

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Moreland S40170

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The State of Ohio Clark County

Be it remembered that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1818 John Moreland a native of Virginia by birth but now a citizen of Clark County & State aforesaid personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the County aforesaid, who on oath saith, that he Inlisted into the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war against Great Britain, as a private in Captain Charles West Company in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment, for the term of two years in which time, (being inlisted at Hampton Virginia) – he was marched from place of Inlistment to New York was in the battle of York Island<sup>1</sup> then was marched from said Island to the White Plains, and was in the battle called the battle of the White Plains [October 28, 1776], from which place he, under General Washington retreated over the Delaware River, then was marched to Trenton [December 26, 1776] was at the taking of the Hessians at that place – then was at the Battle of Princeton [January 3, 1777], sometime afterwards was marched to Germantown – was in the Battle there [October 4, 1777], and several other small skirmishes during the said time of his Inlistment, he saith that he was Inlisted in March 1776 and after faithfully serving out his time of Inlistment, was discharged at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania which discharge he saith he gave to Col. Powell in order to enable him to draw his (this deponent's) pay which he sold to said Powell the chance of for a trifle, this deponent further saith that he again Inlisted into the same service against the Common Enemy for the time of three years under Captain Sriggers [?]<sup>2</sup> in the Virginia line, but the Regiment never been fully organize, after about two years and four months was discharged, but by carelessness hath lost his discharge all for which services this deponent saith that he hath not received anything nor any pension from his Country except the small sum of about ten pounds which he received of Col. Powell above alluded to – and now this deponent, and applicant in grown old and wome [worn] out with fatigue and hardship, withal is much debilitated by Scatick pains [sciatic pains?] and other Infirmary Incident to old age – not being any longer able to labor for his support stands Greatly in need of the liberality of his government as provided for by a late law of Congress.

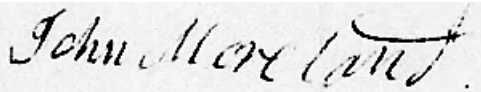
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and date above written.

S/ John Moreland

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<sup>1</sup> The veteran is probably referring to the series of battles between the British and Americans in and around Manhattan island including the battle of Brooklyn war Long Island on August 27, 1776, the battle of Harlem Heights, September 16th 1776.

<sup>2</sup> 



S/ Joseph Layton, Judge

The State of Ohio Clark County: SS

Court of Common Pleas before the Honorable Joseph H Crane President Judge and Daniel McKinnan & Joseph Layton his associate Judges of said Court on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1820 personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of Record in said State John Mooreland [sic] aged 67 years 10 months and 13 days, 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 act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, and the first of May 1820, that he the said John Moreland enlisted for the term of 2 years sometime in the month of March in the year 1776 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles West in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_ Messer in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until sometime in the month of March 1778 when he was discharged from the said service at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. That he was in the Battles of York Island, next attached to a body of volunteers to go against the body of Tories near the White Plains in the State of New York was the 2<sup>nd</sup> engagement, the Regiment was commanded by Major Greene. Thirdly I was in the battle when the British advanced on the Americans at the White Plains aforesaid. 4<sup>th</sup> I was in the Battle of Trenton, 5<sup>th</sup> I was in the Battle of Princeton back in the State of New Jersey. Sixthly I was in the Battle of Germantown in the month of October 1777 and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except this his declaration. 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 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 except the Charity of my son-in-law who supports and provides for me and my wife Catharine through motives of Charity or benevolence, and not for a fee (or reward) the whole of my property consist of one heifer and one sheep one iron kettle and bail one Dutch oven and bail one flat iron, one pair of Stilyards one pot rack one frying pan one pair of shears one shovel one flesh fork one lot of old pewter one lot of tea ware one broad who, one spinning wheel, one cut reel in one salt sellar that I have heretofore received a pension and that my certificate is numbered (15.564.) My family consist of my wife only about 65 years old much afflicted with the palsy and totally unable to work or even put on her clothes and cut her victuals to feed her [there follows another schedule in list form showing the above items all totaling the value of \$22.50.]

And this declarant further states that his occupation is that of a Farmer and that he is unable to pursue it.

S/ John Moreland

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 12, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]