

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Moss S18515

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State of Virginia County of Prince Edward SS

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1833 James Moss personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the said County Court in the state of Virginia, now sitting, being a resident in the said County and state, aged seventy-three 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served as a private soldier under the following named officers and served as herein after stated. –

In 1778 according to the best of his recollection & belief, he was then a resident of the County of Cumberland and there was stationed at Cumberland old Court House about 200 British prisoners, and he was drafted or ordered into service as a guard over said prisoners, by Colonel Littleberry Mosby and served he believes two months, when he was discharged from said service, he expects and believes by said Colonel Mosby, he does not now recollect any officers either regulars or Militia, who were stationed there, but thinks William Morgan served as Sergeant over the guard. He has no written discharge, but was verbally discharged.

In the latter part of the year 1780 he was drafted from the County of Cumberland (day & month not recollected) and marched under Captain Robert Hughes of the militia to Cabin Point in Virginia, and served in Colonel Randolph's Regiment and was stationed at Cabin Point until the expiration of his term of service when he was verbally discharged by his officer and returned home having served a tour of three months.

In the year 1781 he was drafted from the County of Cumberland (month not recollected but it was in the beginning of the year) and marched South under Captain Richard Crump of the militia, in Colonel Goode's Regiment and joined the Corps under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] and was with the Army and in the battle of Guilford in North Carolina in March 1781 [March 15, 1781]. After the battle our Army pursued the British troops to Rocky River in said state, where he was discharged by his officers and returned home, having served a tour of not less than three months; this discharge was also verbal and not written.

In the same year 1781 very shortly after he reached home he was again drafted from the County of Cumberland, and marched under Captain Edward Mumford & joined Colonel Goode's Regiment, then stationed at Warbottom [Ware Bottom] Church near Petersburg: the British troops were then in and about Petersburg, that he remained in this service during this term, three months, when his term having expired he was verbally discharged by his officers and returned home.

In the same year 1781 immediately on his return home, to the County of Cumberland, he was drafted or ordered out and marched he believes under Captain Robert Hughes of the militia by Richmond and Williamsburg and on to York Town; and joined the main body of the Army,

was in the siege at York town, and at the Surrender of the British troops at that place [October 19, 1781], and after the surrender he marched off guarding some troops to the neighborhood of Winchester in Virginia, where he was regularly discharged verbally by his officers having served a tour of not less than three months, he then returned to his residence in the said County of Cumberland in the winter, he recollects a fall of snow, on his march home and in the County of Goochland.

He was born in the County of Cumberland in Virginia the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1760.

He has no record of his age except a written memorandum on a piece of paper in his possession.

He lived in the County of Cumberland when called into service, he afterwards lived in the County of Buckingham but for more than thirty years past he has lived and now lives in the County of Prince Edward.

He was at each respective tour of duty, drafted from the Virginia militia.

He is not able to distinguish between the Regular & other officers, he names however Colonels Randolph & Goode, Generals Greene, Lafayette, Steuben, and he does not know the number of the Regiment, the general Circumstances of his service, are herein before stated.

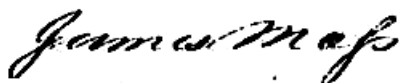
He never did receive a written discharge from the service. They were all verbal and by the officers under whose command he was, and who he supposed had the right to discharge him.

He is known in his present neighborhood by the Reverend John Baldwin, Charles Firo [?], Edward Booker, Doctor Merit B Allen, the Reverend Charles Venable & the Reverend William Johnson, each of whom he supposes can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He knows of no person who can prove positively the various tours of duty he performed, so as to state the dates and length of time, he has procured the affidavit of John Toney and John Thompson which are here with sent to substantiate his own statement.

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

S/ James Moss

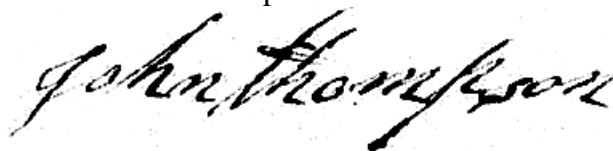


[Charles Venable, a clergyman, and Charles Woodson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Certificate of John Thompson

I do hereby certify that James Moss was ordered out on 6 months tower [tour] in the militia in the year 1781 and I believe he served the tower out – he was with us in the battle of Guilford under Captain Robert Hughes and Colonel Randolph's Regiment and shortly after his return home in the County of Powhatan he was called out in Captain Richard Crump's company in Colonel Goode's Regiment and he continued in service till near the time the siege of York commenced he was then attached to Captain Edward Mumford's company and went to the siege of York and continued there till the enemy surrendered and then marched off with the prisoners.

S/ John Thompson



[Attested March 15, 1833 in Campbell County Virginia.]

This is to certify that I well remember that James Moss formerly of Powhatan County Virginia now of Prince Edward, was with me in the revolutionary war and according to my present recollection he was at the Battle of Guilford. Given under my hand this first day of August 1833.  
S/ John Toney,<sup>1</sup> X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>1</sup> [John Toney S17153](#)