engaged scouting after the Tories, around about Orangeburg & on Congaree River and Edisto River. This deponent was again drafted about 6 months before the Close of the war, and went and joined General Williams below Orangeburg. This deponent there continued to do duty under a Captain Weathers [John Weathers] who was placed over him by General Williams for some time, but at other times was detained on scouts and foraging parties under other officers. This deponent remembers particularly his last tour or trip was under Captain Hannah [Robert Hanna] of Yorke District, at

which time we forwarded about two hundred head of beef cattle down near the Salthetchie [sic, Salkehatchie River] this deponent was during this last tour of duty mounted on his own horse and continued to do duty until he was discharged, which was 5 days before his time was out, and this discharge was given & he returned home.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before  
S/ T. M. Hardin, JP

S/ Gilbert Moss, C his mark

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State of South Carolina York District: On this 20th day of October 1840 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary of York District South Carolina, now sitting, Gilbert Moss, a resident of South Carolina in York District aged 78 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 under the following named officers and served as herein Stated. That he was drafted out of the company of Captain Thomas Jenkins of York District South Carolina sometime in the summer of 1779 or 1780 -- as well as he now remembers after the Elapse of so many years -- when this declarant was drafted he himself with five others, viz. his brother Joseph Moss, Lasers Woods, John Parker, Thomas Rigdon & William Jenkins, was ordered to proceed from our places of residence which was on Kings Creek in York District in the manner & form we thought best until we could join Colonel Bratton and his Regiment -- and we appointed William Jenkins to head us & John Parker our Sergeant, and proceeded and did join Colonel Bratton at a place called Little Rice Creek, and there we lay for several days waiting for the Regiment all to come in, and then we proceeded to join General Sumter, which we did about 100 miles below McCord's ferry on the Congaree River and when we had joined General Sumter the General confirmed the appointment of William Jenkins as Lieutenant -- this Declarant continued to do duty under Colonel Bratton and General Sumter until he was discharged by General Sumter at Orangeburg South Carolina -- which was some time or first of December 1779 or 1780 from the fact that he well remembers that he Returned home a few days before Christmas: and from these facts according to the best of his recollection that it was a 6 months tour he served during the above tour of service. This declarant was not in any regular battle, but was actively engaged scouting after the Tories around about Orangeburg and on the Congaree River & Edisto River in South Carolina. He further saith that he never received any written Discharge, but that he was verbally Discharged as above stated -- This Declarant was again Drafted in the latter part of the summer of 1782 -- and went and joined General Williams below Orangeburg and was placed under the command of Captain Weathers for some time, but at other times was detailed as scouts and foraging parties under other officers. This Declarant was a short time before the expiration of this last tour which was for 3 months -- chosen out as one of a company of 24 commanded by Captain Hannah and sent in to the Country to collect beef cattle for General Greene's Army which lay near Charlestown at which time we forwarded about 200 head of beef cattle down near the Salkehatchie -- this Declarant was during this last tour of duty mounted on his own horse and continued to do duty until he was discharged which was 5 days before his time was out -- and this Discharge before the expiration of his time of service was given him in consequence of the promise that was made to all the Company that was selected to collect the beef cattle -- that when they collected the cattle they should be Discharged. This Declarant declares that he did actually serve as above stated, after the lapse of so many years he cannot swear positively as to the precise periods of the

war, he further saith that he has no documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Service -- said Daniel Quin, whose affidavit he has heretofore procured and forwarded to the Department with a former declaration, made before T M Hardin a Justice of the peace in the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina -- this Declarant assigns the following reasons for his making the former Declaration in the State of North Carolina Lincoln County, viz., that he resides not far from the North line, and that his friend James Roberts who wrote for him was a resident of North Carolina and that he the said Roberts thought that it was not essential where the Declaration was made & that it was more convenient for him to attend to the matter there and elsewhere. This Declarant doth relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State what ever --

This Declarant further saith that he should have applied heretofore for a pension but he thought until recently that Congress had never made any provision for any of the soldiers but such as served in the Continental Service and were in indigent Circumstance -- he further saith that he has no written record of his age but from the best sources of Evidence he was born in the year 1762, and that he was living when called into Service in York District South Carolina and has lived there ever since the Revolutionary War and is living there at this time.

Sworn to and subscribed the Day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Benjamin chambers, O. Y. D.

S/ Gilbert Moss, O his mark

[G. Washington Davis, a clergyman, and A. Hardin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 17: SC Comptroller General's certificates stating that Gilbert Moss was paid for 69 days of Militia duty in 1781.]

[I don't see any affidavit from a "Daniel Quin" in this file: perhaps it got separated from the file. He MAY be the same man as [Daniel Quinn S21435](#)].