

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Moore S2858

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State of Tennessee, Monroe County

On this 19th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Moore a resident of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee aged 73 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, 1832.

That in the year 1776 he resided on the head waters of Holston River in what is now Wyeth County Virginia. In August of that year he joined a company of militia commanded by Captain McAfee and assisted in driving a drove [?] of cattle down to the Army stationed at Long Island on Holston River under the command of Colonel William Christian. When they reached the Army he enrolled in Captain Aaron Lewis's company (Samuel Hays Lieutenant & William Crabtree Ensign) and marched against the Cherokee Indians in what is now Monroe County Tennessee. They burnt their towns and brought them to a peace for some time. In this service he was engaged at least three months.¹

(In 1777 he moved down to Nolichucky River within what is now Washington County Tennessee and, during that and the succeeding summer, he was frequently called out by Colonel John Sevier to assist in protecting the frontiers from the Indians.)

In 1779 there was a Campaign ordered out under the command of Majors Evan Shelby, ___ Robertson and Valentine Sevier. Applicant enrolled early in March in Captain Joseph Wilson's company (James Wilson Lieutenant & Samuel Hanly [Samuel Handly] Ensign). The troops collected at Long Island on the Holston and descended in canoes to the Chickamauga Towns (near where Brainard now stands) which they burnt. In this campaign he was engaged at least three months.

In 1780, about the middle of March, applicant enrolled to march to Charleston S. C. under Col. Sevier and prepared for marching, expecting to set off immediately. They did not then go to S. C. as expected, but applicant was in a short time after enrolling called out against the Indians, against whom he was almost constantly engaged in protecting the frontiers till September when he marched (with the troops with whom he had enrolled in the preceding Spring) against Ferguson's [Patrick Ferguson's] Army in the South, in the company of Captain James Wilson (Daniel Kennedy Lieutenant & Peter McLane Ensign) under the command of Col.

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

Sevier. Applicant was engaged in the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780],² shortly after which engagement he, together with the troops with whom he marched, returned home. From the time of his enrolling till his discharge at this time was between seven and eight months. He received a discharge but has lost it.

Applicant has no documentary evidence of any of the above facts, nor does he know of any person whom he can procure to prove them 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.

S/ William Moore



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm S. Callaway, Clk

[Allen H Matthews, a clergyman, and Thomas J Caldwell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Monroe County

Personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County of Monroe, on this the 29th of May 1833, William Moore, late a resident of said County of Monroe, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he is the identical William Moore who made the declaration hereunto attached, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County on the 19th September 1832, to which he now makes the following

Amended Declaration.

That he was born in Berkeley County Virginia [now West Virginia], in the year 1759; that he has no record of his age; that he was living in Montgomery County Virginia when called into service, that he has lived ever since the Revolutionary War in what is now Greene County, Tennessee, till four years ago, when he moved into said County of Monroe where he resided until a few weeks since when he moved into Roane County where now lives; that he volunteered each time he went into service. He received discharges, he thinks in each case of service; but cannot remember distinctly by whom given. He thought nothing of them and they are long since lost.

He states that the following persons are at present his neighbors and can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution, viz. Robert Campbell, John Burnett, Eli Cooley, and Benjamin Fox.

S/ William Moore

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina and Virginia militia.]

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html