

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Stallings S31997

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State of Georgia Oglethorpe County: On this 5th day of January 1835 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County & State, now sitting as a Court of Ordinary, Moses Stallings, a resident of the same place, aged seventy-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 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein after stated. That he was born in Bertie County in the State of North Carolina, according to the information he has obtained from his mother, on the 11th day of December 1762. That he has no record of his age. That he lived in Franklin County of the State last aforesaid when he was called into service. That he continued to live there four or five years after the War, & then removed to Oglethorpe (then Wilkes) County in the State of Georgia, where he has lived ever since. That he was called into service by draft and in the first instance left home under the command of a militia Captain by the name of Benjamin Eaves: he marched from Franklin by slow advances and indirect routes to Guilford – was present when the battle first commenced at this place, but did not stay long, the company to which he belonged, to use the words of the hero of two wars "fled ingloriously" after the first round. That his recollection of dates is peculiarly defective & does not enable him to state the day of the month upon which he entered the service, but at the time of the battle of Guilford he had been in service two months & his services for the tour terminated with his flight from that place. In a short time after he got home, he & others of those who fled from the battle of Guilford were pressed to serve in the State Troops of North Carolina, a tour of twelve months – he recollects that they enrolled his name, took an account of his size – the color of his hair & eyes & bound him by oath to serve that length of time. This he did under the command of Captain Lytle – thinks his Regiment was called the first Regiment of North Carolina Troops – that it was commanded by Colonel Dixon [Henry Dixon] – that the Battalion to which he belonged was commanded by Major Blount [Reading or Reddin Blount] & that one of his lieutenants also bore the name of Dixon; he served some time in the infantry & sometimes in the cavalry, but under the same officers, & South Carolina was the principal theater of his action. He performed faithful service during the whole twelve months, but was in but one battle; which was that of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina. Here his post was in the right wing of the Army – Colonel Lee on the right and Colonel

Washington on the left. It was a hard-fought engagement, & we had on this occasion neither the inclination nor the opportunity to retreat – the enemy was in front & our own light horse in the rear, who would have shown us no mercy if we had attempted a retreat – we fought to desperation [?] and won the victory. That he received a discharge from Captain Lytle which he left in North Carolina. After we got home the legislature gave us a little money & in order to obtain it we had to produce our discharges & surrender them up as the evidence of our service. That he never was a commissioned officer, but acted as a Sergeant for six months of the time & resigned. That he entered upon this twelve months term as well as he remembers in April 1781 & was discharged in April 1782. That he has no documentary evidence in support of his declaration, & is now unable to procure the testimony of any living witness – thinks of many of his neighborhood of high respectability would bear witness to his veracity & of their belief of his having been a revolutionary soldier, among whom he will state the names of the Honorable George Tuggle & Mssrs. David Ragan & Jesse Dalton. That no Minister of the Gospel lives in the neighborhood, and that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State unless his name was recorded as a pensioner of North Carolina when he received the pittance above described.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court
S/ Henry Britain, CCO

S/ Moses Stallings

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moses Stallings". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned centrally below the printed name.

[Archibald Drake, Peterson Smith & Wiley Moody gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service in the North Carolina Continental line.]