

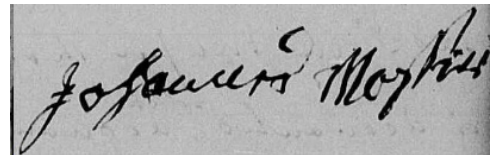
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Pension Application of John Musser (Mosser) S5786
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State of Virginia
Smyth County to wit

On this nineteenth day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in the County Court of Smyth in the State of Virginia John Mosser (Musser) of the County of Smyth aforesaid aged seventy four who being first sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passd June 7th 1832

That he was drafted as a Militia Man in the County of Shannandoah [sic: Shenandoah] in the State of Virginia in the year 1781 in the month of June and placed under Captain Lawrence Snappe [Lorentz Snapp] but was march'd off by Ensign John Neil in consequence of the Capt not attending the Rendesvous, and join'd the encampment of Headquarter at a place called the Drinking the Spring [sic: Drinking Springs 3 mi NW of Williamsburg] and there put under the command of Capt Thos Marshall [Thomas Marshall] (who has since removed to Kentucky) and attach'd Col [Elias] Edmunds Regiment and in Brigade commanded by Genl Stephens [probably Edward Stevens]. Thomas Welch who the deponent understood was a Leut or Ensign in the Regular service acted a Adjutant and exercised the Reg't twice each day, they moved from thence to the encampment at Malvern Hills call'd Maubern hills [15 mi] below Richmond and then retrograded towards Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] then return'd to within sight of Williamsburg where they met an advance of the enemy and again retreated to Ruffins Ferry [on Pamunkey River near Sweet Hall] where they were when they heard the firing of the Guns of the French Fleet on their enterance in to the Capes [probably Second Battle of the Capes, 5 Sep 1781] afterwards they marched & countermarch'd for some time in the County and halted at places new to the Depon't and no longer recollected and were finally discharged at a place not far from the drinking Spring by Genl Stephens a short time before CornWallis was taken at York Town [19 Oct 1781] his term of service being ended being four months from the time he was drafted – some time before the before mentioned service he was drafted in a Campaine against the Indians under Genl McIntoch [sic: Lachlan McIntosh] where he also served four months as a private soldier and was placed under the command of Leut Saml Vance [Samuel Vance] who acted as Capt in the place of Capt Snappe who had some excuse for remaining at home was march'd towards Pitsburg [sic: Pittsburgh] was sometime commanded by Col [Benjamin] Harrison of Rockingham County they were join'd by a party of Regulars commanded by Colo [Richard] Campbell who was afterwards kill'd at Eutaw Springs in that Campaine the Soldiers suffered severely they crossed the Ohio about 30 miles below Fort Pit and built a fort just below Big Beaver and Fort McIntosh [sic: Fort McIntosh at present Beaver PA built fall of 1778] and then advanced into the Indian Country as far as Muskingum [sic: Muskingum River] from there they returned home leaving a Garrison in the Fort [Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH, built winter 1778-79] being discharged at Fort McIntoch having served eight months in the two terms of service. He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension except the present and declares that his name is not on any Pension Roll of any agency of any State Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Mosser" or "John Mosser 1832". The ink is dark and the paper is aged and slightly yellowed.

[Henry Burkhart (pension application S8129) stated that he had served with Musser in the same regiment and same time.]

Smyth County to wit

This 20th day of June 1833 John Musser appeared in open Court and made Oath That by way of amendment to the foregoing declaration he states that he served eight months at least as a private Soldier in the United States in the years 1780 & 1781 and that no clergyman resides in his neighbourhood who is acquainted with him but that the Rev'd Zacharea Mitchell is well acquainted with him who resides in this County.

NOTE: John Musser's signature in German script appears to read "Johannes Mosher."