

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Enoch Moore S5785

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State of Virginia } Solisit
County of Harrison }

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the Court of Harrison County now sitting Enoch Moore a resident of Harrison County and State of Virginia aged seventy four years the 18th of June 1832 who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -

That he entered the service of the United States in the Spring of the year 1778 as a volunteere under the command of Capt. Henry Enoch [see note below], as a spy against the indians for six months, that when he entered the service he resided in the State of Maryland in Allagany [sic: Allegany] County, that he was immediately after volonteering marched under Command of same Capt to the Ohio River, to Wheeling Va and flats of Grave Creek [now Moundsville WV], where he continued as a spy throughout the region of Country sometimes on one side of the Ohio River and sometimes on the other. There he continued in service under the command of the above Capt for the term he volenteared which was six months, That he then received a discharge from the said Capt Enoch which discharge was consumed some years since by having his home burned and destroyed by fire. 1. States he was borned in the State of New Jersey on the 18th June 1758 That he was moved therefrom by his parents when a child to the place above stated in Maryland where he resided untill he went out as a spy as above stated, that after his term of service he returned to Maryland and continued to reside there untill the year 1791 or 92 when he removed therefrom to Harrison County in the State of Virginia where he now resides and has resided ever since the above date 1791 or 92, That his age was recorded in the family bible and corasponds with his age here given, - That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testamony he can procure, who can testify to his service. That his own declaration is the best and only evidence which he can give in relation to his services rendered

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid Enoch hisXmark Moore

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from Harrison and other counties of present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth and the note below.]

Enoch Moore. draws \$20—

on the 19th July 1834 Mr. Moore made the following statement of his age and revolutionary services. to Wit - he is 76 yrs old - that in the year 1779 or 1780 he then lived on [illegible] yohogania [sic: Youghioghenny River] in the State of Maryland. Capt Daniel Hall [see note below] in whose Company he was then Enrolled sent out word that eight men was to be drafted out of his company, - himself & seven others of Hall company refused to stand the draft. - turned out as volunteers and performed the duty required by the draft. - the eight who had thus volunteered set out and in a short time thereafter got to "Enoch's Fort" on the Ohio river and placed themselves under the command of Capt Linock [sic: probably Enoch]. - there were fifteen or twenty men at that station - Jackson Fort at which there were some twenty or thirty men includeing settlers was eight miles higher up the river, the men at the two stations were backwards & forwards guarding, raingeing & spying in the vicinity of those stations - he was gone six months - Capt Jackson commanded at Jacksons Fort — Nathan Goff [pension agent] wrote his declaration. charged him nothing — a copy W. G Singleton Nov. 20, 1834

Clarksburg May 12 - 1835

J L Edwards }
Com[issioner] of Pensions }

Sir I would call your attention to the case of Enoch Moore of Harrison County who has been stricken from the pension list Roll, - he was drawing a pension of \$20— for services rendered during the R War - a 6-months tour, - I got him placed on the pension list, - there is not a shadow of doubt but that he done the services setforth in his declaration, - and I think his case comes clearly under the law of 1832— I hope you will reexamin his declaration, - I think you will find that he does not come under the head of Indian fitters

yours Respectfully Nathan Goff

May 18, 1835

Nathan Goff Esq
Clarksburg, Va

Sir I have received your letter of the 12th Inst. From W. Singleton's report in the case of Enoch Moore I am persuaded, that Moore was one of the early settlers, who was styled an Indian Fighter, but whose case is not embraced by the provisions of the Revolutionary pension laws [see note below]. If W. Singletons statement of the case has been misconceived by me, I will take the earliest opportunity of correcting the error, by being apprized by him of the mistake. But I cannot restore Moore's name to the pension list until I obtain from W. Singleton more satisfactory information.

[Note at bottom of page:]

Dropped from the rolls Mch. 12, 1835 on the ground that he was one of the early settlers who was styled an Indian fighter, but whose service is not embraced by the provisions of the Revolutionary pension laws -

NOTES:

Henry Enoch and Daniel Hall were captains in the Monongalia County VA Militia.

During Singleton's investigation he and Edwards decided pensions would no longer be allowed for settlers in on the frontier for their service in their self-defense against Indians, even though the pension act of 7 June 1832 specified "Indian Spies" as one category to be covered. Obviously Moore was not then a settler in the area where he served as a soldier.