

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Moseley (Mosley) S15357

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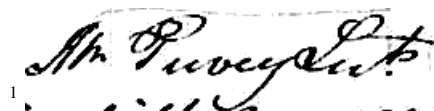
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State of Kentucky Montgomery County: SS

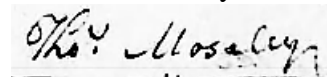
On this __ day of __ 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Silas W Robbins the sole and presiding Judge of the Montgomery Circuit Court now sitting Thomas Moseley a resident of Montgomery County & State of Kentucky aged 75 years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. First he says he was born on the 7th January 1759 in the State of Virginia & County of ~~Cumberland~~ Powhatan and from this County he says he performed one tour of three & two [sic] weeks as a volunteer under Captain Crump [probably Richard Crump] Abr. Puvey [?]¹ Lieutenant [line of text has been compromised and rendered indecipherable] the ravages of the British we had no particular Colonel. – He says he entered on this tour about the 15th of September 1780 the particular day not recollected. – He states they marched on immediately to a little Town called Suffolk in Nansmond County. And at this place we were stationed until our times were nearly out, and from thence marched to Petersburg on our return home at this place we were regularly discharged after serving a tour of not less than three months & two weeks. He says he thinks he received no written discharge – The next tour was from same County in January 1781. He thinks the 15th to oppose Arnold [Benedict Arnold] when he invaded Virginia. The object of the expedition was to prevent the British troops and Arnold from ravaging the country. He says his Captain's name was Porter [perhaps Isaac Porter], Lieutenant G. Smith [perhaps George Smith] & Ensign Smith [perhaps Robert Smith] & Colonel Harris [perhaps John Harris]. He states that he immediately marched to Westham and there continued until his time was out which was one month, and at the end of the month he says he was discharged. On this tour he says he served as a drafted soldier – and says he received no written discharge. The next Tour was from same County & State in the year 1781 as a drafted Soldier on a tour of five months having entered in March about the 20th. On this tour he says he served under Captain Porter a part of the time and part under Lieutenant & Ensign Smith Porter having been detached to go to Petersburg. He says he was stationed at Manchester Chesterfield County to prevent Lord Cornwallis or Phillips [William Phillips] his Army from destroying the inhabitants & lay waste the County round about as he was about this time marching through the County doing damage to property & [interlineation damaged and illegible]. Here he remained for some time.


A. Puvey Lt.

– Then we were directed to move the Country stores from Westham on James River to the Painty fort [?]² and Harises [Harris'?] landing. And after effecting this we were directed to collect the canoes and boats together at Judes ferry on James River and at this place he says he was stationed until Wallis [Cornwallis] marched on down to York we then were directed to convey the boats & canoes down to Randal's ferry on James River and at this place we conveyed the American troops over the River and after effecting this object we brought back the boats & canoes & distributed them among the owners at Judes ferry as above named. Having done so and our time being out he was regularly discharged by his Captain having served five months at least. These are all the tours he can speak of with certainty although there were other small tours the particulars of which he does not recollect and therefore claims nothing for them. – But says he has a distinct recollection of the tour of three months & two weeks – the one of one month & the one of five months making in all a tour of nine months & two weeks which he says he performed on active service and for which he claims a pension. He says he has no documentary evidence in his possession having lost all his discharges if he ever had any – which he thinks he never had. He has stated where he was living when he was called into service – He has also staid [sic, stated] the year he was born – he says he has a record of his age at home – He has also stated the manner of his being called into service – He has named all the officers under whom he served he however remembers General Goode Harris [?]³ General Washington Officers who served where he did together with more if it were necessary. He thinks he never did receive a discharge in writing. He says he served all the several tours as a private soldier. He says he knows of Henry Daniel and [paper damaged and name illegible] a clergyman both of whom reside in his neighborhood and can state as to his credibility and also as to his reputation in his neighborhood as having been a soldier of the revolution. He says he moved to the state of Kentucky some forty years since from the state of Virginia and now resides in Montgomery County in said state. He hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Moseley



[Henry S Duke, a clergyman, and Henry Daniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: Letter dated April 2nd, 1852 in which Daniel P Moseley refers to Thomas Moseley as his father. This letter was sent from Greenup County Kentucky and contains reference to the death of the veteran in 1835.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$31.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 14 days in the Virginia service.]

¹  Pointy fort?

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