

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Molsbey W1061 Nancy Molsbey f85VA
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State of Tennessee Hawkins County: SS

On this 2nd day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court for the County of Hawkins now sitting William Molsbey a resident of said County aged seventy-three years last May, 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 and served as herein stated, to wit. That he was drafted and entered the Regiment of militia under the command of Colonel Wade, as well as he now recollects, sometime in the month of June, in the year 1775 in the city of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania, where this deponent then resided, and from Philadelphia was marched to Elizabeth town in the State of New Jersey, where this deponent remained with his Regiment about seven weeks, or thereabouts, and then, with his company was marched back to Philadelphia, and was there discharged, having served two months. He does not recollect at this time whether he received a written discharge, if he did, it has been lost or mislaid – nor does he know of any person living by whom he can prove said service, that he now recollects of. This deponent further states that again about the latter end of June or first of July in the year 1777 – this deponent was again drafted in the city of Philadelphia & marched in a company of militia to a place near the junction of the Schuylkill [River], with the Delaware (rivers) on the Jersey side, where he was with his company employed at building Mud Fort, otherwise called Fort Mifflin [Fort Mifflin], and after being so employed two months was marched back to Philadelphia with his company, when he was discharged but he has forgotten the names of his company officers, said declarant further states that when he was employed at said Fort, the troops employed were Pennsylvania militia, and there were no regular troops with them – This declarant further states that again about the 24th of 25th of May in the year 1780 he enlisted the said service in the 9th Regiment of the Pennsylvania line under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Caleb North, and served 7 months, and was discharged by his said Colonel North at Camp Mount Kemble on the 25th December 1780 which discharge is here with annexed – having his 7 months & this deponent further states that after being enlisted as above stated he was marched with his last Regiment into the State of New Jersey, passing through Morris town to Mount Kemble where he served out his 7 months and was discharged as above stated. Again this declarant entered the service in the militia by being drafted in Chester County State of Pennsylvania sometime in the summer of 1782 and was marched to the City of Philadelphia and remained there guarding the military stores &c and doing duty fully 2 months, and was discharged, but he cannot now state the name of his Captain, nor the precise time when he was discharged, nor did he received a written discharge at the time, from Philadelphia he

returned to Chester County where he resided which different periods amount in all 213 months. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Molsbey, X his mark

[Note: This application clearly is misfiled under the Virginia veterans since this soldier does not claim to have ever served with or in the state of Virginia. I have included it in this database only because as I had already gone to the trouble to transcribe it without realizing the veteran would not claim any services in the state of Virginia, I decided to include it rather than discard it. There is considerable material in this file that I have not undertaken to transcribed realizing that it has been misindexed.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia [sic, Pennsylvania] militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]