

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of David Moore S16980

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State of Missouri } SS

County of Cole }

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the County Court of Cole County now sitting, David Moore a resident of Monetan Township in the County of Cole and state of Missouri, aged sixty nine 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: That he lived in Lunenburg County Virginia when he entered the service in 1780 sic: see note below] in the fall, but does not recollect the month and day went as a substitute for his father Robert Moore in a Drafted Company commanded by Captain William Hays, Lieutenant Hays and Ensign Gill: When he left Lunenburg County he marched to old James Town in Virginia, where other troops were assembled: that soon after he left James Town he discovered that Colonel Dowlman was in Command and Duval was Major: that from James Town he marched down James River to Portsmouth where Lord Dunmore was garrisoned: that he remained some weeks before that place, that during the time a skirmish took place between the scouting parties of the American and British, on the same day Col afterwards Genl Morgan with his riflemen made an attack of the Fort [sic] and the night following Dunmore abandoned it with all his forces [8 Jun 1775]: that it was understood from a Deserter that Morgan during this assault had killed eighteen or twenty of the enemy: that afterwards he left Portsmouth & marched through the Dismal Swamp under Col's. Morgan & Dowlman to Elizabeth Town a small Town that had been destroyed by the British; has no recollection of what took place afterwards until he returned through the Dismal Swamp again and was verbally discharged: that this Tour continued for six months and recollects of getting home when the wheat was in Blossom & about the time that Genl Greene & Cornwallis fought at Guildford in N. Carolina [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]: that a week or two after his return he went out again as a substitute for John Matthews who lived in Brunswick Cty Virginia in Captain House's Company, does not recollect the names of the other Company officers, took the place of Matthews at Loo Jones Bridge on Nottoway River, that from that place he marched up James River to Pointy Fork [sic: Point of Fork at present Columbia]: when his Company reached Pointy Fork he found the American & British Armies engaged [5-6 Jun 1781], does not recollect who commanded the Americans unless it was General Steuben, knows that he saw him the next day & retreated under him for a day & a day and two nights southwardly: that a few days after he went back following after Lord Cornwallis on his road to York Town: that after he crossed James River he joined Lafayette's Army and marched down to Chickahominy Creek in Virginia where his time of service being three months expired, that his Captain waited on the Gen'l. for permission to return home and it was refused, and the night following the orderly Sergeant went off with the Muster Roll together with some other men and the next day when the other companies were mustered there was no Sergeant to call Captain Hous Company and the Captain finally consented that the men of his Company should go home: That this Tour was for three months: that he does not know more Continental troops and officers than he has mentioned above. He was born in Amelia County Virginia on the 20<sup>th</sup> Nov'r. 1763: he has no record of his age: Lived in Lunenburg County Virginia when he entered the service: that after the close of the war he went into Surry County North Carolina where he lived many years. from N. Carolina he removed to Kentucky. from Kentucky he came to Cole County Missouri where he has been living for thirteen years, always served as a substitute, that he never received a written discharge: has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that

his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State

John B. Longan and Snelling Johnson, Judge Thomas Plemmons, Josiah Vivion, and Bell Lemmons are known to him in his present neighbourhood and can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] David Moore

NOTE: Moore was evidently mistaken in saying that his first tour began in 1780, since Lord Dunmore was driven out of Virginia early in 1776. At that time Col. Daniel Morgan was on a campaign in Québec.