

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Mohon S5781

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State of Virginia Lunenburg (to wit)

On this 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Lunenburg and now sitting John Mohon Resident of said County aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he Enlisted in the service of the United States for 12 months on the first day of March 1778 at Chesterfield Court house State of Virginia under Sgt. James Hodges and marched under him from that place to Valley Forge where he joined Head Quarters and was attached to a Company commanded by Capt. William Fowler of the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Burgess Ball and the Brigade Commanded by General Muhlenberg but was soon after transferred to a Company commanded by Capt. William Bentley; and was soon after his Arrival at Valley Forge inoculated for the smallpox under the Direction of Dr. Duff and after the troops recovering from the smallpox we were marched to Monmouth and on the 28th day of June 1778 he was in the battle at that place and after the battle we marched to a place called the White Plains and after which we were marched and stationed at a place called Middlebrook he believes in Jersey where we remained in huts as we had done at Valley Forge and on the 1st March 1779 he was discharged at a place called stuts [? Steets?] gap he believes in Jersey but has since lost his discharge and it has been so long that he has forgot by whom it was signed and that he does not know of any person living that he can prove anything as to his Services or discharge only by Ezekiel Perkinson¹ whose certificate is hereunto subjoined (Capt. William Fendley² who signed the certificate presented last Winter having since deceased), in the winter of 1780 he moved to the County of Lunenburg & in the winter of 1781 in order to keep Cornwallis out of Virginia General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] issued a general Order saying all such troops as would Voluntarily turn out for six weeks that it should go for a tour when it came to their turn he then Volunteered under Capt. Thomas Moore of Prince Edward County on the 15th of February and marched under him into North Carolina and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Nathanael Cocke and on the 15th day of March 1781 he was in the battle at Gilford [sic, Guilford] Courthouse State of North Carolina and after the battle he had marched into North Carolina as far as a place called Ramsey's Mill where Col. Cocke's Regiment was discharged on the 30th March 1781 having served his full tour of six weeks but living near Capt. he did not stay to receive any written discharge neither did he ever received one cent of pay for this tour nor

¹ [Ezekiel Perkinson W5506](#)

² [William Fendley W7258](#)

does he know of any person living that he can prove anything as to his services or Discharge in this tour and that he never served in any other Capacity than that of a common Soldier -- And in Answer to the different Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he Answers their Questions 1 & 2 Where and in what year were you born

Ansr: -- I have no Record of my age but from what I have always understood I was born in the County of Chesterfield State of Virginia and shall be 73 years of age next October

Ques 3 Where were you living when called into Service Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Ansr: I lived in the County of Chesterfield when I enlisted in my first tour and in the year 1780 I moved to the County of Lunenburg and in the Winter of 1781 I married in the County of Prince Edward and volunteered under Capt. Thomas Moore of that County when I went to Guilford and after returning from the Army I moved again to the County of Lunenburg where I now live

Question 4 How were you called into Service were you drafted did you Volunteer or Were you a Substitute

Ansr: I Enlisted for 12 months in my first tour and Volunteered for six weeks in my second tour

Ques. 5 State the names of some of the A regular Officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can Recollect and the General Circumstances of your Service.

Ansr: I was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Ball & General Muhlenberg and was commanded by General Lee [Charles Lee] when the Battle took place at Monmouth & Lee ordered the Retreat and were present when Washington advanced with the Main Army and at Guilford we were commanded by Generals Greene & Lawson [Robert Lawson].

Quest. 6 did you ever Received a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Ansr: I Received a discharge from service in my first tour which has since been lost, but from old age and Consequent loss of memory I do not Recollect by whom it was signed and in my second tour I received no Discharge

Quest. 7 State the names of persons to whom you are Known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Ansr: I am known in my neighborhood by the Rev. Pleasant Barnes Capt. William Stokes & Col. Levi Clay.

He hereby Relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ John Mohon, X his mark

[Pleasant Barnes, a clergyman, William Stokes & Levi Clay gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Chesterfield County

I Ezekiel Perkinson of the County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia do hereby Certify that John Mohon of the County of Lunenburg & State of Virginia (now applicant) Enlisted in the United States service for twelve months on the 1st day of March 1778 under Sgt. James Hodges and marched from Chesterfield Court house under Sgt. James Hodges in Company with me to Valley Forge where we joined Head Quarters and were attached to a Company commanded by Capt. William Fowler of the 5th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Burgess Ball of the Brigade commanded by General Muhlenberg and on the 28th day of June 1778 John Mohon and

myself were in the Battle of Monmouth and after the battle we were marched and stationed at a place called the White Plains and after that we were stationed at a place called Middlebrook and on the 1st of March 1779 John Mohon with the rest of the Company were discharged Having served his full tour of 12 months.

Given under my hand this 26th day of June 1833

S/ Ezekiel Perkinson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ezekiel Perkinson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$44.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months and 12 days in the Virginia Continental lined and militia.]