

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Mosely S33117 & R7361
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Georgia }
Franklin County } Superior Court in Session On the 5th day of March 1823

Personally appeared in open court being a court of Record as specially constituted by the laws of this state Samuel Moosly resident of said county in his sixty fourth year of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth make on his oath the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress passed on the 18th day of March 1818. and the 1st day of May 1820. That he the said Samuel Moosly Enlisted for the term of twelve months about the year 1779. in the State of North Carolina Franklin County in the Company commanded by Capt Samuel Jones that declarent served about three months when he hired a man to perform the balance of the term who was accepted by the Commanding Officer On or about the first of June 1780 the said Samuel Moosley enlisted for the term of three months in the state of North Carolina in the Company Commanded by Captain Harrison Macon in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dixon in the line of the State of North Carolina in the old Continental Establishment [sic: see note below] that he continued to serve in said Corps untill a few days after the battle of Camden [SC] at General Gates' [Horatio Gates's] defeat about the 23rd [sic: 16th] day of August 1780 when he was discharged from said Service in North Carolina at Randolph Court house - discharged by General Richard Caswell in consequence of being disabled to perform service in the battle at General Gates defeat in which Battle this declarent was shot in the thigh by a musket Ball which remains there yet, that he was run over and trampled by Col Tarltons horse [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] in the engagement; which discharge this declarent has lost and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services Except his own oath - and in pursuance of the act of congress passed the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818. and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner whatsoever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the united States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th day of March, 1818. and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due me nor have I any income other than what is contained in this Schedule here unto annexed and by me subscribed.

1 Mare & 2 colts.....	\$100.00
2 Cows & Calves.	20.00
6 shoats — 1 dollar each.	6.00
2 axes one mattock 2 hoes.....	5.00
1 loom, spinning wheel & cards.	10.00
	<u>10.00</u>
	\$141.00

My Occupation has been a school master when I was able to perform the duty I am now unable my debility in a great measure produced from injuries received in the revolutionary war My family consists of my self my wife Susannah Moosly aged fifty six, weakly not able to perform much service One daughter Sally aged nineteen healthy a Son named Garland aged seventeen unable to work being diseased & one other son named Anderson aged fifteen years healthy able to perform labour. Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 5th March 1823

Saml. Moosly

State of Georgia } SS
County of Franklin }

On this third third day of September in the year Eighteen Hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before the Inferior Court now sitting for ordinary purposes for the County and State aforesaid Samuel Mosely a resident of Capt Brants district in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy two years who being 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 he entered the service of the United States in the Militia of North Carolina at Lewisburg [sic: Louisburg] in the County of Franklin said state about the first of May 1780, he enlisted at Lewisburg under Capt Harrison Macon as a private, and was immediately marched to cross creek (now Fayetteville) to join Genl. Caswells Regiment, was there placed under the command of Col Dixon (who he believes was a Continental officer), were marched to & fro and was at one time with General Gates, towit about 1st August near Lendsay creek [see note below] & on the 16th August at the Battle of Camden we were all dispersed At the battle of Camden deponent was wounded three times first by a Ball just above the right eye, second by a Bayonet in his side & thirdly by a ball in his left thigh which remains there now; And while wounded he was thrown down & rode over by the British Light Horse. After the battle I was placed in a waggon & carried to a place called the Hanging Rock, about 30 miles & afterwards travelled as well as he could five or six days till he came up with the army at Randolph and was there discharged by Genl. Caswell after having served about Four months. he returned home & was there confined by the wounds aforesaid until about the first of January 1781 at Franklin Court House aforesaid he volunteered in the North Carolina Militia under Capt Bledsoe, and was marched in scouting parties through the Counties of Wake, Edgecomb, Nash & Franklin, in which service he remained about five months and was discharged by Lieutenant Swantrouten and returned home where he remained until after Cornwallis marched through North Carolina [early Apr 1781].

And about the month of September 1781 he enlisted at Warren Court House (Bute County having been divided into two Counties Warren & Franklin [in 1779]) in a horse Company of the Regular Continental State Troops of North Carolina for 12 months under Captain Samuel Jones, & was marched under him to subdue the Tories in the lower & Southern parts of North Carolina, served out the 12 months & was discharged by Capt Jones in this Tour Lieut Swantrouten was along, but no field officer whose name I recollect, there was some French officers along but forgets their names

Afterwards served five or six months after the Tories as a volunteer under Col. Ben Seawell & Capt James Smith, - it was irregular service but he continued to serve whenever a party was going out until Peace was proclaimed

Served Altogether two or three months over Two years

Does not know of any one now in life by whom he could prove his service, except that Capt Samuel Jones [pension application W230] (who when he last heard of him lived in Maury County Tennessee) may be still alive.

1 Was born 23rd Sept 1759 in the County of Bute [sic: formed from Granville in 1764] North Carolina

2 There was a record of his age, but does not know where it is.

3 Was living in Franklin County North Carolina. Since the War he lived in Wake County North Carolina, & in Edgefield and Abbeville Districts South Carolina and for the last Twelve years in Franklin County Georgia.

4 Entered the service by enlistment or as a volunteer

5 Has stated the names [of Continental officers] in the body of his declaration

6 Rec'd a Discharge from Genl Caswell & one from Lieut Swantrouten & one from Capt Jones which are lost.

7 Is known in his present neighborhood to David Garrison a preacher of the Gospel and to John H Patrick who can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any Agency in any state to the best of his knowledge & belief
Samuel hisXmark Mosely

NOTES:

Mosely's first application was rejected (probably because he did not claim service in the Continental Line as required by the acts of 1818 and 1820) and it was filed under number

R7361. His second application was granted and filed as S33117. A note on the folder says the two files were consolidated 16 June 1930.

At the surrender of Charleston SC on 12 May 1780 most of the North Carolina militia were released on parole (promise not to fight again), and all but about two dozen Continental troops were taken prisoner. Lt. Col. Henry "Hal" Dixon had been a Continental officer and was away from Charleston at the time of the surrender. Afterward Dixon was given command of the NC Militia, consisting of newly recruited militiamen and the remaining NC Continentals, who were placed in the company commanded by Capt. Edward Yarborough.

Around 1 Aug 1780 Gates was between Cox's Mill in Randolph County NC and Deep Creek in Chesterfield County SC.

A note on the pension certificate indicates that Mosely died 25 Dec 1833.