

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Moyer S18107

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State of Virginia County of Rockingham: SS

On this first day of November 1833 personally appeared before David Henton a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia Michael Moyer aged 88 years and upwards a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He was born in the County of Northampton State of Pennsylvania on the 27th day of September 1745 and has his age recorded in his father's Bible now in his possession. His father removed to Virginia when he was about 6 or 7 years old and settled in the neighborhood of Millerstown, Frederick County, as it was then called, but now Woodstock, Shenandoah County. This applicant continued to reside in that neighborhood until about 50 odd years ago although he cannot be positive as to the year, when he removed to the neighborhood where he now lives in Rockingham County, where he has lived ever since.

He was drafted as a militia man in Rockingham and served 4 months as a private under Captain Jacob Lincoln, in what was called McIntoshes Campaign [Lachlan McIntosh's Campaign]. He recollects that Benjamin Clay was the Sergeant, but does not recollect any other officers. This campaign was served against the Indians and they had no regular engagement, but lost a view of their men. He recollects that it was in August when they marched, and they returned shortly before Christmas, but he is unable to say what year.

After the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], as he thinks, he was drafted as a militia man in Rockingham, under Captain Henry Baker, and was on his march to the seat of War in the lower part of Virginia, when he was transferred to the Company of Captain Baxter of the Rockingham militia, and marched to Winchester to guard some British prisoners and served three months as a private at Winchester Barracks – but he is unable to state in what year his service was rendered.

He never got any written discharge, and has no documentary evidence of his services. His memory has failed so much from his advanced age, and very great bodily infirmity, that he is unable to detail the circumstances of his services more particularly. For proof of his service in the McIntosh campaign he relies on the testimony of Henry Whetzell, here with submitted. He knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service at the Winchester barracks – but his services in the revolution is a matter of notoriety in the neighborhood. For his character for veracity, and the belief of his neighborhood in his services, he refers to Frederick Dove, Henry Souders, William Parks and the neighbors generally.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Michael Moyer, X his mark

[Frederick Dove and Philip Souders gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia Henry Whetzell¹ aged seventy-six years, who being first duly sworn, depose and saith, that he served a tour of militia service with Michael Moore your in what was called the McIntosh Campaign under Captain Lincoln and Colonel Harrison and he knows that the said Michael served three months in that campaign. He further states, that he has always understood that the said Michael Moyer served a three months tour of militia service afterwards, although he did not know it of his own knowledge. – The undersigned further certifies that the said Henry Whetzell is a credible person and that his statement upon oath are entitled to credit. Given under my hand this 29th day of January 1834

S/ Christian Horn

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ Sic, [Henry Whetsell S7873](#)