

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Fleshman S8484

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State of Virginia } SS
County of Fayette }

On this 21st day of January 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the worshipful the Court of Fayette County, now sitting, Moses Fleshman a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Virginia aged seventy two years & eight months 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 the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] and State of Virginia in the year 1761, a record of which is contained in a Family Bible now in his possession. He was a resident of his native County in the year 1781, when he was drafted. This happened as well as he recollects in the month of March of said year. Having been allowed a few days thereafter for preparation, he together with others constituting in the whole a full company were placed under the command of Capt Mark Finx[?] Several other Companies were called upon at the same time, and under similar circumstances, in the County of Culpepper, all of which as well as that commanded by Capt Finx, were marched under the command of Col. Harry Hill [Henry Hill], to Fredericksburg in Virginia. On their arrival at Frederickburg they received orders to proceed to Norfolk. Accordingly they proceeded, through the Bowling Green [in Caroline County] to Sandy Point [on James River in Surry County], thence to South-hampton [sic: Southampton] on their way to Norfolk; but on reaching South hampton the enemy as was understood having left Norfolk and gone to Petersburg their destination was changed and they were marched to the latter place. On the next day after the arrival of the Army (which was now under the command of Genl Mulenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg]) at Petersburg. They had an engagement with the enemy in which they were defeated [Battle of Petersburg (Blandford Hill), 24 Apr 1781]. This Affiant however was not in the action he having been previously detailed with 99 others under the command as well as he recollects of Capt Rice, to a certain brick house three miles below the town, for the purpose of giving the alarm in the event of the enemy's approaching. While stationed at the house the enemy pased them on whom they fired two rounds and their fire being returned by the ordinance of the enemy the notice was communicated to Petersburg. From the brick house, the army having been defeated, they were ordered to retreat to Chesterfield Ct House. At Chesterfield Ct House an arrangement was made by which a company was formed consisting of an hundred men made up of details of ten men each from each company of the Regiment (which consisted of ten Companies) of which this affiant was one. This Company was placed under the command of officers who were called State Officers. It was associated with a company of Lt. Horse - all under the Command of Col Dick. This Affiant continued in this Company until he was discharged, having been in service three months. He received no written discharge.

He was again drafted in the Fall of the same year, the particular month he can not now recollect, and marched from the County of Culpepper under the command of Capt Kirtly by way of Richmond & Williamsburg to Little York. He was at the Seige of York and at the Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. During the battle he was assigned to the Artillery. The seige over he escorted the Prisoners to Winchester where he was discharged He was on this tour three months. He has no written discharges none having ever been given him.

Some years after the Revolutionary War he moved to the County of Shenandoah in Virginia thence to the County of Greenbrier and thence to the County of Fayette where he at present resides and to which he has recently removed

The regular officers, by which this affiant understood the State officers with whom he served on the Spring tour were Col Dick of Fredericksburg of the Lt Horse, Major Boice [sic: William Boyce], Capt Woodford, Capt Lewis of the Infantry. And on the Fall Tour at Little York were Genl

Washington, Genl [Henry] Knox (who commanded the Artillery) Col Barbour & as well as he recollects Major Barbour. Genl Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] and Genl [Robert] Lawson were commanders of the Militia at Little York. —

Messrs Thomas Masterson and John McVey will Testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He has no documentary evidence of his service

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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
Moses hisXmark Fleshman

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

Moses Fleshman. served 6 months - has received \$40

I the undersigned Moses Fleshman being called on by W. G. Singleton agent of the war department for a statement of my Revo'y. Services as Soldier and statement of my age give the following

I was born in Culpepper County May 1st 1761 and lived in that county during the war of the Revo

In the early part of the year 1780 I was drafted for a two months tour, and started with a requisition of about 300 men from culpepper county under Major Gravis [sic: John Graves]. we went through Frederick Cty & I think as far as The Bolen Green, at that place orders were received to discharge as. we returned in a body to Culpepper County and were then discharged having been in service at least three weeks. my Captains name (he thinks) was William Triplett.

about the middle of the summer of the same year, I substituted in the place of my Father, and marched with a requisition of Militia from same County - consisting of four or five companies, commanded I think by Col. James Slaughter. we marched toward Richmond pursuing the orrange road - but we did not reach Richmond & were discharged before our time (2 mo) expired. we were at least one month in actual service in this touer.

In march 1781 I was drafted for a two months touer & marched from same county under Capt Mark Finch Through Fredericksburg Bolen Green to Sandy Point with a Regt. of Militia from same county commanded by Col. Hill - crossed the River at Sandy Point, joined Genl. Muhlenburg, and went to Southampton retreated from that place to Petersburg - Stood under arms all night - next day 100 men includeing myself were detailed, and were marched by Capt. Rice 3 miles down the River and stationed at a large Brick House on River Shore - the light horse was stationed at same place. they were commanded by Col. Dick - the army retreated from Petersburg to Chesterfield - at which we joined it - before my time expired myself with many others were taken from our own companies and placed under state officers - and kept in service at least two weeks after our touer had expired -

In the fall of 1781 I was again drafted for two months, went from same county under Capt. Elijah Cantly[?] - Several compan[?] were marched at same touer under Genl. Stephens. we went through Richmond & Williamsburg to Yorktown. was at the Siege of that place & marched as one of the guard with the Prissoners to Winchester. I dont recollect the number of my Regt. was in service this touer two months - and was in actual service in the whole at least 6 mo Mr [illegible] wrote my Declaration. July 21, 1835

Witness Saml. G. Thompson
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