

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Costner (Castner) W18856 Catharine f59NC

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Sessions 1832

On this 2nd day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Thomas Costner a resident of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina aged eighty-five or six 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. That in the year 1776, I was drafted in what was then Tryon County now Lincoln County to go in the Cherokee expedition & entered the service under Captain Hardin & marched in his Company to the nation but I am unable to state the name of the Colonel or General – while in that service we killed some Indians & took some prisoners & also in the nation we met with the forces from South Carolina the commander of them claimed the Indian Prisoners & they were given up to them. We also burnt some Indian huts & destroyed some corn – & after scouring the Country we were marched back to what is now Lincoln then Tryon County & discharged in this tour I served three months –

Afterward I was drafted in Lincoln County North Carolina in the year I cannot recollect for a three months tour & was placed under the command of Captain William Moore but I cannot remember the name of the Colonel or General but was marched to Wilmington North Carolina in Moore's company & remember having a little skirmish – that I am unable to state where it was – & after serving a tour of three months & a half I was discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or an annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed this second day of November 1832.

Test: S/ Vardry Clerk of Said Court

S/ Thomas Costner, X his mark

[John Blackwood and Samuel Kiser gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

A. Born in York County Pennsylvania I cannot remember the year

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. None

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. In Lincoln County North Carolina then Tryon has lived there ever since –

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. I was drafted

Q. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I was discharged by Captain Moore but it was not a written discharge.

S/ Thomas Costner, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: This day personally came before me John Blackwood one of the Justices of the Peace for said County John Franibarger Sen.<sup>1</sup> and after being duly sworn saith on oath that he the said Franibarger was in company with Thomas Costner Senior to Wilmington under the command of Colonel William Moore for the tour of [indecipherable word] then three months and that Thomas Costner some time previous to that was a tour to the Cherokee Nation after the Indians under the command of Captain Joseph Hardin but the length of time not remembered by the witness but it is supposed to be four months. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of October in the year of our Lord 1832

Test: S/ John Blackwood, JP

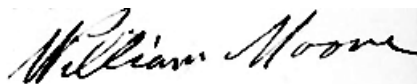
S/ John Fronebarger, X his mark

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North Carolina Lincoln County: October Sessions 1832

Personally appeared William Moore<sup>2</sup> in open court & made oath in due form of law – & on oath saith that he was a Captain in the Revolutionary War – that Thomas Costner of said County served a tour of three and one half months under the said William Moore that he was marched to Wilmington in North Carolina – the tour ended about the 22nd of December 1781.

S/ William Moore



Jacob Plunk<sup>3</sup> likewise came into court & made oath in due form of law & on oath saith that he was a soldier under said William Moore Captain at the same time with Thomas Costner. That they left home together – living in the same neighborhood at the time, that they marched to Wilmington, North Carolina together & that they were discharged by their same officer about 15 miles above Wilmington that he thinks the said tour must have been three months and a half – or thereabout.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

Witness: S/ Wardry McBee, Clerk

S/ Jacob Plunk, B his mark

[fn p. 9: on August 31st, 1846 in Lincoln County North Carolina, Mary McKelwain, made application for the pension due her mother under the 1838 act stating that she is the daughter of Thomas and Catharine Costner; that her father was a pensioner under the 1832 act for his service in the revolution; that her parents married sometime in the year 1784; that her father died July second, 1835; that her mother died November 28, 1842 still the widow of her father; that the names of all of the children and heirs at law all of her mother are Thomas Costner, Mary McKelwain, Joseph Costner, and Frederick Costner.] [In another document there is a note that a son named John had died prior to the death of their mother.]

<sup>1</sup> Sic, [John Fronebarger BLWt86036-160-55](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Moore S7250](#)

<sup>3</sup> Sic, [Jacob Plunk S7321](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 commencing March fourth, 1831, for 6 1/2 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]