

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Robert Moore S5790

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State of Virginia }
County of Bedford } S.S.

On this 24th day of December in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Bedford the same being a Court of record now sitting Robert Moore a resident of the said County of Bedford and State aforesaid aged Eighty one years 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 as a Sergeant in the year 1776 in the Militia of the State of Virginia and served three months under the following named officers ~ Thomas Williams commanded the company to which he was attached. He was marched from Charlotte Court house in the State of Virginia (in which he resided at the time he was called into service) to Williamsburg where his company joined the brigade commanded by General Robert Lawson. The regiment was commanded he thinks by Col Richardson [Holt Richeson]. He does not remember the names of the other field officers. From Williamsburg he was marched to Hampton and from thence to Portsmouth where he was honourably discharged. His discharge has been lost, during this tour of three months he acted as a sergeant. In the year 1779 he was again drafted into service in the militia of the State of Virginia and served a second tour of three months. at the time he was called upon to perform this tour of duty he resided in the said County of Charlotte and was marched from thence under the command of Capt Thomas Collier. His Lieutenant was John Collier. His company marched to Petersburg, through Smithfield & James Town and joined the Brigade commanded by Genl Ro. Lawson between Williamsburg & Richmond. The field officers of his regiment that he recollects were Col John Holcombe and Major [John] Overstreet. He was during a great part of this tour Stationed at some mills on Chickahominy River for the purpose of guarding them. He was discharged at a place called Morven Hills [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] but he lost his discharge. During the whole of this tour of duty he acted as a Sergeant and was discharged as such. In april in the year 1781 he was again drafted into service in the Militia of Virginia from the said County of Charlotte in which he continued to reside. He served three months as a Sergeant, his company was commanded by Captain John Caldwell the same who afterwards was made a Brigadier general in the State of Kentucky; Gideon Spencer was the Lieutenant, and Valentine Sublett ensign. About this time the Brittish Cavalry under the command of [Lt. Col. Banastre] Tarleton were at Prince Edward Courthouse in the State of Virginia to which place his company was marched where the joined the army commanded by Genl Ro. Lawson. His regiment as in his last tour was commanded by Col. Holcombe and Major Overstreet. From Prince Edward Court house he marched to Carters ferry on James River [now Cartersville], & from thence to the double Bridges on Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey] River where they joined the army under the command of Genl LaFayette. After remaining a few days Genl. Lawsons brigade marched northward to form a juncture with Genl Waynes army then on its march to the South. at a place called Rocoon ford on Rapid Ann River they joined Genl Waynes army [sic: joined army of Anthony Wayne on Raccoon Ford on Rapidan River, 8 June 1781]. They were then marched in pursuit of the British who had left a place called Pointy fork on James River [sic: Point of Fork at the confluence with Rivanna River, 14 June]. Genl Wayne came up with the Brittish at James Town where they had an engagement [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 July] but at the time Lawsons Brigade having marched slower than Waynes army came within about seven miles of James Town and not in the engagement. He was marched to James Town & from thence towards Richmond and was honorably discharged within about 10 miles of the latter place, his discharge has been lost. On the night before the army under Genl Lawson joined Genl La Fayette an attack was made by the Brittish Cavalry under Tarleton, but upon receiving the fire of the pickett guard they retired.

In august in the year 1781 still residing in the said County of Charlotte, He was again drafted and served in the Militia of the State of Virginia for two months under the command of Captain Robert Jennings and Lieutenant Richard Davenport. He marched to yorktown where they joined the army under the command of Genl. Washington. His company was stationed in a post called Poplar fort. He there remained until the surrender of cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. The third day after his surrender he was discharged but this discharge has also been lost. He knows of no person by whom he can establish his services as herein set forth except Alexander Hunter [pension application S5575] of Charlotte County whose affidavit is annexed. He has procured that affidavit with great difficulty, his infirmities being such as to render him unable to attend to business – and his poverty such as to place it out of his power to employ others. In answer to interrogatories propounded by the Court he says:

1st That he was born in charlotte County on the 5th day of May 1751.

2^d That the record of his age is now in the possession of his sister in Law in the County of Charlotte.

3^d That when called into service as herein before stated he resided in Charlotte County Virginia where he continued to reside until the year 1797 when he removed to the County of Bedford in said State and has there resided ever since.

4th That he was drafted into service.

5th From his advanced age his memory being in some degree impaired, he is unable to recall the names of the regular officers, or the continental, or militia regiments who were with the troops where he served except as before stated.

6th Col David Saunders, John Callaway, Charles Price & others are his neighbours and can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Robert Moore.