

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Daniel Moore S38241

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To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of Representatives

The petition of William D Moore of the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia, humbly represents that in the year 1777 [?]¹ your petitioner was appointed to serve in the Continental Army and was attached to the 15th Regiment, as well as he now recollects. He does not remember the name of the Commandant of that Regiment, but he was placed under the command of Captain James Harris. The said Regiment was marched from Manchester Virginia to Alexandria, but after remaining a short time at the latter place, your petitioner was taken very ill, so that he was unable to perform any duty. He was put in the Hospital, and after lying there about four months, his health not being restored, he obtained a furlough to go home till he should be better. At this time his feet and legs were so swollen that he could not wear shoes, and he was so enfeebled and emaciated from disease, as to make traveling at that season of the year, it being the dead of winter, exceedingly painful and dangerous. After eighteen years journey and the most intense suffering he at length reached home, but his health continuing very bad, he was not able to join the Army again until his term of service had nearly expired. He however did rejoin the Army sometime before the expiration of his three years, and served till the end of that term, when he was honorably discharged by Colonel Davis [probably William Davies]. His discharge was entrusted by him to William Gordon as his agent, to draw his pay for him. The said Gordon never returned him his discharge, but did draw his pay, as appears by the Books of the Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia, and never accounted to him for one cent of it, and consequently your petitioner, has never received one single cent of compensation for his services and sufferings in the Revolution. Your petitioner is now very poor – owning one hundred thirty acres of very poor land, worth not more than a dollar and a quarter per acre. He has no horse, no servant, and no property of any value whatever. Until lately he has been able to support himself and his family by his own industry. But now in his advanced age and impaired strength, his health and Constitution having then as he believes permanently injured by his sufferings in the war, he is no longer able to support himself, and must depend during the little remainder of his life on the public justice as public charity. Your petitioner has, he hopes and believes, always maintained the character of an honest, industrious and sober man, and a peaceful and orderly citizen. In consideration of his services and sufferings and his extreme poverty and necessity, your petitioner humbly prays that the Congress will settle a pension on his few remaining days, which will enable him to live in confidence and comfort. And as in duty bound he will ever pray &c.

January 18th, 1830

S/ William Daniel Moore

William Daniel Moore

County of Chesterfield to wit

On this 8th day of March 1830 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for the County of Chesterfield William D Moore resident in the said County aged seventy-four years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said William D Moore enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of __ in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain James Harris in the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until 1780 when he was discharged from the service in Chesterfield in the State of Virginia that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except the state of Virginia, and that the following is the reason for not making earlier application for a pension that he has been, until lately, able to support himself by his own labor but now from old age and infirmity he is unable to support himself any longer.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of 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 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. That since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in my property: And interest which I had in a horse has been given up by me as of no value.

S/ William D Moore

A schedule of the real and personal estate of William D Moore made the 8th day of March 1830, to wit

130 acres of poor land valued at \$1.50 per acre	195.00
2 cows and 2 calves	20.00
3 sheep	5.00
one sow 7 shoats & 6 pigs	14.00
one small pine cupboard & one pine table	1.50
one pine chest 6 old chairs	1.00
2 pots & 2 skillets one pewter dish and one earthen do	2.00
6 old plates half dozen old knives and forks & 7 small cider casks	<u>2.00</u>
	\$240.50

My occupation was that of a farmer but I am now unable to labor from disease and old age my family consists of myself my wife who is also very old and decrepit scarce able to walk and my Granddaughter Mary Moore about 12 years of age.

S/ William D Moore

Auditors Office January 22, 1830

I certify that it appears from the Register of Certificates in this Office issued to such soldiers of

the Revolutionary war as were in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, that to certificates issued on the 29 April 1785 to William Daniel Moore a soldier of infantry – one for £23.13.7 and another for £37.7.3 – and that said certificates were delivered to William Gordon.

S/ Jas. E. Heath, Auditor

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 25, 1830, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Chesterfield County

This is to Certify that William Daniel Moore was one of the Drafted [indecipherable word] appointed men from the County in August 1777 [indecipherable word or words] serve in the Army three years only from his appointment a reference to the law restricting the so me [??] Wm Moore fully appears. Given Under my hand this 5th September 1780.

S/ John Bott, CL.

Discharge from the Army

S/ Wm Davies

6 September 1780

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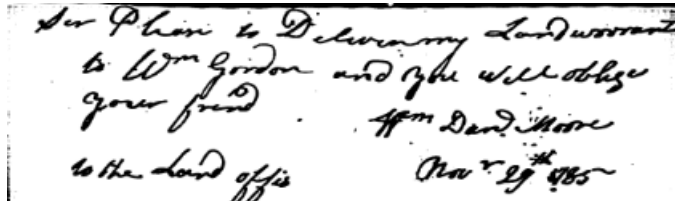
Philip Southall

Sir Please to Deliver my Land warrant to Wm Gordon and you will oblige your friend

S/ Wm Daniel Moore

November 29, 1785

to the Land Office



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