

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Abraham Moore S2856

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State of Kentucky } On this 10 day of June in the year of Christ 1833, personally
Shelby County } appeared before the County Court of the aforesaid County
 Abraham Moore a resident of said County aged seventy six years,
who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following Declaration as an
Amendment to his former Declaration [not found] heretofore presented to the War office in
order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. Said
Declarant states that he was born in the County of Lancaster in the state of Pennsylvania on the
first day of september 1756. I have seen my birth recorded by my father in the family Bible. I
enlisted in the service of the United States on the 6th day of January 1776 for the Term of one
year at Sheperdstown in Berkely County in the state of Virginia [sic: Shepherdstown in Berkeley
County now in West Virginia], in the company commanded by Captain William Dark [William
Darke], a man named Isaac Israels [sic: Isaac Israel] being the 1st Lieutenant of the Company. Our
Company joined the 8th Regiment of the Virginia Line commanded by Colo Eaton Mughlenburgh
[sic: Peter Muhlenberg], at suffolk, in which Rigiment I served. From suffolk we marched to
Norfolk. After lying at Norfolk sometime, we marched toward Wilmington [NC], but did not reach
it, an express having met us, informing us that the British had gone to Charlestown [Charleston
SC], to which place we were then marched, after having passed cross Creek [now Fayetteville NC],
and through Campden [sic: Camden SC], on to Charlestown, which place we reached the 28th of
June 1776. The Battle on Sullivan's Island was fought that day. History says it was the 29th of
June. I stood sentry on the picket guard two weeks on Sullivan's Island. I knew Genl [Charles] Lee
who commanded us, and [Gen. William] Moultrie who commanded the Garrison also Captain
[George] Slaughter, Captain [Richard] Campbell, and Capt Stinson [possibly David Stephenson or
John Stephenson (or Stevenson), both of Augusta County VA] From Sullivan's Island we moved
to Charlestown, the British having all gone off to New York. Genl Lee made a speech to us in
which he told us, we had come a great way, and that our wages were low. That there were a good
many Tories in St Augustine, who had plunder and that we were at Liberty to go there if we
choose Our Coln told us, that if any of us choose to have furlough's to go home, that he would
grant them. I took a furlough, for forty days, and started home; on my way home, I was taken
sick, and continued sick some time on the Road. My furlough had nearly expired when I reached
my father's house. I continued sick after I got to my father's until March 1777, in which month I
went to Sheperdstown, and got my discharge from Isaac Israel before named. My discharge was
in writing and recognized me to have served out my time of enlistment. It is not now in my
possession. I have lost it, or mislaid it not having any interest before this in preserving it. If my
name is not on the Rolls lodged in the war office or wherever such documents are kept, I
suppose it must be in consequence of my not returning after my furlough had expired, the
reason of which I have before explained. If the Rolls of the company at the time I enlisted are
examined up to the time when I got my furlough, I think my name will be found. In the month of
July 1777 I think the first day of the month, I entered the military service of the United States, as
a volunteer private soldier in the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland in a volunteer
Company commanded by Captain David Moore, to serve for a period of four months. We
marched from Frederick County to Beech Bottom Ferry, from thence to Oxford Meeting House,
where we joined Smalwoods [sic: William Smallwood's] Brigade. There I took the fever and ague,
and lay in the Hospital three or four weeks. The Doctor reported me not fit for duty and I was
discharged sometime in october, the particular day I can't recollect. Being sick all the time I lay
at Oxford, I was prevented from knowing any of the officers other than I have stated. I took no
care of my discharge and can give no further account of it. I did not reach home until the month
of November 1777, having been detained along the road with the sickness which continued after
my discharge given the said last mentioned service. My Father met me on the road 20 miles this
side of Baltimore with a horse and took me home. This Declarant states that from the 6th of
January 1776, when he entered the military service of the United states as an enlisted soldier

[illegible word] to service as before stated, up to the time when his furlough as aforesaid had expired, would amount to the term of ten months which he here sets down as ten months of actual service done by him at that period of the war, to the United States. And conscious as he is, that his continuing sick after his furlough had expired as before stated, even until after his Term of enlistment had also expired, being the sole cause why he did not return and report himself to his commanding officer in due time, he feels himself justified in setting down the remaining time of his period of enlistment after his furlough had expired as Ten months more of actual service done the united states as an enlisted soldier and during the period of the war as before stated. He states that from the 6th of January 1776, until the 6th of January 1777, he was not at any time employed in any civil pursuit, but during all that time held himself bound to serve the United States as a private soldier in manner as before stated. In regard to the second Term of service performed by him in the Revolutionary War, as a volunteer private from Frederick County Maryland as herein before mentioned, He states that from the 1st day of July 1777, up to the time he was reported by reason of sickness as being unfit for duty, and discharged at Oxford Meeting House as before stated, was four months which he sets down as actual service done the united states at that period of the war as a private volunteer soldier. And that the time of his said last mentioned discharge was upon or after the termination of four months from the said 1st day of July 1777 for which whether under the facts stated by him he is entitled to the benefit of the Act of 7th June 1832, he [illegible word] to the Department of War. Afterwards in the month of September 1779 the day I can't recollect, I again entered the service of the United States as a private in Captain Pore's [Poor's?] company of Infantry to serve two months I entered said last named service as a substitute in the County of Frederick in the state of Maryland, I cannot recollect the name of the man for whom I so entered as a substitute. He had been drafted, and he gave me one hundred Dollars, continental money to take his place. We marched from Frederick County through Hagerstown up to Fort Frederick on the Potomack [sic: Potomac] River for the purpose of guarding some prisoners. The prisoners not being sent there, and one Captain hearing that they had been sent up to Winchester in Virginia, we we were discharged after having performed six weeks of actual service. The company was drafted to serve two months, which was the period I entered to serve. we were discharged in Hagerstown. I received a written discharge but can now give no account of it. This declarant further states, that in April in the year 1775 he enrolled himself among the minute men in Berkely County in the state of Virginia under Captain Washington [probably Samuel Washington, brother of George Washington]. we mustered every two weeks at Washington's or Weatherton's Marsh at the White House Tavern at the head of Bulskin. We were completely armed and equipped, and held ready to march at a minute's warning and were daily expecting to be ordered to Boston in Massachusetts. We continued under this state of military preparation and discipline from april 1775 until the month of november following. during all which time I in the manner above stated did military service with an embodied corps called into said service by the [two illegible words] public authorities in Virginia, which I set down as seven months more of actual service rendered the United States by me during the War of the revolution. I have no documentary evidence of the services performed by me in the war of the Revolution, nor do I know of any living witness by whom I can prove them. [Several illegible words] in the year 1785 where I have lived ever since. I refer to the Reverend Andrew A Shannon and Fielding Smithey & David Caplinger who will state the belief in my neighborhood relative to my revolutionary services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and I declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state or Territory. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, in open Court.

[signed] Abraham Moore