

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Motes S38955

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State of South Carolina Newberry District } To Wit

On this fifteenth day of December in the year 1819 before me personally appeared James Motes aged about Seventy-Three years resident in Newberry District in the State aforesaid who being by me first duly 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 Revolutionary war. That he the said James Motes enlisted into the regular service in this state aforesaid under the command of Captain John Smyth [John Carraway Smith] belonging to the 3rd Regiment of Regulars in this State which Regiment was commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] & Lieutenant Colonel Mayson [James Mayson]. That he enlisted for three years during which time he was marched on different Expeditions against the Common Enemy through this State & the State of Georgia. That he was Engaged in the Battle fought with the British when they captured the town of Savannah<sup>1</sup> under the command of General Linkhorn [sic, Benjamin Lincoln] & That he also was in the memorable attack made on the British lines at Savannah by General Lincoln & the French Army under Count d'Estaing & that he was in some other small or brushes with the Common Enemy & that he faithfully served out the time of his enlistment and got an honorable Discharge from the Army in Charleston in this State from under the hand of Colonel Huger [Isaac Huger]. That he is in reduced Circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has lost or mislaid all other Evidence which would be necessary to prove the above statement.

Sworn to & Subscribed

S. D. Johnson

S/ James Motes, X his mark

[John S. Carwile, JP, and William Mangum, Sr., gave supporting affidavit as to their belief of the services of Motes in the revolution and as to his reduced circumstances.]

### Schedule

South Carolina Laurens District: On this 23rd day of November 1822 Personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of record for said District to wit a Circuit Court holden for said District James Motes aged 70 years resident in Laurens District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War & that in conformity to the law of Congress passed 18th of March 1818 he is inscribed on the Pension list

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<sup>1</sup> Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

Roll of the South Carolina agency as by a certificate from J. C. Calhoun Secretary of War dated 28th day of March 1820 and number 16,008 will appear, and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 I am by Occupation a farmer but am unable to pursue it from infirmity and old age, that I have a wife who is about 45 years of age and also is weak & infirm, so that she can render me but little assistance, & that I have 2 sons & one daughter all of whom are married and do not reside with me and are themselves in such indigent Circumstances that they can render me know essential assistance in getting a subsistence.

Sworn to and declared on the 23rd day of November 1822 in open Court.

S/ James Motes, X his mark

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

A Schedule of the Estate of James Motes, Senr.

1 Bed bedstead & furniture	\$15.00
1 Bed Stead	2.00
An old mare \$15      1 Cow \$10	25.00
7 Head of Hoggs [hogs] \$7 2 Pots \$3	10.00
1 Oven \$1 1 Cutting axe \$1.50	2.50
2 Plows \$1.50 1 Pair gears \$1.	2.50
1 Trunk \$2      2 Puter [pewter] Basons & dish \$2.75	4.75
5 Knives & forks & Skillet .50 4 Bottles & 7 pr Steelyards \$1.25	1.75
1 Iron Pot rack & Jug 62 ½ 1 Saddle & Bridle \$5.00	5.62 1/2
1 Table & Spinning Wheel & two chairs	1.75
1 Smoothing Iron & claw hammer	.75
A debt on Samuel Reed now in suite for	<u>85.00</u>
	\$156.62 ½

Sworn to and declared in open court the 23rd of November 1822

S/ John Garlington, Clerk

S/ James Motes, X his mark

[Abraham Nott, Judge, attest the value of the schedule property.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 14, 1819, for service as a private for 3 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]