

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Hezekiah Mosby S13959

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State of Virginia and County of Powhatan, to wit,

On this 18th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Thomas Miller, Sam'l. Drake, Robert T. Dabney & I B Davis The Court of Powhatan County aforesaid now sitting Hezekiah Mosby a resident of said County aged seventy two, 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 was born in the County of Powhatan 12th Jany 1760 formerly County [sic] That some time in the year 1781 as well as he now recollects the Malitia commanded by Capt Robert Hughes was called on & March from this County, formerly a part of the County of Cumberland, that he march with them thro the County of Prince Edward, and crossed the Roanoke at Boyd Ferry [sic: probably Taylor's Ferry on the Roanoke River and Boyd's Ferry on Dan River]. from thence to Hillsborough [NC] to Guilford Court House, where he remained a short time. that while at Guilford Court House he was attached to the Company of Capt. Ro. Hughes. that the Commandant of the company in which he was when at Guilford Court House was commanded by Gen. [Robert] Lawson, and Col St. George Tucker, that he was in the battle at Guilford Court in March [15th] 1781 in the Company commanded by Capt. Robert Hughes. that some few days after the battle he left Guilford Court House, and retreated to some Iron works the name not recollected [Troublesome Iron Works] about ten miles distant, & after a few days he marched under the command of the before mentioned officers from said Iron works to Ramseys Mills in North Carolina [in Chatham County], and from thence by the way of Hillsborough on his return home to the County of Powhatan, and was discharged after a service of three months. That some very short time after he returned home he was again called out in the Militia and marched from the said County of Powhatan under the command of Capt Wm Poore [William Poor] thro the County of Chesterfield, and Town of Petersburg and from thence to Cabbin Point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] where he remained about six weeks, and marched from thence to Smithfield and from Smithfield to Cabbin Point & backwards and forwards. thro eastern Virginia as commanded and was discharged at Cabbin Point by — Pendleton & — Booker, the grade of the officers not now recollected after having served three months. that he returned home to the County of Powhatan. that after remaining at home some short time he was a third time called into service under the command of Capt Hughes Woodson, and marched from the said County of Powhatan thro Petersburg and crossed James River at James Town, and from thence he marched to old Williamsburg from thence to York Town and was there stationed under the command of Col. H. Skipwith in the same company of Capt Hughes Woodson where he remained untill after the surrender of Lord Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] and was there retained in service, under the command of Capt. Hughes Woodson to guard some prisoners, and marched with them out to old Williamsburg and was there discharged after having served in all Nine months. that at this late period he cannot undertake to state all the different officers, by whom he was commanded, nor can he recollect all the Counties thro which he marched - his mind like many old men at his advanced age being imperfect — he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension list of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid Hezekiah hisXmark Mosby

NOTE: On 27 Apr 1838 Hezekiah Mosby applied from Erie County NY to have his pension transferred to that state, where he had moved for the following reason: "He was the owner of ten Slaves, and wished to free them, and see them provided for; and the difficulties in the way of this purpose in the State of Virginia, and uncertainties attending a provision therefor, by will, induced him to bring the said ten slaves with him to the State of New York, as the surest and best method of liberating and providing for them."