

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elias Moyers (Moiers, Myers) R7478

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State of Illinois Union County & Circuit } Sct.

Pleas at the Circuit Court held at the Court House in Jonesboro within and for the County of Union in the Third Judicial Circuit of the State aforesaid of the term of April A.D. 1828 and of the Independence of the United States the fifty second,

Before the Honorable

Thomas C Browne Judge of the Circuit Court of said Circuit,

Be it remembered that at the term aforesaid of said Circuit Court on Wednesday the third day of the term and twenty third day of the month The Petitioner and his Attorney Richard M Young presented & proved the following facts to wit –

Be it remembered that on this twenty third day of April 1828 personally appeared in open court the same being a Court of Record for the County of Union and State of Illinois with power to fine and imprison, Elias Moyers aged Sixty-Six years a resident of the County of Union aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Elias Moyers enlisted for the term of Ten months on the \_\_ day of April in the year 1781 in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William Hutcheson [William Hutchison] in the Regiment commanded by [Lt.] Colonel William Polk in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of the said Term of Ten months when he was discharged from the Service on the High Hills of Santee in the State of South Carolina that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State whatever as a pensioner under any of the Acts of Congress, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz. -- that the circumstances of the said applicant until recently although not affluent were easy but that by misfortune and inability to labor from advanced age he has been reduced to the necessity of asking a support from his Country.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor

has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, necessary Bidding and wearing apparel excepted my Occupation is that of a Farmer but from old age and infirmities I have become unable to pursue it any longer to advantage in my circumstances are so reduced as to render it difficult for me to support myself without some assistance from my Country my family consists of myself and my wife Molly who is aged near 66 years.

Schedule of My Property

one horse of the value of \$60  
one Saddle, bridle & saddle bags \$15  
\$75

S/ Elias Moyers, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 23rd day of April 1828

S/Winston Davie, Clerk

This day also came at the same time Peter Meissenheimer<sup>1</sup> also a resident of the said County of Union in State of Illinois in the late a Citizen of the State of North Carolina who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is well acquainted with the said Elias Moiers [sic], and has known him since the year 1770 that to his knowledge the said Moyers enlisted as a regular soldier in the company commanded by Captain William Hutchinson [sic] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Polk in the time of the State of South Carolina on Continental establishment that to the best of his recollection the said Moiers entered the service about the year 1781 for the term of 10 months and that he continued to serve out his time faithfully and was honorably discharged that he has no hesitation in believing that the statements contained the end of said Moyers declaration which have been read to him are true and that the said Moiers now is and always has been esteemed a man of the strictest veracity, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Peter Meissenheimer, X his mark

[William Moiers, who has known the applicant for 15 years last past and also a resident of Union County Illinois, gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation for veracity of the applicant and the value of his scheduled property.]

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Raleigh 17th of December 1828

James L. Edwards Esquire

The name of Elias Moyers is not on the musterrolls in the Office of Secretary of State of North Carolina. It will be seen by his Declaration that he served in the South Carolina line. Perhaps his saying he served under Colonel William Polk, may have caused you to send his Declaration to this Office. I have understood and believed that Colonel Polk was an Officer of the South Carolina line during a part of the revolutionary war, it is therefore probable that Elias Moyers may be correct in his statement.

Very truly your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill

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<sup>1</sup> [Peter Meisienheimer S32408](#)