

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Moorhead (Morehead) S18127

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State of South Carolina Union District: to wit;

On this the thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared in open court of Ordinary for the district and state aforesaid before John J. Pratt the judge of said court now sitting William Moorhead a resident of the district and state aforesaid aged seventy-four 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 in the winter of 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Robert Montgomery attached to Colonel James Steen's Regiment which belonged to the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]: That he joined the company at the ten mile spring near Charleston South Carolina for a tour of three months which he served out as a private. That he remained at the ten mile spring the whole period of three months and was discharged as Deponent thinks in March 1780; at the time he entered the service he was a citizen of that part of South Carolina now called Union District in five miles of where he now lives Deponent is satisfied that from the time he left home until he returned it was more than three months but he entered the service for a three months tour of duty.

That he again entered the service as a private in the summer of 1782 at Bacon's bridge on Edisto River South Carolina; he was then under the command of Captain or Lieutenant Nicholas Jasper who acted as a Captain & was attached to the Battalion commanded by Major Benjamin Jolly -- That he remained at Bacon's Bridge for three months during which time he was engaged in no action, but during the time he was stationed at Bacons Bridge he went under the command of Major Jolly to Ashley ferry & took five boats belonging to the British & carried them on wagons about five miles from the River -- That he was discharged at the expiration of three months from the time he entered the service which was not very long before the British evacuated Charleston --

That he entered the service of the United States in February 1783 in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians, at the time he entered the service he was a citizen of the district & state aforesaid that the company to which he belonged rendezvoused at a place known by the name of the Block house in Union District and this deponent was under the command of Captain Montgomery attached to Major Benjamin Jolly 's Battalion; under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], That they marched from Union District across the Blue Ridge at

Hiwassee or Toogegoy [?]<sup>1</sup> & went from the place of starting several hundred miles; during which they burnt several towns, but had no general engagement with the Indians, but some skirmishing -- That he was discharged on his return with the troops in April 1783 & was in service for two months --

That he has no documentary evidence of his services but refers to the certificates of Nicholas Corry<sup>2</sup> & Davis Goudelock<sup>3</sup> to prove the services as stated.

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.

The applicant in answer to the interrogatories propounded by the court states in answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory: That he was born in Ireland on the 9th of July 1762 --

Answer to 2nd: I have a record of my age at home made by my father's account to me; but no original entry

Answer to 3rd: I was living in Union District South Carolina when called into service & have lived there ever since.

Answer to 4th: he was drafted & served as a private each tour of duty --

Answer to 5th: I have already answered this.

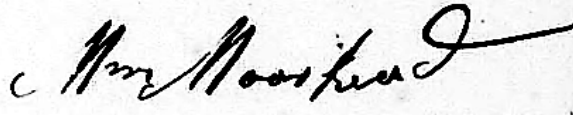
Answer to 6th: I never received a written discharge.

Answer to 7th: I refer to the Reverend Willis Walker, Nicholas Corry and Davis Goudelock.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ JJ Pratt, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Union District SC

S/ Wm Moorhead



[Willis Walker, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

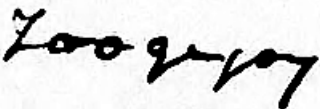
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South Carolina Union District: Personally appeared Nicholas Corry before me & being duly sworn states on oath that he believes he served one tour of duty of three months with William Moorhead who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration. That they were stationed at the ten mile house near Charleston the winter preceding the fall of Charleston, under the command of General Lincoln -- Colonel James Steen commanding the division in which he served; That he believes him to be seventy-four years of age. That he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution & that he concurs in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10th day of June 1837

S/ Saml. A. Goodman, QU

S/ Nicholas Corry



<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> [Nicholas Corry \(Currie\) S21126](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Davis Goudelock S21236](#)

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South Carolina Union District: Davis Goudelock states on oath that he lived in the neighborhood of William Moorhead during the Revolutionary war & has continued to do so ever since; That he has heard the foregoing declaration read to him as made by William Moorhead & he is satisfied that it is true; he was not himself either at Bacon's Bridge or one of the party in the expedition against the Indians -- but he believes that William Moorhead left the neighborhood at each time as stated for the purpose set forth in the declaration; & has no doubt of its correctness.

S/ Davis Goudelock

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Davis Goudelock". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The first name "Davis" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Goudelock".

Sworn to before me this 7th day of June 1837

S/ Saml. A. Goodman, QU

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the South Carolina militia.]