

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Moore S18133

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State of South Carolina, York District

On this Eleventh day of November 1833 – personally appeared in open Court before Benjamin Chambers Judge of the Court of Ordinary for your District John Moore a resident of York District State of South Carolina aged Seventy-eight years eleven months and twenty-three days – 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 and served as herein stated, that he was born in Brunswick County, State of Virginia, November the 19th 1754-- that he moved from Virginia to Orange County State of North Carolina, he was then about 18 years of age – that he removed from Orange County North Carolina to Rowan County North Carolina, where he resided about four years, from there to Rutherford County North Carolina resided there about 20 years – from there to York District, South Carolina, that he was living in Orange County North Carolina, when he entered into the service – that he was drafted for three months, served in the company of Captain Dillard [William Dillard] first that he was under several captains whose names he cannot recollect, except Captain Bletcher [? could be Pletcher],¹ in whose Company he was at the time of Gates Defeat near Camden [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] – he recollects the name of Major Nolls & General Ransey [sic, Ramsey?], General Gates [Horatio Gates], as some of the regular officers under whom he served – he entered the service the last of May or the first of June 1780, marched through Chatham County and Randolph County North Carolina, and Montgomery County North Carolina then into the State of South Carolina, he passed through several Districts in this State, the names of which he does not recollect, and came to Rugeley's Mills about 12 miles from Camden S. C., that on the night before the Battle of Gates Defeat, he moved from there and met the British – that the American forces were drawn up in Battle order and continued so until morning when an engagement took place between the Americans & British forces – he was in the engagement – that after the Battle was over, his company dispersed and he returned to Orange County North Carolina, and was informed by General Butler [John Butler], that he could serve out his time with any Company – that he went to Cheraw South Carolina – and served out the remainder of his time with Captain Jones of the Cavalry, that he entered Jones's Company some time in August, and had but two or three weeks to complete his three months – he then volunteered under Captain Jones for three months which time he did serve – the Company principally scoured the County about Cheraw – that he has no documentary evidence of his service except the affidavits of William



¹ Pletcher,

McSwain² and Priscilla Washburn, which accompany this declaration – that he has served in all six months, during which time he was not engaged in any civil pursuit, and he served with embodied Corps, called into service by competent authority – he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 in Open Court.
S/ Benj. Chambers, Q. U.

S/ John Moore



[Philip Ramsour, a clergyman and Joseph McCosh gave the standard supporting affidavit

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State of South Carolina, York District

A personal examination of John Moore, made in open Court before Benjamin Chambers Esq. Judge of the Court of Ordinary for York District November 11, 1833

Answer to Interrogatory 1st He was born in Virginia Brunswick County November 19, 1754

Answer to Int. 2nd He has a record of his age which is in a Bible at belonged to his Father, but now belongs to him that he loaned it to William Bridger a few weeks ago, who now has it.

Answer to Int. 3rd He was living in Orange County North Carolina when called into service – he has lived since the Revolutionary War, in Orange, Rowan, and Rutherford Counties North Carolina and York District South Carolina, where he now resides.

Answer to Int. 4th He was first drafted, for three months served out this time, then volunteered for three months and also served that time – in both he served as a private.

Answer to Int. 5th General Gates, General DeKalb, Regular Officers, General Ramsey, General Butler, and Major Nolls, Militia Officers – the general circumstances of his service, he has related above in his declaration.

Answer to Int. 6th He has received discharges from the service the first was given by General Butler & is lost, the second was given by Captain Jones and is also lost.

Answer to Int. 7th He names the Reverend Philip Ramsour and Joseph McCosh, Esq.--as persons who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services of a Soldier of the Revolution.
S/ Benj. Chambers, Q. U.

S/ John Moore

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

The deposition of Pristry Washburn taken at her dwelling house in the County of Rutherford North Carolina on this seventh march 1833 as regards John Moore's services in the revolutionary war – She Deposeth and saith as follows I lived in 2 miles of John Moore in Orange County North Carolina at the time he started in the services of the United States and from credible information he was at the battle of Gates defeat.

Sworn to before me the seventh of March 1833.

S/ W. G. Irvine, JP

S/ Pristry Washburn, X her mark

[in the acknowledgment the deponent is referred to as Priscilla Washburn]

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

The deposition of William McSwain taken at the House of William G. Irvine in the County of Rutherford North Carolina the 7th of March 1833 as regards John Moore's services in the revolutionary War.

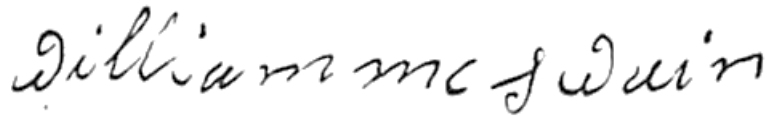
He deposeth and saith as follows

I was in the settlement when he went away and, he started to go to the battle of Gates defeat and it was the general belief in the Settlement that he was in the same battle and I was still in the neighborhood at his return I believe he was in said Battle, and further say that the said John Moore went as a volunteer in a company of light horse in said War and I think the Captain's name was Jones.

Sworn to before made the seventh of March 1833.

S/ S/ W. G. Irvine, JP

S/ William McSwain

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William McSwain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ William McSwain".

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