

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Moss S16488

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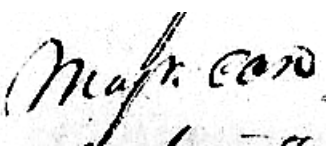
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State of Kentucky Montgomery County: SS

On this 2nd day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Montgomery now sitting, John Moss a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged seventy 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the U S under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he went into the U S Service in the year 1781. In the State of Virginia Landen [Loudoun] County as a drafted Soldier as he thinks under Captain Humphreys [perhaps Thomas Humphreys] & Colonel Churchwell [probably a mistaken attempt to refer to Colonel Armistead Churchill] in the month of February as he thinks and so soon as he went in the Army he marched to Fauquier and at this place he was put under Major Con [?, Conn or Cox?, Might be a reference to Samuel Cox of the Loudoun County militia]¹ his given name not recollected and thence we marched to the neighborhood of Norfolk and from thence to Williamsburg & there he stayed under General Weedon [George Weedon], here he continued until the Army under Weedon was driven out of Williamsburg by the British some few days before the British sent us word that on a particular day they would come (He thinks on Easter day) and fight chicken cocks [?]² with us and true to their promise they accordingly came and only failed in one thing that they had promised and that the chicken fighting: They succeeded in driving us out of Town. We then retreated to Richmond. And was there stationed when the British burned [April 30, 1781] some houses in Manchester on the opposite side of the River, the artillery at Richmond fired upon them but without much effect the British however left there in a short time and descended James River in flat boats. At Richmond he was discharged and returned home to Loudoun having remained in the service for three months and discharged for that time. And in some very short time after he returned home he volunteered for another Tour of three months in same duty under Captain Hancock [Simon Hancock] he recollects Hancock was a very small man he was immediately marched by Hancock to a portion of the main Army near Little York. Here he continued with that portion of the Army. He is of opinion General Weedon commanded that portion but is not certain. Weedon commanded the Militia & Wayne [Anthony Wayne] the



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² gamecock fighting?

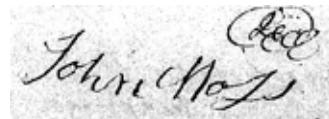
Regulars, he well remembers the chief commanding General Washington. Hancock's company and several were sent over to Gloucester and there we remained until the capture of the British Army at York under Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. We then were marched as a guard to escort the prisoners taken at York upon the surrender of the British Army at that place. We marched on until we arrived at Potomac River at some point in Loudoun County and there the prisoners were carried over the River to Fredericktown in the State of Maryland and taken from thence by the Maryland Troops. And the company to which he belonged commanded by Hancock were discharged he thinks sometime in November 1781 for the term of three months having been in service that length of time. He remembers De Marquis Lafayette, Washington, Wayne, Weedon and some others. He states he has no documentary evidence, was born in Prince William County Virginia in the year 1762 in August, he says he can prove his services were a part of them by John Orear and Wm Orear & Moses Moss. If he can obtain their evidence which he thinks uncertain he has no record of his age having lost or mislaid it. He states that he moved from Prince William to Fauquier from thence to Loudoun and from thence he moved back to Fauquier again and continued there about four or five years and then moved back to Loudoun on a lease he had obtained and at the end of two years moved back to Fauquier and from thence to Kentucky sometime in 1794 to Madison County, thence to Clark and to Montgomery and here resides now.

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.

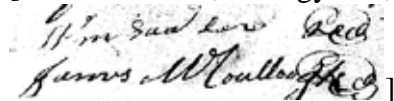
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. Harrison, Clerk

S/ John Moss

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Moss". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[William Sadler, a clergyman, and James McCoullough gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The first signature is "Wm Sadler" and the second is "James McCoullough". Both are written in dark ink.

State of Kentucky Montgomery County Sct.

John Orear³ this day came personally before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath that John Moss who has filed his declaration for a pension and who resides in said County, was in the Virginia Militia during the Revolution war, for one tower [tour] of 3 months, this affiant was in the service at the same time and that he has been acquainted with said John Moss ever since the Revolution and knows he is the same man who served.

Given under my hand this 10th of October 1832

S/ John Berry, JP

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 27, 1837, place not shown; this file contains no family data other than he was survived by a widow, not named.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

³ [John O'Rear S31285](#)