

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Leonard Moseley (Mosely) S36173

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State of Kentucky Fayette County: Sct.

On this 16th day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in said State personally appears Leonard Mosely aged sixty seven years (past a resident of Woodford County in said State) who being by me first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said Leonard Moseley enlisted in Captain Parker's [perhaps Alexander Parker's] company of eighteen months men of Colonel Parker's [probably Richard Parker's] Regiment, afterwards under Colonel Heath [William Heth], & then under Colonel Buford [Abraham Buford] at Buford's defeat [May 29, 1780]¹ in South Carolina. He enlisted in Henrico County, & State of Virginia in the year 1779 in the early part of it, & continued to the [word written over and obliterated] in the above Corps about fourteen months, when he was taken prisoner at Colonel Buford's defeat & permitted to return on account of his wounds to his own State – That he was in the battle which ended in the defeat of Colonel Buford as above stated by Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] where he received the following wounds of which I Benjamin Johnson have this day seen the Scars & other marks still remaining – A Sword cut through the right ear & on the right side of the head above the same, the first finger of his right hand cut off: a ball through his left shoulder near the neck, also one near his right knee – his left wrist cut by a sword, passing through the sinews & muscles on the upper side, & disabling his thumb, & a ball still remaining lodged in the calf of his right leg. – That he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services, all those knowing him in service being dead or at a great distance & never having received a discharge owing to his having been taken prisoner as aforementioned – Sworn to & declared before me the day & year above stated

S/ Leonard Moseley, X his mark

Sworn to before me

S/ Benj. Johnson, Circuit Judge

District of Kentucky Shelby County Ky

On this the 15th day of January 1821 personally appeared in open Court being the County Court of Shelby in the State of Kentucky & a Court of Record having the power of fine &

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html

Imprisonment &c Leonard Moseley a resident of the aforesaid County & District (late of Jessamine County Kentucky) aged sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first May 1820.

That he the said Leonard Moseley Enlisted under Captain Parker of the Virginia line on the Continental Establishment about one year before Colonel Buford's Defeat in South Carolina to serve for the Term of five years as a voluntary Soldier But has forgotten the number of the Regiment Commanded by his Colonel who was Colonel Parker, he further states that he served in said Regiment for some time & was then placed under Colonel Buford & was with him when he was Defeated as above stated. That owing to many wounds he received he was Entirely Disabled from doing further Duty having had a ball shot through his left shoulder a sword cut on the right side of his head & through his ear the forefinger of his right hand cut off the Leader [?]² of his left wrist cut in two with a sword so as to Disable his hand a ball in his right leg & one in his knee & several buckshot. And 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 whatever 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 to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (viz.) One very old mare one bay mare between eleven & twelve years old one young mare six years old one cow & one yearling one sow & four pigs two Cart Wheels one broken big pot one small pot one oven two hoes one axe a half dozen plates two small pewter Dishes, a half dozen knives & forks, one Coffee pot, two pair of Drawing Chains & one Log Chain, one smoothing Iron, one old Chest, five old Chairs two small basons all of the value of eighty dollars. My occupation is farming as a Tenant But in Consequence of the Infirmities of old age and the many wounds which I received under Colonel Buford am now almost entirely unable to attend to it my family consist of my wife Salley Moseley & one son by the name of Fountain, my wife is upwards of seventy years of age & entirely unable to give the least assistance in procuring a mutual Support, my son is about twenty two years of age & knows not how long he will stay with me the number of my pension Certificate is 16.432.

S/Leonard Mosley, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 16th, 1818, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service.]

[From [Virginia Legislative Pensions](#)] Kentucky Counties Legislative Petitions

To the Hon. Legislature of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Your petitioner Leonard Moseley respectfully represents that on the 6th day of December

² *Leader*

1785 he was inscribed on the pension list of the State aforesaid on account of wounds received while in the Service of the US in the Revolutionary War. That although, taking into consideration the many & severe wounds, which he had received in the discharge of his duty to his country, the Small Sum of Six Pounds per Annum, seemed but an indifferent remuneration, yet when he reflected that it was a reward, measured, not by the feelings, but by the then poverty of the State which awarded it, he was satisfied –

Your petitioner did not enlist in the armies of these United States. He did not expose himself to hardship, suffering & deprivation nor risk his life & shed his blood upon the field of battle with any view to pecuniary remuneration, He had a higher & to him a much more dear & hollowed motive; 'twas the desire of Liberty for himself & for his Country: –

Born however in the arms of poverty, when disabled in that service he needed assistance which was nowhere to be found, for even the little pittance that had been allowed him, has never yet been paid –

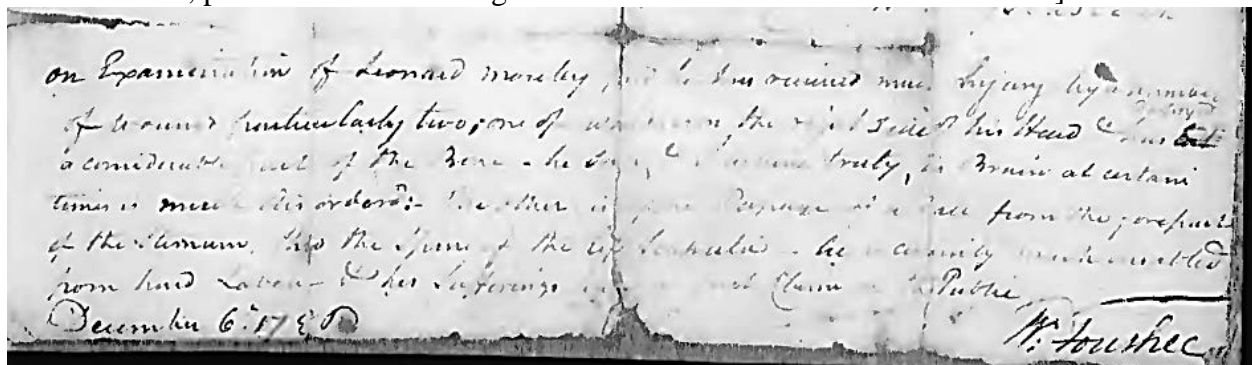
Having removed to the district of Kentucky soon after he recovered from his wounds, Surrounded still by penury & want: far distant from your seat of government, he had abandoned in despair all idea of ever enjoying his hard-earned pension, content to sink to death in wretchedness, with the consciousness alone of having in all things to the best of his ability, discharged his duty as a man and as a citizen; indeed one foot is already in the grave: his grey hairs & his decrepitude bear witness to his suffering; But a gleam of light has at last shot across his horizon, the hand of a stranger, until of late unknown to him, has lifted him up. He looks back to his former home & country. He sees that country rich & flourishing. He asked for justice only & he expects to find it. Hope again illumines his path & makes his burden of many years bear light upon his shoulders. He yet may live a few short winters to thank you for your Justice in paying him that in his age for which he suffered in his youth: And as in duty bound he will ever pray &c.

S/ Leonard Moseley, X his mark

Test

S/ Leslie Combs

[The following is an image of a certificate given by Dr. W. Foushee and dated December 6, 1786. The image is so faint in places that I have attempted to transcribe those portions I could discern leaving blanks where the text exceeded my deciphering abilities. If anyone has a better image of this document, please consider sending it to me and I'll transcribe it—Will Graves]



On Examination of Leonard Moseley said to have received much Injury by a number of wounds particularly two; one of ___ the right side of his Head ___ a considerable part of the __ --he says ___ truly, __ Brain at certain times is more disordered: --the other is ___ from the forepart

of the Sternum thro the ___ --he ___ much disabled
from hard Labour--& his Sufferings ___ Claim on the Public
December 6 1786 S/ W. Foushee



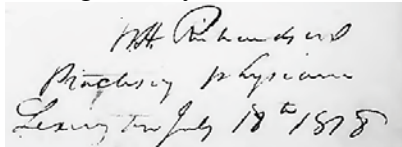
I do hereby certify that I have examined Leonard Mosely [sic] a private soldier in Col. Abm Buford's Regiment of horse in the Continental Army and find upon his body the following Scars which he says he received in Buford's defeat.

A Scar on the right side of his head extending to the ear Several inches long with depression of the skull produced by the broad Sword –

A musket Shot passing immediately under his left collar bone and out through the shoulder blade –

The forefinger off from his right hand by the broad Sword, a sword wound on his left wrist, which disables his thumb of the same hand, a musket Shot in his left leg, a musket ball in the left knee just above the knee pan, the degree of disability I conceive should be of the first grade – as witness my hand.

S/ W. H. Richardson
Practicing physician
Lexington July 18th 1818



Fayette County Sct.

This statement was this day sworn to before me a justice of the peace for said County by Wm H. Richardson, practicing physician & Professor of the Medical School in the Transylvania University in this place – July 18th, 1818
given under my hand & seal

S/ Matt. Elder {Seal}

State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

I do State on oath that I am the identical Leonard Mosely [sic] who was placed on the Pension list for the State of Virginia thirty odd years ago on account of wounds received in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war & that having removed to this State many years ago, & not knowing in what manner to proceed I have never received my pension & am now told it is lost to me by lapse of time unless the Legislature of Virginia will reinstate me on the Roll. I do also state on oath that I did actually receive the wounds described by Dr. Richardson in his certificate on this date, in Col. A. Buford's defeat as stated above.

July 18th 1818

Test

S/ Leslie Combs

S/ Leonard Mosely, X his mark

It appears from an entry made on the books of this office that Leonard Moseley "a wounded Soldier" was placed on the pension list by an order of Council of the 1st December 1785 at the rate of £6 p an: [per annum] and that a warrant issued on the 6th December 1786 for 10/ the

balance of his pension to 31 December 1785.

S/ Jno. B Mfooland [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jno. B. Mfooland". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Audrs. Off: 25 jany 1819

The bearer

Leonard Moseley is on the Pension List

S/ Jn. ? Pendleton

State of Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

I Thomas Davis do State that I am well acquainted with Leonard Mosely [sic], now resident in Woodford County & State of Kentucky formally of Hanover County & State of Virginia & know that he was in Service in the U.S. Army during the Revolutionary war for about Eighteen months & was wounded in many places in Col. Abraham Buford's defeat, to wit, his right fore finger cut off – a large sword cut in his right ear, & on the right side of his head, & a ball in his shoulder & some others perhaps not now recollected by this deponent as the said Mosely is not now present – There can be not a doubt as to the identity of said Mosely & that he is the same person once placed on the pension list in the State of Virginia – July 13th, 1818

S/ Thos. Davis, Sr.³

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Davis Sr.". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

³ [Thomas Davis W8651](#)