

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Moore S36166

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Commonwealth of Kentucky

Rockcastle County Circuit Sct.

Be it remembered that at a circuit court held for the County of Rockcastle at the Court house on Wednesday the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, William Moore came into Court in the County of Rockcastle before the honorable Thomas Montgomery Circuit Judge in the 12th Judicial district for the State of Kentucky and made oath that in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia at Fredericksburg in the County of Spotsylvania [sic: Spotsylvania] he enlisted as a soldier under Captain Alexander Dick for the term of three years that by order of the Commander Capt. Dick and Company was ordered on board of an American armed vessel [the *Mosquito*] for a cruising expedition and in a short time was taken prisoner together with Captain and Company by the Ariadny [sic: *Ariadne*] one of the Kings ships carrying thirty six guns and commanded by Captain [Thomas] Pringle that he was taken to Barbados island and confined as a prisoner of war for the space of seven months and fifteen days That after the expiration of that time he was put aboard of some English merchant vessel to work his passage to the island of Jamaica. That afterwards he made his escape and was again made capture by the enemy before he reached America and was detained as prisoner on board a prison ship called the Felicity for five months and seven days and again made his escape from the enemy and afterwards joined Colonel Richard Parker and went with him to Savanah [sic: Savannah] and remained there during the siege [24 Sep - 19 Oct 1779] and afterwards went to Augusta in Georgia where he remained in the performance of his duty as a souldier untill the expiration of his period of service. that he again enlisted with Colonel Charles Dabney of Hanover County Virginia during the war and served faithfully. that he was at the taking of Cornwallace at York [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and was regularly discharged, that he has long since lost his discharge that he knows of no person in this quarter of the Country by whom he can establish those facts. That he is now sixty one or two years old and very incapable of working for his support in his advanced age, that his circumstances are reduced, and he stands greatly in need of assistance from his country and hopes to be placed upon the pension list. William Moore

State of Kentucky, Sct.

On the day of the date hereof William Moore, personally appeared before me as one of the circuit judges of the state aforesaid, and being sworn stated in addition to his statement made before the circuit court of Rockcastle county on the first day of July in the year 1818, that to the best of his knowlege, Captain Dicks company was a part of the first Virginia Regiment upon continental establishment; that the American Vessel on board of which he was placed as a marine, was called the Musquito & was commanded by Captain John Harris [pension application R41]. That his second enlistment was in the company commanded by Captain F. Bush, the Regiment by Col. Charles Dabney, but to what line he belonged he does not know. Given under my hand this 29th day of September, A.D. 1819.

State of Kentucky 12th Judicial District

Circuit Court of Rockcastle County Sct.

On the 27th day of June A.D. 1820 personally appeared in the Court above mentioned it being a Court of Record made so by act of assembly & proceeding according to the course of the common Law and open, William Moore, aged sixty five years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in addition to his declaration made before the same court, on the first day of July A.D. 1818 in order to obtain the pension made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March

1818 and the first day of May A.D. 1820, that he the said William Moore enlisted for the term of three years on the 22^d. day of April A.D. 1776 in Fredericksburg in Virginia as a Souldier under Captain Alexander Dick, that shortly after his enlistment he with the Captain afs'd. & his Company was put on board of a vessel of war called the Musketoe to act as marines, and were ordered upon a cruise against the British, that the vessel afs'd. with her crew were captured by the British vessel of war called the Ariadne; that his imprisonment with the events named by him in his former declaration occupied about two years that about the last of June A.D. 1778 he joined the continental regiment commanded by Richard Parker in the Company commanded Alexander Parker, and as a soulder in the said company and regiment served out the balance of the time of his enlistment being about ten months and was regularly discharged at Augusta in the State of Georgia that he was, during the time afs'd. at the siege of Savannah, when he received a severe Bayonet wound in the thigh, and shot wound in the shouldier that the Regiment commanded by the afs'd. Richard Parker was on the Virginia line upon Continental establishment that he has lost the discharge before mentioned, and has no other evidence of his services now in his power.

And the said William Moore at the time afs'd. upon his oath in open court as aforesaid, declared, that he was on the 18th day of March A.D. 1818 a resident citizen of the United States and County of Rockcastle and that he has not since that time, by gift, sale or any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Navel services of the United States in the revolutionary war" ~ pased on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule following subscribed by me (WB) eighty five acres of farm land in its improved condition of the value of two hundred Dollars, which would probably rent for fifteen or twenty Dollars, seven or eight head of cow beast including all sizes of the value of thirty five Dollars, a stock of hogs not exceeding twenty as he believes, of the value of forty Dollars. That his Occupation when able is the cultivation of his ground but that he is rarely able to pursue it, that he has a wife and four sons two small Daughters that the oldest of his sons is of the name of James twenty years old a few months past some disabeled and not able to perform a mans labour, the second John about nineteen is of a feeble constitution and very frequently unable to perform labour, the third William about fifteen years old and Marshal about twelve years old both healthy and able to perform the labour of boys, the next Polly about ten years old and the last Elizabeth about seven, both able to perform the labour of little girls. That his wife Franky is about fifty years old & very infirm ~ William Moore

[4 Oct 1822]

William Moore of Rockcastle County State of Kentucky offers the following explanation and addition to his former schedule made at the June Term of the Rockcastle Circuit Court 1820 for the purpose of obtaining a pension —

The said William Moore states on his oath in open Court that the 85 acres of land mentioned in his former schedule delivered at the June Term 1820 he purchased of Gen'l William Smith of said County some five years previous to his petitioning for his pension for the sum of \$40 in trade and land. Moore further states that the land is verry poor and nearly all that can be cultivated has some years since been cleared and that the thin soil has become so reduced there is scarcely a year with his weak force that himself and small family of children can raise a subsistance on said farm and has yearly either to go in debt or part with some of his small property for the mantainance of his family, and that when he give in his former schedule he was impressed with a belief that he was bound to give in the full value of every Item of improvement which he had done on said land. Which he accordingly done. Said Moore futher states on oath that he believes from the worn situation of the it ought not to be estimated more than \$60 the amount which he gave for it in tild[?] trade. Said Moore futher states that from necessity he has been

compelled to swap away the horse he then had and got a small mare and ten Dollars to boot to assist in the support of his family. Said Moore further states his son James has arrived of age and doing for himself & his son John of weakly constitution nearly of age and acting for himself Said Moore states his own constitution and health has become entirely infirm in consequence of his wounds and old age so that he can be of very little help or aid to his small family (they not being able to do much for their own support) Said Moore further states for several years past he has been compelled to rent some cleared land in the neighbourhood for the purpose of raising a support for his family (his own plantation being so small and the soil so thin) and that means[?] by the hiring of some labour he has so long subsisted but he further states that in consequence of his two sons leaving him and his land nearly worn out the prospect is bad for a future support without some aid from the government he further states his stock of Hogs is considerably reduced in consequence of not being able to find grain to feed them also his stock of Cattle is reduced in consequence of giving some of them for the rent of land &c &c William Moore

State of Kentucky 15th Judicial District
Rockcastle County Sct

On the 2nd day of July 1823 in open Court before the Circuit Court for the County of Rockcastle afs'd the said Court being a court of record by law and proceeding according to the course of the Common law personally appeared William Moore aged about 68 or seventy years resident of the County afs'd. an applicant for a pension under the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 who being duly sworn according to law for the purpose of amending his schedule made before the Court afs'd. on the 27th day of June 1820 and a declaration made by him on the 1st day of July 1818 for the purpose of obtaining a pension declared upon his oath that his said former Declarations are true. And he further declared upon his oath that since making his said former declaration of the 27th of June 1820 he being necessitated to purchase some grain and not having money wherewith to pay for it exchanged the horse beast described in his said former schedule as of the value of thirty Dollars for a small mare of less value and received ten Dollars in boot in notes on the bank of the Commonwealth of Kentucky this exchange was made with James Lewis in June 1822. Of the Cattle described in his said former schedule he sold to Elisha Smith one Cow for \$12.50 in April 1822 to pay some rent owing a Mrs. Langford for land rented of her and other of the said Cattle he sold for the same purpose in part to Elisha Smith and Ruben H Elkin in October 1822 receiving from them six Dollars and one other he gave to James W Moore for labour done on his place in the summer 1821 and one other for the same purpose in the summer 1822. that his stock of hogs has much decreased of which eleven died during the last winter and spring for lack of grain to feed them and by inevitable casualties, that there is none of his family to aid him except one small boy. That since his said former schedule was made his estate has much decreased nor has he any debts owing to him except six Dollars but on the contrary is indebted a small sum to the said Mrs. Langford and will be indebted James Moore in Autumn next for labour performed during the present summer that his land described in his said former schedule is steep and has been continually becoming less fertile and less valuable by Cultivation and the washing of the rains. William Moore

State of Kentucky }
Rockcastle } Sct—

On this 24th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court for the County afs'd. William Moore a resident of said County a Revolutionary Soldier under the Laws of the United States of the 18th March 1818, 1st of May 1820 and 1st. March 1823, who in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832, made the following declaration or affidavit, That after having served several years in the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier, he in the year 1779 as he believes, enlisted again in the Service as a Sergeant, under Capt. Alex'r. Dick, afterwards Maj'r. of the Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Dabney of the Va. line, to which Regiment this

applicant belonged. He enlisted at Fredericksburg Va. and his enlistment was for during the War, and he served his time out to the end of the which he believes was not less than three years from the time of his enlistment, tho he cannot recollect at the precise length of his service he supposes the record will show. He served the whole time as a Sergeant, and was discharged at Richmond Va. in May 1783 as he believes. He received a printed discharge but lost the same; he at the same time received a land warrant for 400 acres of land, which he also lost, but about 3 years since he obtained a warrant for his land from Richmond Va. He is now in the receipt of a pension under the laws of the U S of the 18 March 1818, 1st. May 1820, 1st. March 1823 his certificate is here shown to the Court dated 22^d. Dec'r. 1823 (No. 19141). He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the one now sought, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state except that of the Agency of Kentucky. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid
William hisXmark Moore

State of Kentucky }
Rockcastle County } Sct

On this 31st day of March 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace William Moore, a resident of the afs'd. County and made the following statement upon oath as an amendment to his statement now on file at the War Department for an increase of pension under the act of 1832 He states that his services as a sergeant as stated in his former affidavit, was in the Virginia line, and after he had served three years in the Continantal service under Colo. Parker. He states that he enlisted under Colo Dabney of Va. as a sergeant for during the war and served untill the end of the War and was discharged in Richmond Va he believes in May 1783. He futher states that he received his land warrant when he was discharged for 400 acres of land for his services as a sergeant afs'd. which warrant he lost and about 3 years since he obtained a duplicate of said warrant from the records at Richmond, thro the aid of a Mr. Cadwallader Wallace, who found his name there and every thing just as he stated. He states the reason why his services as sergeant was not named in his original declaration under the act of March 1818 & May 1820 was because he was told that he would not be allowed any more for it that under said acts he could only be paid for Continental Service & a sergeant was allowed no more than a private. however he told the draftsman about his serving as a sergeant but he refused to put it in the declaration He futher states that there was no other William Moore, but himself in Dabneys Regiment when they were finally discharged. of this he is almost certain, there was (a man of Collour) called Lewis Moore (after his Master) who was a tory, and who had been caught & wounded and the black boy was put in his place. There was also a man by the name of William Whitmore who served in said Regiment as a Corperol.
William Moore

[James W. Moore and John A. Moore stated that 15 years previously they had heard William Moore speak of his services as a sergeant in Dabney's Regiment.]

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of July 1783, in the name of William Moore as a Sergeant of Cavalry for £8.19.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
27th day of January 1834./ J E Heath AUDITOR.

NOTES:

The Pension Office rejected Moore's claim for a larger pension as a Sergeant under the act of 1832 with the following erroneous explanation: "The certificate of J. E. Heath, transmitted by you to this office, shews that the William Moore therein alluded to was a Sergeant of Cavalry. The person who now clams

belonged to the company of Cap Alex'r. Dick and to the Regt of Col. Charles Dabney. These officers belonged to the Infantry & not to the Cavalry. The applicant moreover makes no mention in the papers nor in file under the act of March 18, 1818 of his ever having served as a Sergeant. The name of William Moore is found on rolls in this office as a Seaman and as a private of infantry. It is therefore probable that he never served as a Sergeant." In fact, on 18 Jan 1782 Col. Charles Dabney took command of Dabney's Virginia State Legion, with Alexander Dick as Major. Like all legions, Dabney's comprised both infantry and cavalry. The fact that Dabney's Legion was not on Continental Establishment, as required to count under the 1818 pension act, explains why that service was not mentioned in his earlier applications. Bounty-Warrant records compiled by G. M. Brumbaugh in a book entitled *Revolutionary War Records: Virginia* (reprinted by Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1967) show that Cadwallader Wallace received a land warrant for 400 acres for the service of a Sergeant William Moore.

A typed summary states that Moore died on 3 March 1835.

On 12 Dec 1845 Frances Moore of Rockcastle County KY made a declaration supporting the pension application of the widow of William Cash (R1779), from which the following is an excerpt: "She [Frances Moore] was born in Spodsylvania County Va and resided there untill she had five Children at the age she supposes of 34 or 35. At the age of 28 she married to Wm. Moore dec'd. late of Rockcastle County Ky a pensioner at the rate of \$96 per year. At the age of 16 her husband and Wm. Cash mentioned in the foregoing letter enlisted in the army of the Revolution in Spodsylvania Co'ty Va. Her husband staid till the close of the War and after Waynes Campagn in the West [Gen. Anthony Wayne's campaign against the Indians ending with the Battle of Fallen Timbers on 30 Jun 1794] he ret'd. and they were married. Before the war closed and when she was not exceeding six years of age (she means the revolutionary and not the Indian War in the West) Cash ret'd. and married Dolly Irvin."