

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Moses Upchurch S7776

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County }

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November A.D. 1836 personally appeared before me John Lasater a Justice of the Peace for said County Moses Upchurch a resident of said County 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 7, 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States and served as herein stated, he was born in the County of Brunswick in the State of Virginia on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1755 (but has no record of his age) at the age of two years he removed to Franklin County North Carolina where he resided until April 1775 when he enlisted in a company of light Horse commanded by Captain Jones [James Jones] Lieutenant Medici [Cosmo Medici] and Ensign Armstrong and mustered at Hunters old Tavern in said County from thence he marched to Duplin old Court House from thence to Fayetteville from thence to Charleston whilst there the battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776] was fought but he was not in the engagement from thence he marched to Savannah at Purysburg he was mustered in General Sumner's [Jethro Sumner's] Army from Savannah he was marched back to North Carolina where he was actively engaged in subduing the Tories until his discharge at Halifax Court House North Carolina on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1776 after having served a period of at least 14 months and half – his discharge was in writing and signed by Captain Armstrong at is now lost or destroyed and he is unable to procure the same.

In the year 1778 he volunteered his services in a Company of horse in the County of Wake commanded by Captain Hunter and was actively engaged in subduing the Tories in the Counties of Wake and Chatham until he was discharged at Wake Court house after having served at least two months his discharge was written and signed by Captain Hunter but the same is now lost or destroyed and he is unable to procure the same.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory in the union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Lasater, JP

S/ Moses Upchurch, X his mark

[William Merritt and Daniel Johnston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1845, Personally appeared before us George Williams & Sims Upchurch both acting Justices of the peace & members of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions in and for the said County of Chatham, Moses Upchurch, a resident of the aforesaid County & State, aged 89 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was a resident of Wake County N. C. in the War of the Revolution. And that he served the United States as follows in said war, To wit: that he volunteered in the Cavalry under Captain Jones of the said County & State in April 1776 – that Medecay [sic, Cosmo Medici or Medicie] was Lieutenant & James Armstrong Ensign that he was marched for Wilmington North Carolina but was halted at Duplin old Court House & was marched South through Fayetteville, crossed the Pedee River at Long Bluff & Santee at Nelson's ferry entered Charleston on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June in the same year on the very day of the Battle of Sullivan's Island was Fought – that he was stationed there (at Charleston) some time – that during the time he was at Charleston his Captain James Jones went home & that the command fell to Lieutenant Medici and that he was marched to Savannah Georgia & remained at that place some time – then the Army was ordered back to Charleston South Carolina – that he was left at the said place Savannah to take care of his brother Charles<sup>1</sup> & another soldier by the name of Blalock who were sick – that when they got well he & the said Blalock & his brother came on to Charleston where they learned that the Army was gone to Halifax N. C. -- that they saw their Lieutenant Medici at Charleston & he gave him a furlough to go by home & directed him to meet him at Halifax to whence the Army had gone.

This declarant states that from the time he entered the service till he arrived at home (which was in November) after he entered the service was about eight months, that he went to Halifax as he was ordered & saw his Lieutenant Medici & got another furlough to come on and to return again he thinks in June afterwards & that he did return to Halifax & obtained a discharge from the service. That when he was stationed at Charleston South Carolina Jethro Sumner was Colonel.

This declarant further states on his said oath that in the year he thinks of 1781 he again volunteered in Captain Hunter's company in the aforesaid County of Wake & state of North Carolina & served two months, & was then discharged by the said Hunter.

That his discharges which certifies to all these particulars are lost – and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any state.

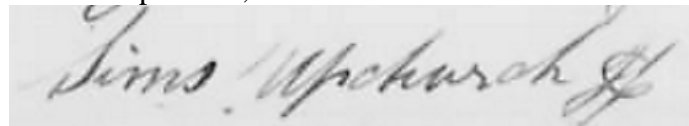
Kept and further evidence of the said service this declarant refers the Commissioner to the proofs which he supposes is on file in his office.

Sworn to & subscribed on the aforesaid date before us.

S/ George Williams, JPJ

S/ Moses Upchurch, X his mark

S/ Sims Upchurch, JP



[relationship , if any, to the veteran is not

stated]

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<sup>1</sup> [Charles Upchurch S16562](#)

[p 13: On July 5, 1849, Moses Upchurch, still a resident of Chatham County North Carolina, filed for the issuance of a new certificate of his pension stating that he has lost his original certificate.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.31 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 18 days in the North Carolina Light Dragoons.]