

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Moody¹ W2156 Fanny or Frances Moody f129VA
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State of North Carolina Ashe County

On the 6th day of August 1821 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, so known and declared to be by walls of the State of North Carolina and opened and held as such this day for the County of Ashe Edward Moody aged sixty-four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said Edward Moody enlisted for the term of eighteen months in September in the year 1780 in the company commanded by Captain__ Pamplin in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the year 1781 when he was taken prisoner at the Battle of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21 – June 19, 1781] & paroled as appears from the enclosed certificate of J. H. Crugut [sic, John Harris Cruger] Col. &c of the British Army that he took the small pox whilst a prisoner and was unable to procure a regular discharge, that he was in the battles of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] & Ninety Six.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit one tract of land 600 acres worth \$300, 5 head of horses worth \$200, 16 head of cattle worth \$125, 16 sheep worth \$16, household & kitchen furniture & plantation tools worth \$60 – & that my debts amount to \$400. That I am by occupation a farmer, that my family consists of myself & wife & 11 children to wit Katy aged 25, Polly aged 23, Billy 21, David 19, Anne 17, Cely 15, Nancy 13, Phoebe 11, Levi 9, Frampy 7, Joel 5

Sworn to and declared on the 6th day of August 1821

S/ Edward Moody, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Ashe County: SS

¹ BLWt19523-160-55

On this 25 day of August 1834 personally appeared before us Caleb R Phillips, William Cox & Thomas Sutherland Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid in open Court, Edward Moody, a resident of the County of Ashe & State of North Carolina, aged about 78 years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -. That under the provisions of the laws of Virginia then in force he enlisted with Colonel Hugh Rose the County Lieutenant of the County of Amherst in the State of Virginia to serve for the period of 18 months and the greater part of which time he served in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Hawes of the Virginia Continental Line. He is unable to state positively from old age and the consequent loss of memory the particular day on which he enlisted, but he verily believes it was in the month of September in the year 1780, shortly after his enlistment in the County of Amherst as aforesaid, he marched under the command of Captain Pamplin to Hillsboro in North Carolina where he remained for some time, the precise length of time he is unable to state, from Hillsboro he marched under the command of Captain Ewell to Guilford Court House and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hawes. In March 1781 he was present and engaged during the action at that place between the American & British forces. He remained with the American Army attended it in its different movements, and aided in the second battle near Camden in the month of April 1781. He was afterwards marched to Ninety Six, was engaged in the battle of Ninety Six where he was severely wounded and taken prisoner. Being paroled by the British commanding officer (Colonel Cruger) he was conveyed to his father's residence in the County of Franklin Virginia to be cured of his wounds, which consisted in the loss of one finger entirely and another cut and lying in the palm of his hand (the left) and several deep saber cuts in his head, which later affected your declarant's intellect occasionally for a period of 7 or 8 years, the injury to his left hand or fingers has ever since rendered him unable to labor efficiently at any business which required the use of both hands, being a prisoner of war and confined by his wounds when the period for which he had enlisted expired prevented him from obtaining a discharge. He never received any compensation for his services whatever. He knows of none of his compatriots in arms who are living, if there be, is remote situation, his poverty, age and infirmities occasioned in a great measure from his wounds, would prevent his seeking after them. He believes however that evidence sufficient to establish his services may be found accompanying his petition for a pension presented to the House of Representatives of the United States at or about the Session of 1819 – 20 or 1820 – 1 and which he presumes are to be found filed at Washington City. Chesley Kinney whose testimony accompanied said petition he is informed has since departed this life.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency in any state.

S/ Edmond Moody, X his mark

[p 22: The answers to the 7 interrogatories prescribed by the war Department-- there was no introduction to this testimony]

1. Ans. I was born in Fluvanna County Virginia in the year 176? [last digit written over and illegible]
2. I have no record of my age
3. I enlisted & served as a private 18 months
4. I never received any written discharge except a parole which accompanied my petition above mentioned.
5. Captain Ewell, Colonel Haws [sic], Major Hill & General Green, Colonel Bluford & others

6. I was at the battle of Guilford C. H. where I fired 18 rounds – at the 2nd battle of Camden South Carolina in April 1781, where I fired 22 rounds – I was also at the battle of Ninety Six where I was wounded & taken prisoner as above stated.

7. Reuben Mast & David Miller all my neighbors who can testify to my veracity etc.. Sworn to and subscribed August 7, 1834

S/ Edward Moody, X his mark

[Reuben Mast & David Miller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Amherst County December first 1782

I do hereby [certify] that Edward Moody in September 1780 Listed to serve as a Soldier for the Term of 18 Months

S/ Hugh Ross C. Lt.

Amherst County, Dec. 1st 1782
I do hereby that Edward Moody in September 1780
Listed to serve as a Soldier for the Term of eighteen Months
Hugh Ross C. Lt.

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This is to Certify that Edward Moody a Continental Soldier has given his Paroled to me this Ninth of July 1781

Ninety Six

S/ J. H. Cruger Lt. Colo. ??

This is to certify that Edward Moody
a Continental Soldier has given his Parole
to me this Ninth of July 1781
Ninety Six
J. H. Cruger Lt. Colo.

[pp 49-50—no preface for the following]

Interrogatory 1st Where were you born and what is your age Answer I was born in Albemarle County on the North fork of James River in State of Virginia and am now 78 or 79 years as I believe.

Quest 2nd When and where did you first joined the American Army. Answer in Amherst County in State of Virginia

3rd For what length of time did you join the American Army & in what grade did you [indecipherable word]

Answer. I enlisted for the term of 18 months as a regular & as I do believe served out that length of time. 4th In what Regiment did you enlist in & under whose command did you March. Answer I marched under the command of a Captain Pamplin to Hillsboro North Carolina. I there was placed under Colonel Bluford [probably Abraham Buford] old & [indecipherable word] Regiment from there we were placed under the command of General Green

5th Have you a discharge in writing & if so what have you done with it. Answer I never had any discharge but had a Certificate as well as I now recollect from our Lieutenant Hugh Ross which certified that I had enlisted but cannot give any of my discharge I gave the [indecipherable word] of the Honorable [indecipherable first name] Williams who has lost or mislaid the same or it was lost in passing from him again to me. All the discharge I received give to the officers commanding myself other at the battle of Ninety Six Lieutenant [indecipherable name] he and his men were discharged by the British on parole.

6th. Where do you now live. Answer I lived in the County of Ashe North Carolina on the Watauga River and have resided there about 34 or 35 years.

7th. Did you know of any person by whom you can prove your enlistment the term of your service & discharge

Answer I do not.

Sworn to before made this 19th day of May 1834

S/ Edward Moody, X his mark

S/ Solomon Parsons, JP

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State of North Carolina Ashe County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 183? [paper damaged and last digit missing] on this 13th day of November personally appeared in open court before the justices of said Court of Ashe County now sitting Edward Moody a resident of ash County aged 76 or 77 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered & enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 as he believes under the following officers & served as herein stated. He was born in Albemarle County Virginia in the year (forgot, he has no record of his age). He entered the Service in the County of Amherst where he was then living, but has forgotten the day of the month but as he thinks in the year 1780 under the following named officers, to wit Captain Pamplin who marched him thence to Hillsborough in North Carolina where the Corps joined Colonel Bluford's [Abraham Buford] broken Regiment & marched thence to Cheraw Hills, thence to Guilford County where he fought in the battle at Guilford under General Greene, Colonel Hawes, Major Hill & Captain Uil, alias Nuil, [Thomas Ewell], thence to Camden where he was in the battle at that place, where he fired 22 rounds under Captain Morgan & Lieutenant McGuire that commanded the rear guard, thence to the battle at Ninety Six South Carolina (after Captain Uil resigned) under Captain Evans where he was wounded in the hand by having one of

his fingers shot off & another disabled, & was at last, by the British, taken prisoner & lay in prison until the British was about to March to Charleston he was then set [paper damaged text missing] upon Colonel Cruget's Parole, and returned home to his father's house in Franklin County in Virginia where he had removed in the absence of the applicant, thence his father & himself removed to North Carolina in the County of Burke; thence to Ashe, where he has resided 32 or 3 years, where he now still resides & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Moody, X his mark

[Jesse coffee, a clergyman, and Bedent Baird gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p108: another application under the 1832 act]

State of North Carolina County of Ashe: SS

On this first day of June 1836 personally appeared before Reuben Mast, James Horton & James McCanles Justices of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid be applicant Edward Moody of the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years who being 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 with Captain Pamplin and served in the ___ Regiment of the Virginia line under following named officers first Colonel Bluford [Abraham Buford] whose Regiment I joined at Hillsboro North Carolina then marched to Charlotte North Carolina where we joined General Greene's Army in this march I was in the company of Captain Thomas Ewell I was placed under the command of Colonel Hawes and with the Army marched to Cheraw Hills South Carolina where we took up winter quarters, early in the spring of the year 1781 I was marched from there to Guilford courthouse North Carolina where we had & engagement under the command of General Greene with his Britannic Majesty's forces under the command of Lord Cornwallis where General Greene's Army was defeated Greene's Army being reinforced in a short space of time we pursued Lord Cornwallis' Army on as far as Deep River but had no further engagements I was then marched with them directly on to Camden South Carolina where we had another severe engagement between Army of General Greene and the British Army where we were again Defeated I was then marched to a place still in the State of South Carolina called Ninety Six where myself with a small company commanded by Captain Bentley was endeavoring to undermine the British Fort [we] were one night taken prisoners by the British and in that skirmish I had one of my fingers cut off and another finger so disabled so that it lies in the palm of my hand I was kept by the British in a Prison house for upwards of a month during the time I was in Prison General Greene's Army marched for the Eutaw Springs I was then paroled from Colonel Croget a British officer and so soon as I was at liberty I pursued my course for whom in the course of my services I was under the following named officers General Green & Colonel Bluford & Colonel Hawes, Major Hill Captain Pamplin Captain Ewell Captain Evans Captain Bentley Lieutenant Slaughter & McGuire I enlisted in the early part of the month of August in the year 1780 for the term of 18 months in Amherst County State of Virginia after performing the before mentioned services, I arrived at home in Franklin County Virginia where my father had removed to during my absence about the middle of December 1781. The Declarant verily believes that his servitude amounted to at least 16 months. He

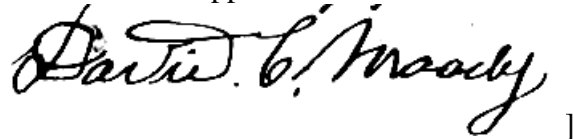
hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Edward Moody, X his mark

[p 7: On April 27, 1849 in Watauga County North Carolina, Fanny Moody, 73, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Edward Moody a private in the Virginia Continental line who enlisted in Amherst County Virginia for 18 months in the month of September 1780 as will appear by reference to the certificate of Colonel Hugh Ross now on file at the war office; that she was allowed the arrears of pension due her husband under the 1838 act from March 4, 1831 until January 1, 1838, the date of his death; that she was married to Edward Moody in Botetourt County on or about March 17, 1794 and that her husband died in Ashe County North Carolina January 1, 1838; that she is still his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On March 27, 1855 in Watauga County North Carolina the widow, then giving her age as about 80, claimed her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Edward Moody; in this document she states that she married her husband in Botetourt County Virginia in the month of March 1792 as she recollects; that they were married by a man named Ross, a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Fanny Carter; that her husband died in Ashe County (now Watauga County, North Carolina about the first of January 1837 and that she remains his widow. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 15: David C Moody, 44, gave testimony in September 1846 while a resident of Carter County Tennessee in support of his mother's claim for a pension.

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33 33 1/3 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]