

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Moseley (Mosely) S9037

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield County SS

On this 13th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Chesterfield County, Peter Moseley, a resident of the said County in the State of Virginia, aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated, viz.:

During the year of 1780 and 1781 as well as he can now recollect this Declarant having been regularly drafted, served three or four tours in the Virginia Militia; he positively remembers at least three tours, at that time he resided in the County of Powhatan in the State of Virginia, and on every occasion entered the service in that County. These tours were all performed on the South side of James River chiefly in the lower part of Virginia, the companies to which this Declarant was attached having marched from Powhatan through the Country lying between that County and Suffolk in the County of Nansemond and having been stationed at Suffolk, Cabin Point, Hood's, Jericho, McKay's Mills [Mackie's Mills?], and other places and having been engaged in a small skirmish at Hood's in the spring of 1781: he was stationed at Warebottom [Ware Bottom] Church in the County of Chesterfield at the time of the Battle at Petersburg in April 1781 [April 25, 1781]; and was marched immediately afterwards to Petersburg with the troops to which he was attached, and entered that Towns soon after the British troops had evacuated it. In one of these tours he was commanded by Captain Richard Crump, and another by Captain Edward Mumford and in another by Captain George Williamson, all of the Powhatan militia, the Regimental Officers he does not well remember, except Colonel Robert Goode and Major Duval. This Declarant from old age and the consequent loss of memory cannot swear positively to the length of his service during the Revolution, but he is very certain that he served as a private in the militia of not less than six months and he believes longer.

That he does not remember to have served with any regular Officers or troops, he remembers that some were present at some of the places at which he was stationed, but does not recollect the Officers' names or the numbers of the Regiment; as he was never regularly attached to them. He was never engaged in any battle or skirmish except that at Hood's [perhaps a reference to the attached on Hood's fort by Benedict Arnold and John Graves Simcoe, January 3, 1781]. He was finally discharged a short time before the close of the war, but as well as he recollects, he received no discharge in writing, as such were not usual to be given to the militia, and has no documentary evidence of his service; some periods of which however can be proved by witnesses now living. He does not know that he can procure the testimony of any clergyman

to his reputation of his services as he was at the time of the Revolution and for several years afterwards a resident of the County of Powhatan; but he can refer to many respectable persons to prove such reputation, and who can also bear witness to his credibility.

That he was born in Powhatan, Virginia, the 4th of April 1763, according to a Register of his age which he wants head, but which has been accidentally lost: corresponding also with a memorandum taken by his son and now in his possession. He resided in that County until a little upwards of 30 years ago, when he removed to the County of Chesterfield, where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Subscribed and sworn to the day & year above

S/ Peter Moseley



[Goode Gill and Thomas Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Powhatan County SS

I, Seth Hatcher,¹ a resident of the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Peter Moseley formerly a resident of Powhatan, and now of Chesterfield County and was acquainted with him during the Revolutionary War: that I very well remember to have served a tour of duty during the war in the fall of 1779 or 1780, which lasted 2 or 3 months I do not recollect which with the said Peter Moseley in Captain Williamson's Company of Militia, which marched from the County of Powhatan to Petersburg where, as well as I can recollect, we were put under the command of Major Duval. We marched thence down to Cabin Point and then to Mackay's Mills, at both of which places we remained a few days: thence we marched to Suffolk in the County of Nansemond and put under the command of Colonel Parker, and remained there until we were discharged with the exception of a short trip to Jericho in the same part of the Country. I distinctly remember that the said Moseley served in that tour and I suppose during the whole of it as we were well acquainted at the time and had been for some years previous. Given under my hand the 9th day of April 1833.

S/ Seth Hatcher



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

¹ [Seth Hatcher S5479](#)