

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Moore S21384

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[State of Tennessee, Madison County]

On this fourth day of February 1835 personally appeared before John B. Cross, William C. Dew and John G. Chalmers Esquires Justices presiding and holding the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Madison in the State of Tennessee in open court John Moore, a resident of said County in the Seventy Second year of his age, who first being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he was born in Lenoir County North Carolina on the 26th of July 1763, his age was registered in a family Bible of his father, and which is now in his possession. That in the month of February or March 1781¹ he volunteered as a militia man in the Service of the United States for a three months tour, under Captain Mathias Harvey and rendezvoused at Kingston [sic, Kinston] and marched under General William Caswell to the relief of Charleston, then expected to be besieged, we marched to Fayetteville and provided ourselves with tents, cartridge boxes and ammunition thence, crossing the Pedee [River], to Camden, thence crossing the Congaree [River], and stopped at Santee River, which we reached about the middle of May, and while at the latter place were informed of the surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]. Thence marched back to Camden, and thence to Fayetteville, where we remained and were discharged after a service of four months and 26 days. General Caswell, refused to discharge this affiant and others, until new levies should arrive, and consequently we were detained one month and 26 days over our time. Shortly afterwards and during the same year, he volunteered under Captain Azariah Moore, and served 26 days when Major Craig [James Craig] who commanded a body of British troops passed into North Carolina. The British being on the North side and affiant on the South side of Trent River the said Craig and his troops were expected to cross the Trent River, but did not do so, and continued his march down the River, and consequently we did not meet with him. Afterwards he volunteered again under Captain Martin Caswell, and served two months and 20 days, and in this service, was employed at Kinston in guarding the public magazine and stores. At the expiration of these several tours of duty, making in the whole about eight months and 12 days, he received regular discharges, but being an unlettered man, and not knowing they would at any time be of any service to him, he did not preserve them, that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of, and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services. This declarant lived in the said County of Lenoir at the time of his service until the year 1832 and moved to this County where he has since resided and now resides. This declarant was not engaged in service of any of the Continental officers, nor did he served with them to his knowledge.

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. He refers to Thomas Philips and James Moore, residents of this County who have known him for many years and can testify as to the character

1 Sic, 1780. The events described by applicant occurred in 1780, not 1781.

of this declarant for veracity and their belief as to his services as a revolutionary soldier.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year first mentioned.

S/ John Moore

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

[Thomas Philips and James Moore gave the standard supporting affidavit. James Moore states that he is no relation to the applicant]

[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.]