

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Moore S2857

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State of Tennessee McNairy County} SS

On this the Twenty-fourth day of June in the year of Our Lord 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of Our Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for said County now sitting – Robert Moore a resident of Henderson County, a County of adjoining this and State aforesaid aged Seventy years old, 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 was born in Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania on the 11th day of June 1763 – when I was very young my Father moved from Pennsylvania and settled in Guilford County North Carolina, that County being afterwards divided I remained in the Portion called Randolph County, And on the 1st day of March in the year 1779 I entered the Service of the United States in Randolph County as a volunteer Soldier under Captain William Clark. So soon as his Company was Organized we took up Our march and went directly to Salisbury thence to Charlotte, thence directly to the Saluda River in South Carolina, where he with his Company Joined the Army of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. Here Our Company was Attached to the North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel McDowell [Charles McDowell] and under the Command of General Butler [John Butler], from here the whole Army marched to Augusta in Georgia, there crossed the Savannah River and went directly onto Bacons Bridge near Stono River in South Carolina. There they encamped for some time, during this time I became acquainted with a Major Moore belonging to the Regular Army, and the British having Stationed themselves at a place called Stono Ferry, I left the Company of Colonel Clark [sic] and joined the Infantry under Colonel Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] and Major Moore from here we marched to Stono Ferry where we had a Severe Battle with the British, which was fought on the 20th day of June 1779, I was in this engagement. So soon as the Battle was over we marched to Bacons Bridge Again where we remained until the British went to Beaufort. After the Battle I again joined the Company of Captain Clark and was by him discharged after I had Served a Tour of five months, the date of my discharge I cannot now recollect the same being lost or destroyed – I was discharged from the Service at Bacons Bridge in South Carolina – and returned home to Randolph County North Carolina –

In the month of September 1780 I went out as a Substitute for Malica Dickerson [Malachi Dickerson?] who was drafted for the Term of three months (the said Dickerson having hired me to perform the Tour for him) so I again entered the Service of the United States as a Substitute sometime in the month of September 1780 in Randolph County State of North Carolina for the Term of three months under Captain Thomas Dougan, the Company marched from Randolph to

Salisbury and there Joined Colonel Davies [William Richardson Davie's] Regiment then they marched to Charlotte and was there when Cornwallis entered that place [late September 1780]. When there was a slight skirmish Cornwallis retreated to Camden. We went in pursuit. On the route we took the Small Pox. The rest of the Company's time was Out and discharged before my recovery. He therefore got no discharge.

After the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] when Cornwallis retreated through Virginia, I Joined a light horse Company in Randolph County North Carolina under Captain Thomas Dougan & Colonel Edward Sharp, for the purpose of keeping down the Tories who would every chance rise up against the Interest of the United States. In this Capacity I served from time to time as my services may be called for Until the end of the War, what length of time I was in Actual service during this time I cannot [say] from the great length of time, old age and consequent loss of memory but I am positive I served not less than six weeks or forty-five days for which Service I also claim a Pension. I received no discharges for these Services – but was always Dismissed by my Commanders with Instructions to be ready at a minute's warning to go out again – He has no Documentary Evidence and knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his Services by – 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 of the Agency of any State –

Question where and in what year were you Born

Answer. I was Born in Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania on the 11th day of June 1763 – Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer. I have my age recorded in a Bible which I had in my possession for a number of years – Some of my Children I think has it now in their possession which One I do not know they live in different places in Tennessee.

Question where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live.

Answer. I was living in Randolph County North Carolina when called into Service. I have lived there since the Revolutionary War for a number of years, then I moved to Tennessee where I have lived ever since, in different Counties and have been a resident of McNary County for several years but now reside in Henderson County Tennessee a County Adjoining this McNary County – I moved to that County but a very short time ago and since I made out my first Declaration¹ – I now apply to the Court in McNairy County because I have long been known by the Citizens of said County and Owing to my very short residence in Henderson County my Acquaintance is very limited –

Question How were you called into Service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom.

Answer. The first Tour I performed I went out as a Volunteer – the Second Tour I went Out as a Substitute for Malica Dickerson – and the other Services I performed was done as a volunteer –

Question. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your Services –

Answer. I became acquainted with a Major Moore belonging to the Regular Army when I served my first trip – also knew Colonel McDowell who belonged to the North Carolina militia and who was my Colonel the balance of the Question I have Answered in the body of my Declaration – Question. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so by whom was it given and

¹ There is no earlier declaration among the documents in this file.

what has become of it.

Answer. I received a discharge given by Captain Clark for my services the first Trip I performed – the same is now lost Or destroyed. I received no discharges for my service in the Second and third trips – the reason why I did not I have shown in the body of my Declaration.

Question. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior – your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer – I am well acquainted with Parson Thomas Beard and William T Anderson who lives in the neighborhood in McNairy County where I formerly lived until a few weeks since. They can Testify as to my character for veracity and their belief and the neighborhoods belief Generally that I was a soldier of the Revolution. Given under my hand.

Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court the day and date above written

S/ Robert Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Moore". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Francis Beard, a clergyman, and William T Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.48 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 8 months in the Infantry and 1 month and 12 days in the cavalry, all in the North Carolina militia.]