

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Moler S9033

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State of Ohio Highland County Sct:

On this 29th day of October A.D. 1833 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in & for the said County Joseph Moler a resident of said County aged 84 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 under the following named officers & served as herein stated

Questions by the Justice

1<sup>st</sup> Question. Where & in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania in the month of April AD 1749

2nd Question. Have you any record of your age? An. I have not.

3rd Question. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live?

Answer. -- I lived when called into service in Frederick County in the State of Maryland. In the month of January A.D. 1778 I moved to Rutherford County in the State of North Carolina -- My neighborhood in this County was so infested with Tories that I remained there but a few weeks when I moved to Washington County in the State of Georgia where I live about 10 years after which I moved to Beth County Kentucky where I lived about 22 years & moved to Highland County where I have ever since resided.

4th Question. How were you called into Service?

Answer. I was always drafted except in my first tour against the British & in my several tours of service against the Indians when I volunteered.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service?

I knew Generals Washington, Lee & Wayne & Colonels Morgan, Richardson & many other officers whose names I do not recollect.

In my first tour I volunteered for the Maryland militia in the month of June A.D. 1776 at McAltister [McAlister?] town in Frederick County. I joined the company commanded by Captain Jacob Good -- we marched soon afterwards towards the City of Philadelphia near which City we joined the rifle Regiment commanded by Colonel Rawlings -- & marched into Philadelphia we remained in that City about two weeks when we embarked for the North & sometime in July or August landed on Long Island & where we joined Washington's Army -- We

remained on Long island for several weeks then was stationary Went almost constantly marching from place to place -- the part of the Army to which I was attached was never engaged in any battles whilst we were on long island but we had several skirmishes with the British troops -- We left long island crossed over to New York City & marched to a place called the White Plains where the whole Army remained for several weeks -- While we were at the White Plains we had a battle [October 28, 1776] with the British -- but during the battle & afterwards I was in that division of the Army of which guarding the baggage ammunition & stores of the Army commanded by General Lee [Charles Lee]. -- From the White Plains we marched to a place called Kingsbridge near the North River where we remained 3 or 4 weeks -- thence we crossed the North River & marched down to Fort Lee, where we remained but a short time & then marched through New Jersey to Philadelphia. Our part of the Army passed through Trenton New Jersey a few days before the Hessians were captured by Washington. At Philadelphia I was discharged by my said Captain Good after serving at least six months -- In this tour I served in that part of the American Army called the flying camp as a rifleman -- & my commanding Officer was General Mercer -- Our term of service had expired before we reached Trenton & I company left the Army & marched to Philadelphia before we were discharged --

In the month of September A.D. 1777 I was drafted for the Maryland militia at Frederick County in said State -- served in the company commanded by Captain \_\_ Winchester & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel \_\_\_\_. We marched soon after I was drafted towards Philadelphia -- We stopped at a place called Cross roads about a week -- & were there joined by several regiments of Maryland militia commanded by General Smallwood [William Smallwood] -- we then marched forward crossed the Brandywine Creek. The British troops had a few days before defeated the American Army & were numerous through the Country so that we had to march by night to reach the Main Army in safety -- One night whilst we were marching to join a part of the American troops -- we were attacked by the British & obliged to retreat -- We stopped at a place called the Horse shoe road, where we remained 2 days & then marched to Germantown where we joined the American Army under Washington. -- I was at Germantown when the battle [October 4, 1777] was fought but was not engaged -- I remained in Germantown until I served out the term for which I was drafted when I was discharged by my Captain & returned home after serving three months -- I was discharged in December 1777. From old age & loss of memory I cannot recollect the Colonel under whom I served in this tour. --

In January 1778, I moved to Rutherford County North Carolina & soon after to Washington County Georgia --

In July A.D. 1779 I volunteered as a spy against the Indians at Washington County Georgia under Captain \_\_ Pulham & in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cunningham of the Georgia militia. I continued to spy against the Creek & Cherokee Indians under the command of said officers on the frontiers of Georgia until March 1780 when I was discharged by my Captain & returned home after serving in this tour eight months -- & in the meanwhile I never followed any civil business.

In October 1780 I again joined the Georgia militia at the same place & under the same officers -- we built two forts in Washington County in this tour of my service to protect the inhabitants from the Indians. After which I was sent out by my said officers as a spy against said Indians. I continued to spy under said officers on the frontiers of said state until March 1781 -- during which time we rendezvoused at said Forts. In March I was discharged by my said Captain & returned home after serving six months & was during all of said six months under arms & not engaged in any civil business.

In September A.D. 1781 -- I volunteered for the Georgia Militia at Washington County in said State -- I served this tour as a spy against the Indians under Captain Pulham & Colonel \_\_\_ Cunningham. I spy on the frontiers of Georgia until March 1782 when I was discharged by my Captain at Fort Washington County Georgia after serving six months -- & always under arms -- In the winter of 1782-3 I served for three months as a spy against the Indians at the same place & under the same officers --

And during the whole period of my residence in Georgia scarce a year passed when I was not out against the Indians -- I was in said State about 10 years.

I was in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war either against the British, or as a spy against the Indians not less than two years & eight months in all.

6th Question. Did you ever receive a written discharge?

Answer. I never did but was always verbally discharged. --

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Henry Landess [Henry Landis?], John Eaken, John Farris, John Colvin & many others will testify as is required. That he lives about 10 miles from Hillsboro where the court of record of said County are held & that from bodily infirmity he is unable to attend before said court to make his declaration.

That he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension but the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed this 29th day of October 1833.

S/Joseph Moler, X his mark

[Attested by Wm C. Scott, JP]

[Daniel O'Kenman [? Daniel Ackerman?], a clergyman, John Landis & Henry Landess gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Georgia and Maryland militia.]