

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gasper Moler S2874

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The State of Ohio Morgan County: SS

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio for Morgan County Ohio Gasper Moler a resident of Manchester in Morgan County Ohio 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 an act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 [sic, June 7, 1832].

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I was under the command of Colonel Morrow [perhaps John Morrow] and in the company commanded by Captain Wetherton [perhaps Ephraim Worthington] we rendezvoused at Martinsburg Berkly [sic, Berkeley, but spelled Berkly throughout this application] County Virginia sometime in June in the year 1778 I was living in Berkeley County Virginia at the time of entering the service I went as a substitute for my brother Jacob Moler who was drafted we left Martinsburg went to old town on the Potomac thence to old Cumberland Fort on the Potomac & thence to Red Stone now Brownsville & from thence to Catfishes Camp now Washington thence to McIntosh from thence to Wheeling thence to Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] & there we remained during the winter & had hard times Peace was made with the Indians in the first or second week of March I was gone about nine months on our way I think between Wheeling Virginia and Fort Lawrence one day it was wet we stopped to kindle a fire and get something to eat & three of us went up to a brush fence when three Indians fired upon us and made their escape one of our men one Melker Stroop was wounded in the arm, and the other name not recollected was killed who was [shot?] between the shoulders but I was not injured. I received a discharge from Captain Swearingen [perhaps Van Swearingen] but it has been lost as I did not know as I did not know as it would be of any service to me. After the war I returned home & remained with my father until I got married which was about four or five years after my return where I still remained one year longer. Then I moved to Bedford County Pennsylvania where I lived about fourteen years thence to Washington County Pennsylvania where I lived about eighteen years from thence I moved to Pittsburgh Allegheny County Pennsylvania where I lived about eight years and from thence to Morgan County Ohio my present residence.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the applicant

Q1 Where and in what year were you born

A. I was born three miles above Harper's ferry upon Potomac River the time when precisely not recollected but think 1759

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age & if so where is it. A. I have none

Q3 Where were you living when called into the service & where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live.

A. I was living in Berkeley County Virginia after the war I returned to Berkeley County Virginia and from there I moved to Bedford County Pennsylvania and thence to Washington County & thence to Pittsburgh Pennsylvania & from thence to Morgan County my present residence.

Q4 How were you called into service,

A. I went as a substitute for my brother Jacob Moler who was drafted.

Q5 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments a you can recollect and the General circumstances of your service.

A. Captain Andrew Swearingen Colonel Morgan General Broadhead and Lieutenant Colonel Morgan the Pennsylvania troops, when we came to Fort Lawrence I was placed in the company under Captain Swearingen.

6<sup>th</sup> Quest. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it

Ans. I received a written discharge signed by Captain Andrew Swearingen I lost it

Q 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & good behavior and your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. The Honorable Judge David Fulton & David Stevens Esquire Peter B[illegible] & Cornelius Gragg knows me in my neighborhood. I know of no person who can prove my service.

S/ Gasper Moler, X his mark

[Enoch Dean and Peter Moler gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]