

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Adam Moderell S31869

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Declaration

State of Indiana Owen County

On this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Amory Kinny President Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit and Alexander Eason Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Owen County aforesaid being a Court of Record now sitting, Adam Moderell a resident of said County and State aged seventy-seven years [could be seventy-six as the last digit is written over and unclear] years the 5th day of January last, 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, to wit.

He was born on the 5th day of July in the year of our Lord 1755 in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania near "Chestnut Level". His Father's name was Robert who removed to York County when this applicant was a small boy. At twenty years of age he removed to Mecklenburg North Carolina where he resided about three years when he removed to Lincoln County Kentucky. In about one or two months he removed to the then County of Jefferson in said State now Nelson. He had in Kentucky a record of his age which was left in Logan's Fort just before that place was taken possession of by the Indians but his statement of his age is made from a recollection of said record.

At the County of Jefferson in said state he continued to reside until he entered the service which he did in the year 1781 then living in said County. He volunteered in the service of the United States in the Militia of Kentucky in the company commanded by Lewis Hickman – the Captain of the same (the name of his Colonel he does not recollect). The Brigade in which he served was commanded by General George Rogers Clark. He was rendezvoused at the Falls of Ohio in said Troops about the first of July in said 1780. From the Falls part of the way by water and the remainder by land he was marched to Chillicothe and Piqua [sic] Indian Towns. At the Piqua Indian Town they had a battle in which this applicant was in front on the left wing of said Troops. Said Battle was in August in the year 1780 in which there was reported to have been killed and wounded about fifty Indians and sixteen whites. At the said Battle in the midst of it said Captain Hickman was seen going in the direction of Indians and it was afterwards ascertained he deserted. It was also ascertained that in consequence of the Indians believing that he told them a lie about the strengths of their troops, they burned him to death. He said Captain had told them that we were only four hundred strong when we appeared to them they thought by

the way we fought a thousand. This applicant was then put under the command of Captain James Davis and marched from Piqua to Salt River in Kentucky against the Indians. Finding none, this applicant with said Company were permitted at Salt River to go home under orders to hold themselves in readiness for the service when called on. This permission to return home was in November in the same year. In said Tour he served at least four months, as near as he can recollect. He had not volunteered for any particular time; but for said tour.

In the year 1781 he was out and entered the service still residing in said County of Jefferson as such a volunteer in the service of the United States by his officers in the same Company commanded by said James Davis in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Floyd. He volunteered for the expedition, but no particular period. He rendezvoused at the Falls of Ohio about the first day of October in the year 1781 thence was marched to the Piqua and Chillicothe Indian Towns – and to French Town on the Miami River. The said first named Indian Towns after being destroyed the year before being rebuilt, this applicant and said troops destroyed them a second time. He was marched home to his said residents where he was permitted to remain. His return home was sometime in March in the year 1782. He served in said tour at least five months. He recollects no officer other than those herein named.

In August after said return home as near as he recollects he volunteered under the same said Officers in the said service. He was ordered out from his said residence in said County to and was marched to Squire Perry Fort on Disheers [?] Creek¹. He was stationed at said Fort one month when he was marched home.

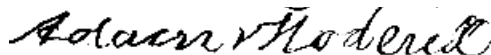
After remaining at home in said County about two months he was ordered out by and under said same officers having volunteered and was marched to Sovereigns Valley in Kentucky and finding the Indians had abandoned the country they were marched home. He served in this tour two weeks. He was not formally dismissed being under orders. But the Indian difficulties being measurably ended he was not called out again.

When he entered into said service he did not volunteer or engage to serve any particular periods of time, but to serve as long as the defense of the Country required and his officers called or ordered.

He served in all said services in the United States in said militia faithfully and to the acceptance of his officers. He served in all therein ten months and two weeks.

Neither himself nor comrades ever received any written discharges. He after the war a short time removed to the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia where he resided ten years. Then he removed back to Pulaski County Kentucky where he lived twenty years. He then removed to Owen County Indiana where he now resides and has resided six years. He has never received one cent of pay for any of said services. He has no documentary evidence of any part of his said services nor does he know of any person whose testimony of his services he can procure except the certificates here with & might be to some effect. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Adam Moderell



[John McCullough gave a standard supporting affidavit in which he added that he lived in the same neighborhood with the applicant in both Mecklenburg County North Carolina and Pulaski

¹ Disheers Creek.

County Kentucky.

John M. ...

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We Andrew Moderell nephew of said Adam Moderell and Andrew Evans revolutionary Soldier residence of the same neighborhood of Adam Moderell aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with him (having heard his foregoing declaration read) that we believe him to be 77 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Andrew Moderell
Andrew Evans

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for ten months & fourteen days in the Virginia service.]