

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Moseley (Mosely) ¹ S9421

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South Carolina Union District } To Wit..

On this the 11th day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions, now sitting, for this District aforesaid, James Mosely Senior a resident of Union District aged Seventy-five years who being first duly sworn in due form of 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 and served as herein stated. I entered the service in the then Ninety Six District in that part of it now called Union, in the month of June 1776 in Captain Bullock's [Zachariah Bullock's] company in Colonel John Thomas' Regiment under command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson], as a volunteer to fight the Cherokee Indians,² and was in service during the whole campaign say from June to the last of October following. In March 1781 I entered the Service in Captain Gill's [Thomas Gill's] Company Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment commanded by General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], and continued until November following. In May 1782 I served a Months tour at Orangeburg in Captain Thomson's [John Thompson's] Company and Colonel Faris [sic, William Farr's] Regiment Captain Thompson commanding. In the September following I marched in Captain Thomson's company commanded by Lieutenant Lattimore, in Colonel Farr's Regiment commanded by General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] against the Cherokee Indians and was out about 7 weeks making in all one year, 3 months and 3 weeks. I was in several light skirmishes in one regular battle in my first campaign against the Cherokees. I served at the taking of Orangeburg [May 11, 1781].³ And was at the Siege of Fort Granby,⁴ and was at the cutting up an English Regiment and destroying a Fort on the East side of Cooper River nearly opposite Moncks Corner, and several other light engagements during the tour of 1781 under General Sumter the whole time a private soldier. I have no documentary evidence of my services except those enclosed and herewith transmitted and can only refer to Captain Joshua Palmer⁵ for my services in the Indian campaigns, and there is no man living that I know of in my reach who can testify to my other Services. I never have drawn any pension from any State, nor have I ever before petitioned for

¹ BLWt40688-160-55

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html &
http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

⁵ [Joshua Palmer S21912](#)

any and I do hereby relinquish all claim whatever to a pension from any state, upon the condition that I obtained a pension from the United States.

For answer to the Interrogatories put by the Court I answer
Interrogatory 1st & 2nd I was born on the 24th of December 1756 in Brunswick County in the State of Virginia, But have no record of my age, it has been destroyed.

3rd I lived in Union District and York Chester at the time of my Services, and have lived in Union District ever since.

4th In the within declaration. I was chiefly a volunteer.

5th Colonel Sumter, afterwards General Sumter was with us and part of the Indian campaign. In the campaigns under General Sumter I was frequently with Colonel Washington [William Washington] and Lee [Henry [”Light Horse Harry”] Lee] before Washington was taken Prisoner at the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781].

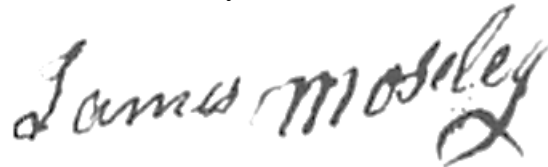
6th I never received any discharge nor any written testimony of my Services more than the papers above referred to.

7th I refer to the Reverend Thomas Greer and General Elijah Dawkins and Major J. S. Sims and John Gage Senior to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.

This the 10th of October 1832

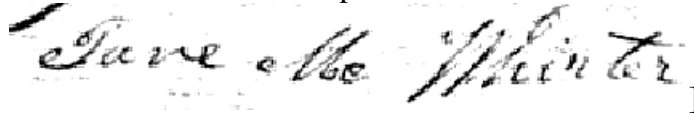
S/ Jno B. O’Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ James Moseley

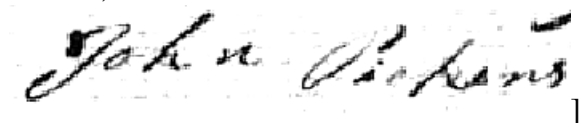


[Thomas S Greer, a clergyman, John Gage Senior, Elijah Dawkins and J. S. Sims gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On April 29, 1856, in Union District, Jane McWhirter (formerly Jane Moseley) filed an affidavit stating that she is the daughter and only minor child of James Moseley, a revolutionary war pensioner of the United States; that she was born at her father's residence in Union District on the 31st day of December 1835 and was married to her husband Shelton McWhirter on the 16th day of July 1850; that her father died at his residence in Union District on May 19, 1840 and left no widow, her mother [Martha Mosley] having died about the 2nd day of October 1839; she made this affidavit in pursuance of her claim for a bounty land entitlement.



[p 11: John Pickens, a resident of Union District South Carolina gave a deposition stating that he is the son of Martha Mosley, the widow of James Moseley, by a prior marriage and that Jane McWhirter is his half-sister; that Jane is the only child by the marriage of James Moseley to his mother; that he served as administrator of his step father's estate.



[p 16]

By orders of General Sumter I am Directed to give James Moseley a pass to travel into Ninety Six District and do therefore Desire that no person may interrupt the said Moseley on his way going or returning back as he has behaved himself as Becometh a Citizen since he has been in Camden District:

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S/ Ewd Lacey, Col. [Edward Lacey]

24th May 1783 [last digit unclear]

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Edw. Lacey Col.
24th May 1783

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This is to Certify that the Bearer James Moseley hath behaved himself True for his Country and half Done a tour of Duty at the Congaree Fort. Given under my hand May 25th day 1781

S/ Thomas Gill Capt

[literal transcript of the above:]

This is to Cortify that the Bareer James Mosely hath behaveed him Self Tru for his Contry and

hath Don a tower of Diuty at the Congree fort Giving under my hand May 25th 1781
S/ Thos Gill Copt.

This is to Certify that the Barber James Masely
hath behaved him self Dref for his Contary and hath
Don a tower of Diuty of at the Congree fort Giving under
my hand ~~the~~ May the 25 Day 1781
Thos Gill Copt

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.44 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 8 months and 7 days in the South Carolina militia.]