

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Morehead S30600

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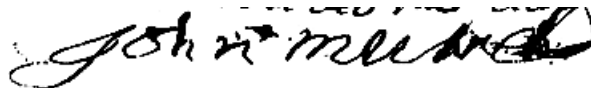
State of Kentucky Monroe County: SS

On this 8th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Turner Goodall, Samuel Ray, Philip Emmert, W. G. Howard Justices of the Court for Monroe County Kentucky John Morehead aged eighty-two 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that he entered the service of the United States in Loudoun County in the State of Virginia as a volunteer he thinks in the month of September in the year 1775 under the command of Captain Simon Triplet [Simon Triplett] and served twelve months under him and received a discharge but has lost it, he states that he served the whole of the time in the State of Virginia he was taken sick at Williamsburg and was left in the hospital until the company went to Norfolk and returned he then again joined the company and marched to Alexandria at which place he was discharged. He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person living in this country whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service (he has however the evidence of Sarah and Nancy Harland daughters of Stephen Combs deceased) 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 list of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Morehead



[p 14: Sarah and Nancy Harland gave testimony that they have heard their father Stephen Combs during his lifetime speaking of John Morehead; that their father and John Morehead belonged to the same company whilst in the revolutionary war and in the same mess together. Their affidavit is dated November 8, 1832 and is signed with their marks.]

[Jacob Harland & Aaron Harland gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Monroe County: SS

An amendment to the declaration of John Morehead who is an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 made on the__ day of__ 1833 in the County Court for Monroe County now sitting the said John Morehead made the following declaration in

open court being first duly sworn according to law –

He states that he was born in the state of New Jersey Hunterdon County in the month of June 1750 from the information given him by his father. He states that he has no record of his age, that he received what knowledge he has of his age from his father when he was 14 years of age and his father died shortly after that time. He states that he volunteered and belonged to the company called minute men and served in the State of Virginia. He states that whilst the company to which he was belonged lay at Alexandria the militia from Fairfax County Virginia was sent to aid them but he does not recollect the name of any of the officers who commanded the militia from Fairfax. He states that Simon Triplett commanded the Company in which he volunteered and served, and that they had no other commander whilst he served except sergeants and corporals as he did not march to Norfolk being sick he states that whilst he lay in Alexandria some Regiment of troops passed through the place and stayed a few days, but he does not recollect the name of any of the officers.

He states that he received a discharge from Simon Triplett but has lost it and owing to his debility from sickness whilst he lay in Williamsburg he never was able to render any further service to the United States in the revolutionary war.

He states that the reason why he did not procure a clergyman to certify to his character and veracity was that there was but one clergyman in the vicinity where he resides and he belonged to the Methodist society and was riding circuit and he could not with convenience procure any other clergyman, he recommends to the court Jacob Harland and Aron Harland who has previously certified and also George B Harland a clergyman to testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and date aforesaid.

S/John Morehead

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Morehead". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end of the word "Morehead".

[George B Harland, a clergyman, and John Hamilton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Note: A typed summary indicates that the veteran died August 18, 1845. The County and state in which he died is not stated. The file contains no family data other than as reflected above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the Virginia service.]