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Pension application of Moses Payne S11191

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State of So. Carolina

Camp 13th May 1781

Moses Paine of the North Carolina Militia having served his Power of Duty agreeably to law is hereby Discharged

S/ Guilford Dudley, L. Colo.  
N. C. Militia



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State of Alabama County of Blount }

On this 30th day of March in the year of our Lord 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Blount County now sitting Moses Payne a resident of Pine Valley in

the County of Blount in the State of Alabama aged Seventy-One 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 early in the month of May in the year 1779 the day not certainly recollected he enrolled himself as a volunteer in the Company of Captain John Ray of the North Carolina Militia from the County of Orange the place of his residence in a horse company and continued scouting against Colonel Fanning<sup>1</sup> of the Tory party on Deep River in the country around Hillsborough for 30 days and was verbally discharged early in June in said year.

He again enrolled himself as a volunteer in the early part of August in the year aforesaid (1779) the day not recollected; as a horseman under Captain Christmas [sic, Christmas]<sup>2</sup> of the North Carolina Militia from the County of Orange in said State for one month and continued scouting against the Enemy in said County & served this tour aforesaid and was discharged verbally in the month of September in said year.

He again enrolled himself as a volunteer of infantry under Captain John Ray as a minute man for the Term of 12 months early in the month of June in the year 1780 in the Regiment of Colonel Mayburn [sic, Robert Mebane] of the North Carolina Militia under General Butler [John Butler] of Orange County North Carolina and then immediately marched and encamped some short time at Hillsborough and then marched to Haw River towards the head of said River against Colonel Fanning of the Enemy then returned to Hillsboro and thence over Haw River a South direction towards Deep River and continued scouting against the Enemy until General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] took command of the southern Army and then joined him on his return from Virginia about 3 days march from Hillsboro then moved on with General Greene until the Battle at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] then his officers returned home then he was placed under Captain Obadiah Harris under Colonel Guilford Dudley of the North Carolina Militia this deponent was on Guard with the Baggage in the rear of the Main Army when General Greene fought the Enemy at Guilford -- when the action commenced the Baggage & guard fell back to some Iron Works [Troublesome Iron Works] 10 or 15 miles from the Battle ground & there encamped that night & General Greene came near us & remained a few days & then we pursued the Enemy as far as Deep River and halted not overtaking the British we remained there about 10 days and then marched with General Greene for Camden and this deponent was at Rugeley's Mills guarding beeves during the Battle at Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] -- & this Deponent was in none of said Battles but at Guilford was in cannon shot of the enemy at the commencement & then retreated with the baggage to said Iron Works. This deponent served from the time of his enrollment as a minute man until the 13th day of May 1781 when he was discharged in writing by Colonel Guilford Dudley in the words & figures following to wit  
"State of South Carolina

Camp 13th May 1787 [sic]

Moses Payne of the North Carolina Militia having served his Tour of duty agreeable to law is hereby discharged.

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<sup>1</sup> It is unlikely that David Fanning and his troop of Tories were active in NC in 1779. Fanning did not become active in this portion of NC until sometime in 1780 or 1781.

<sup>2</sup> J. D. Lewis lists two captains in the Orange County militia surnamed Christmas, to wit: Nathaniel Christmas and Richard Christmas, both of whom became captains in 1780 according to Lewis.

[http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_captains.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_captains.html)

S/ Guilford Dudley, L. Colo.  
N. C. Militia"

the original of which is herewith enclosed & to the Court now here shown.

And he again enrolled himself as a private Trooper under Captain Ray of North Carolina Militia in the month of August 1781 & continued scouting against the enemy one month on Deep River in Guilford & Orange Counties & was verbally discharged.

And he again enrolled himself as a private volunteer Trooper under Captain Christmas sometime in the month of September in said last mentioned year in the North Carolina Militia the day not recollected and served under him scouting for 2 months ranging about the New Gardens in an adjoining Guilford County and was again verbally discharged in November in said year the day not recollected, there was no Colonel or Major recollected by this deponent in said last mentioned Tours with Captain Ray & Captain Christmas. This Deponent was always a volunteer and a private soldier during his Revolutionary Services and his residence always in Orange County North Carolina whilst in service of United States. I recollect General Greene & Colonel Reid our principal Drill officer when mustering in the Field. I also recollect Colonel Lee [Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee] & Colonel Washington [William Washington] & there Legion all of the Regular Army -- I recollect Colonel Richards and Colonel Williams' Regiment of Militia. The 2 latter officers Richards & Williams disagreed about their marching & fought with swords. Richards' right hand was cut off by Williams & fell to the ground I did not see the fight but saw the wounded officer the same day this Circumstance happened in North Carolina & was notorious in camp I saw the wound before tied up & he was sent home this deponent has no documentary evidence of said services except said discharge and knows of no person living by whom he can prove said services.

This Deponent makes the following answers to the several Interrogatories propounded by the War department.<sup>3</sup> 1st I was born on the sea coast between the State of Maryland and the State of North Carolina as my Father was moving to North Carolina in the year 1764 as informed by my parents.

2. I have no record of my age

3. I lived in Orange County North Carolina when called into service. Since then I lived in South Carolina Pendleton District from thence to Jefferson County Alabama thence to Blount County Alabama where I now reside

4th I was always a volunteer and a private Soldier

5 I have stated the names of the regular officers I served with as I recollect also Militia regiments & the General Circumstances of my service

6. I received but one written discharge and that is herewith exhibited.

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<sup>3</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

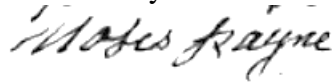
5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

7th I am known in my present neighborhood by Lewis White Esquire, Elijah Cowden, Robert H. Rogers, John H. Camp, Silas Byrum & William Blackburn who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. This Deponent served constantly from the time of his enrollment as a minute man until he received his written discharge it was given a few days before his time was out so as to allow him time to return home this deponent would have made his declaration sooner but from bodily infirmity was unable to do so he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S Moses Payne



Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

[Lewis White and William Blackburn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama County of Blount SS }

On this 12th day of October in the year while Lord 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Blount County, now sitting, Moses Payne a resident of Pine Valley in the County of Blount State of Alabama aged Seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following supplemental Declaration and further explanation of his original Declaration now on file in the pension office at Washington City in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He states that his said several enrollments as expressed in the aforesaid Original Declaration as follows to wit: his first enrollment in May 1779 -- 2nd enrollment in August 1779 his 3rd enrollment as a minute man in June 1780 in the infantry -- his 4th Enrollment in August 1781 and his 5th enrollment in September 1781 -- all of which being minutely described in said Original Declaration and the service therein performed were done as this Deponent was informed in obedience to a General Order for the respective Tours aforesaid issued by Major General John Butler of Orange County North Carolina. He was further informed -- these orders emanated from the Executive of North Carolina to the said Major General. He distinctly recollects that on one of said calls some of Captain Ray's Company disputed the authority for their services, and an order from General Butler was exhibited to Captain Ray's Company to remove any doubt -- He further states that all his Militia services in said declaration specified was in obedience to a General Order for that purpose from the proper authorities of North Carolina in an embodied Corps -- & in the field against the Enemy, that during said Services he was not engaged in any civil pursuit but doing Military duty under the before mentioned officers. He further states that at and for some time after the performing of said Tours of Duty -- he was informed by his officers that the United States would furnish money to pay off the Militia for said services -- and his written Discharge given him in South Carolina & now on file in the pension office he gave to a militia officer -- who informed him he could draw his pay from the United States, but in a short time returned it, & saying no appropriation had been made for that purpose. This Deponent in a short time thereafter removed to the State of South Carolina & never made any further application to get pay for his services & up to this time has never received any pay whatever for any portion of said Services. He further states that he performed many other tours of duty in a self defense neighborhood scouting but has no recollection of any General Order for that purpose but he is morally certain that the said tours of duty as specified in his Original Declaration was in

obedience to a call from the proper authorities of the state of North Carolina: and he further states that he distinctly recollects his Brother William Payne being drafted for eighteen months in North Carolina during the Revolutionary War and further this Deponent saith not.

S/ Moses Payne

[Moses Payne died November 22, 1848 survived by the following children: Isaac Payne, Nancy Richey, Cynthia McMahan, Jane Payne and Margaret Farley and 2 other children not named in the file.. John Richey, veteran's son-in-law, served as administrator of the veteran's estate

*John Richey* ]

Other evidence in the file indicates that the veteran was also survived by his widow, Mary, who died in Blount County Alabama on March 8, 1849 survived by the 5 children named above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]