

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of George Moore S17593

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State of Missouri } SS

County of Boone }

On this 6 day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Boone Circuit Court now sitting George Moore a resident of Boone County and State of Missouri aged seventy two years and 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<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the united States under thee following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1780 in Charlotte County Virginia under the command of Capt Richard Gaines as a drafted Militia Soldier for the time of three months that he marched through Lunenburg, Amelia, & Dinwiddie Counties to Petersburg on the Appomatox [sic: Appomattox] River, then down the Appomatox River on the south side, through Princegeorge [sic: Prince George], Surry & Nancymond [sic: Nansemond] Counties to Genl Mullenburghs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] headquarters near the dismal Swamp, within six or eight miles of Portsmouth. We arrived at this place on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1781. The traitor [Gen. Benedict] Arnold with about 1600 british soldiers was in Portsmouth & fortifying himself for his winter quarters when we arrived in the neighborhood. I there volunteered and joined a company of infantry commanded by Capt Jesse Sanders, Lieut David Caldwell & Ensign Carter. I do not recollect the other company officers names. The Regiment was commanded by Col [Alexander] Dick and Maj'r Thomas Long. the Brigade was commanded by Gen'l Mullenburgh and Barron Steuben [Gen. Baron von Steuben] & Col Boyer [sic: William Bowyer]. There was two companies of infantry and they were stationed two miles in front of the main army & between it and the army under the traitor Arnold stationed in Portsmouth. We were often on the British lines & had frequent skirmishes with their piquet guards, we killed some of them & took some prisoners. Capt. Armong [probably Armand] a Frenchman who commanded a company of light horsemen, at one time went in front of us & on discovering the enemies guard ordered a charge and brought them all off as prisoners without firing a gun on either side. The enemy at one time came from their fortifications and fired at us; but on our advancing towards them they retired within their fortification. We rec'd no damage only one man was shot through the thigh. We then marched to blackwater a small distance South of Portsmouth to a fort garrisoned with British; on discovering us they fired on us with their cannon, but for want of artillery we made no attack upon them. As soon as it was dark the enemy sent a boat down the river blackwater to get a reinforcement and our guard hailed them on the River & fired on them and they came to shore & surrendered, there was Eighty men, one officer & a quantity of clothing on board the boat. We found & took a number of horses running around the fort. General Arnold evacuated Portsmouth in the latter end of March 1781 On the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 we were discharged and on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the same month I arrived at home in Charlotte County. I received a writen discharge for a three months tour of duty, being from home three months & 26 days but have lost the discharge — On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1781 I was again called into service & put under the command of Capt. Andrew Wallace who was ordered to march from Charlotte Courthouse to Richmond, we marched through the Counties of Cumberland, Chesterfield and Powhatan to James River and down the river to old James Town where we crossed the river and proceeded to Williamsburg where Gen'l Washington had fixed his head quarters, we arrived here on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1781 and in five day we took up the line of march to York town, where Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] had fortified himself. When we got within about two miles of York Town we laid out our camp and all hands were employed in diging entrenchments, collecting materials for batteries &c. Myself & three others from my Company were sent to work in the artillery park with the continental soldiers and were employed in cleaning and trying bombshells cleaning & repairing gun carriages - preparing amunition & opening roads to carry the cannon to the batteries — when the batteries were finished I continued with the regulars in the battle doing the duty of an artillery soldier during

the siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct]. I was stationed in the battery on the right before the Town near the river bank. We commenced firing on the enemys work on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1781 & after a few days we moved our guns to another part of the enemies works & kept up our firing upon them. We then took possession of one of the enemies bomb batteries & commenced our firing at them & continued till the 19<sup>th</sup> [sic: 17<sup>th</sup>] day of Oct in the evening when the British sent out to us a flag and the firing then ceased on all sides. I was confined to my station with the artillery during the whole siege & had but little opportunity of knowing any of the officers within Militia or Continental. When our roads were finished Gen'l Washington & some other officers came to view them . Gen's LaFayette, [Anthony] Wayne, & [Benjamin] Lincoln I saw frequently with the men in the entrenchments. Gen'l [Henry] Knox was commander of the artillery & was frequently passing about the batteries, viewing the enemy with his Spy-glass. He was standing in one of the batteries one day and a cannon ball struck the top of a post by which he was standing and a splinter flew & struck his ear which bled very freely. I remained with the regulars assisting them in drawing the cannon from the batteries & collecting amunition & materials for removal untill after our army with the prisoners had marched off. Sergeant Elijah Clark [pension application S10448], Samuel Marshall, John Paulett & myself received orders to proceed to Williamsburg to take charge of some Carolina Tories & convey them to Richmond Jail sixty miles above that place, with orders to the company to draw provisions to last us home one hundred miles. I obtained a writen discharge from my Capt which I have also lost. I rec'd 3 months pay and arrived at home November 12<sup>th</sup> 1781, being absent from home in the two tours, six months & 23 days. I resided in Virginia untill the Spring of 1796 - then removed to Kentucky to Greene County & remained there till 1816 I then removed to Howard County Missouri and am now living in Boone County Missouri. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state. I know of no surviving witness by whom I can prove any of the services above detailed

Given under my hand this day & year above written.

[signed] George Moore

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1 Where & in what year were you born?

I was born in the County of Charlotte State of Virginia in the year 1760 in June

2 Have you any record of your age & if so where is it:

I have no record of my age in this Country; I left the record in my fathers family Bible in Virginia

3 Where were you living when called into service Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & Where do you now live?

I lived in Charlotte County Virginia when I was called into service & untill the Spring of 1796. I then moved to Green County Kentucky and lived there untill 1816 I then moved to Howard County Missouri & am now living in Boone County Missouri

4 How were you called into service; Were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute?

I was called into service for three months as a drafted Militia soldier; I served for one month & I then volunteered and joined a company of infantry. I was no substitute.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; Such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service?

I entered the service under Capt Richard Gaines I then volunteered & joined a company commanded by Capt Jesse Sanders. The Regiment was commanded by Col Dick & Maj'r Thos Long. The Brigade was commanded by Gen'l Mullenburgh Barron Steuben & Col Boyer. On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August 1781 I was again called into service under Capt Andrew Wallace we marched to old James Town on James River where we joined Gen'l Washingtons army. We then marched with Washingtons army to York Town I saw the following officers there: Gen'l Washington, Gen'l La Fayette, Gen'l Wayne & Gen'l Lincoln. Gen'l Knox commanded the Artillery. I shall refer the court to the circumstances & facts I have stated in my petition for answer to the fifth interrogatory

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

I received a writen discharge from Capt Jesse Sanders for a three months Tour of duty, but I

served three months & twenty six days.

I also received a written discharge for my second tour of duty for three months from my Capt Andrew Wallace - both of which written discharges I have lost

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

I will state Charles M Hall London, Jesse Turner - George Sexton, Isham Burks William Strul & Sam'l. Strul.

[signed] George Moore