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Pension Application of William Moody S38246

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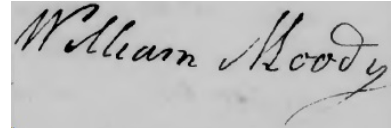
[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Rockbridge County]

To ye honb'le. the speaker and House of Representatives of the state of Virginia humbly Sheweth Your memorialist Wm. Moody entered the army of the Revolution in the Virginia line under Major Dark [William Darke] in the year 1775 and continued in the army afforsaid unill the month of May 1780 when he was taken prisoner at Charlestown [Charleston SC, 12 May 1780], during this time of service your memorialist was exposed to various perils, and dangers in different shapes, an enumeraion of which would be tiresome to your honoureble body, he will therefore only write a few of the many, he was wounded at ash Swamp near Amboy in the State of New york [sic: New Jersey] in the left knee, at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] he was wounded in the left arm and on the head all which wounds greatly weakens and almost prevents him from providing his Bread, in addition to these wounds he contracted what is called the Rupture shortly after he entered the service afforsaid which adds much to his other infirmities.

Your memorialist is now nearly seventy years of age and has hitherto, tho with difficulty earned his Bread, yet he is apprehensive that he will not long be able to do so.

Your memorialist has been advised that the arm of mercy has been extended to many similarly circumstanced with himself, he flatters himself that your honoureble body will not forget the wants of the war worn soldier and administer to him that bounty which your wisdoms may dictate

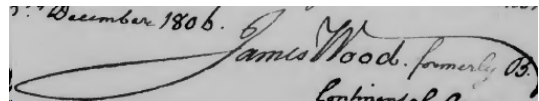
And your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray



William Moody a private in the 8th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, enlisted early in the year 1776 for three years, on the expiration of that term he inlisted for the war – he marched with the Virginia Troops to Charles Town, and I understood from several of the Officers, that he was, with the other troops made a Prisoner. If he has not already received his Bounty in Lands, I am persuaded he is entitled to it.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 25th December 1806.

James Wood. formerly B. Gen'l. Continental Army.



William Moody an old man who it seems has been in the revolutionary war appears to have been a good deal cut & hack'd – and moreover is now much impeded in any active bodily exertions by an inguinal rupture

Given under my hand this 15 of April 1812 S. L. Campbell/ Physician at Lexington Va.

Dec'r 11th 1812 ref'd to claims/ Reasonable 22nd Decr 1812/ Reported Dec'r 23rd 1812/ Bill drawn 29th

[The following are from [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#). The file of William Moody also includes documents pertaining to John Irvine (Erwin) S39763.]

To the Auditor of public acct. at Richmond

You will please pay to Reuben Grigsby Esq'r. the sum of Sixty dollars pention allow'd me by act of General Assembly passed the 19th day of January 1813 one year

Witness my hand & seal this 19th day of Jany 1814

Witness present/ J Gold

Jno. Irvine Lexington 20th January 1814



[The file contains other powers of attorney, the last one dated 20 July 1822.]

[The following are from the federal pension file.]

Virginia Rockbridge County Towit —

This Day William Moody personally appeared Before Me Archibald Stuart one of the Judges of the General Court for the State of Virginia & made the following Declaration on Oath. That He Entered the American revolutionary army as a volunteer under Capt Crysap [sic: probably Michael Cresap of Col. Hugh Stephenson's VA and MD Rifle Battalion] & march to Boston in the month of June 1775 & that on the 13th Day of November of the same year he Enlisted as a Private soldier for one year under Capt Dark of the 8th Regt. Virginia Line – in the Town of Martinsburg Va & that in the month of February in the year 1777 he Enlisted as a Private Soldier in the Town of Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] Va. under the aforesaid Capt Dark of the Regt. & Line aforesaid for During the War & that from the Time he volunteered untill the Time of his Discharge he served as a soldier for about Seven years & that He was Discharged By Major Stephenson of the Regt. & Line aforesaid & that it was Given to Him Shortly after the Conclusion of the War in the Town of Staunton Va & that the Reason why his Discharge is not Herewith Exhibited is Because it is Deposited in one of the offices in Richmond – & that from his Reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed my name this 19th day of April 1818. Arch'd. Stuart

Virginia Rockbridge County

On this third day of August 1820, William Moody personally appeared in open court (it being a court held for the county of Rockbridge) aged seventy one years, resident in the county afs'd. who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war in a company commanded by Capt William Dark in the Regiment commanded by Col Mullenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], in the Brigade commanded by General [Charles] Scott in the Virginia line, as will appear by my original declaration made on the 19th day of April 1818 as appears by Pension Certificate No. 7968 given at the War office the 18th day of March 1819 – placing me on the Pension list roll of the Virginia Agency at the rate of eight dollars p month payable in Richmond. 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 any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 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 (To wit)

107 acres of land valued by the commission of the revenue @ \$2.50 per acre. . . \$267.50

on which tract of land I have executed to Charles P. Dorman a deed }

in Trust to secure the payment of \$112.56 due to Alexander & home }..... 112.56

154.94

2 old horses of the value of \$50.00

2 milch cows	@ 13½ \$ ea	27.00	
2 young Heffers	@ 10	20.00	
3 young sows	2—	6.00	
12 shoats	1—	12.00	
			<u>115.</u>
			\$269.94

This declarant further states that he is by ocipation a Labourer, but from age and infirmity ocasioned by his wounds he is at present unable to do any thing toward a suport that he has a wife that is about sixty three years of age and that in consequence of a sore leg his wife has of late become unfit to do any thing of consequence towards a suport, that he has no children, and that If his present Pension is taken away it will be a moral impossibility for him to suport himself and his wife without the aid of the Parish in which he resides.

William Moody