

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Moore W24005

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State of Illinois, McLean [sic, McLean] County June 3, 1833

On the 3rd day of June 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Court now sitting & conducting business for the County of McClean [sic, McLean] in the Town of Bloomington, Charles Moore, a resident of said McLean County aged sixty nine 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 and served as herein stated: that in the year of 1779 in the month of February he substituted in the place of David Butner [sic] who was drafted for three months; that he was mustered into service and enrolled in Captain James Craig's Company; that in a short time after was assigned over to Mayer [sic, Major] Mountflorance [James Cole Mounflorance] to work out said tour at blacksmithing where he remained during the three months working for the public; at the end of said term that he was discharged by said Major Mountflorance—and in July 1780 said Charles Moore was drafted in the Service again [for] [an]other Three Months [under] Capt. Benj. Smith [Benjamin Smith], Mathey Brandon [Matthew Brandon] [was the] Colonel [of the regiment]; that they marched to the Southward and fell in with Genl. Morgan [sic—wrong—Morgan not on the scene in July 1780] on the Catawba River near the Old Nation Ford. In a few days after we were marched to Kings Mountain where we fought with and defeated Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson, Battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780]. Principal Commander at this Battle was Campbell Colonel [William Campbell], Shelby Col [Isaac Shelby], Williams [James Williams] &c the Latter of which fell in this action. [H]e saith that this was all the general battle that he was in during the war. [A]fter this that he was sent to help guard some prisoners to Salisbury; here he says he was discharged by his Capt. Benjamin Smith, but by moving over the world, this discharge is lost. [H]e also saith that he now lives about nine hundred miles from Salisbury and does not know of any person living by whom he can prove any of his services by at this day and as for documentary proof, he can produce none. I also hereby relinquish every claim whatever 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.

[Interrogatories put to the applicant]

Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the State of Virginia Hanover County in the year 1763 on the 11th day of January--
Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it? The general record of my age [was] kept

by my Father in his bible at My Father's death [it] fell into the hands of my eldest Brothers who removed the Alabama many years ago &c.--Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? I lived when called into service on the Yadkin River Rowan County North Carolina in the District of Salisbury. I removed from thence to East Tennessee on French Broad River, Cook County; from thence [I] moved to the State of Ohio and from thence to the State of Illinois and settled on the waters of Little McHannaw [sic, Mackinaw?] 24 Miles East of fort Clerk [sic, Clark?] in McLean County where I now live.--State the names of some of your neighbors where you now live. The names of my neighbors or some of them are these: Frances Willis, Amos Wadkins, James Rabourn, Samuel Arnold, Warren Wadkins, William Paul, Matthew Brackin, Daniel Meak, John Oatman &c. Those men can testify to my present conduct but as to my services, they cannot say nothing.-- How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute? In the first place, I was a substitute for David Butner in the 2nd place I was drafted and in the 3rd place I was a volunteer.

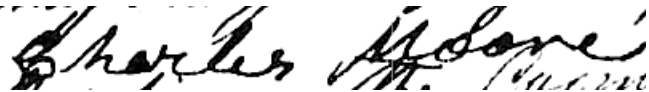
State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service--I never was a regular soldier. Major William Lewis, Major Langam, Major Mountflorenc were Regular or Continental officers & General Morgan, General Greene, General Sumner, General Gates &c—and as to the General Circumstances, the first three months of my services I served in the Blacksmith shop mending up old wagons, mending chains, shoeing horses &c for the army.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it? For the first three months I was discharged by Major Mountflorenc; for the next three months services I was discharged by Captain Benjamin Smith; the 3rd and last discharge was by Captain Robert Glasby [sic ?] for a six months tour in the Ranger service—and it is so long ago that not thinking from the face of the times they would ever be of any service to me I have not been careful to save them and they are lost so that I cannot account for them at this day. Did ever you receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it-- I never had a commission in the time of the war.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution-- and Those heretofore named of my neighbors I name again, viz: Francis Willis, Amos Wadkins, James Rabourn, Samuel Arnold, Warren Wadkins, William Paul, Matthew Bracken, Daniel Meak, John, Oatman &c. those men know me as a citizen but they are not knowing to my services.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me.

S/ Charles Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Moore". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ Isaac Baker, Clk

[Edward F. Patrick, a clergyman, and Matthew Bracken gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 4: On July 9, 1843, in Woodford County, Illinois, Martha Moore, 69, filed for a widows pension under the 1836 and 1838 acts saying that she was the widow of Charles Moore a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum up to September 19th, 1839, the date of his

death; that she married him in the spring say March or April in the year 1793; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 21: On August 22, 1844 in Woodford County Illinois, William C Moore son of Charles and Martha Moore, aged 50 gave testimony in support of his mother's application for a widow's pension; that he has known Charles and Martha since he, affiant, was 7 years of age being 43 years ago; his father Charles Moore died September 19, 1839 since which time his mother has not remarried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William C Moore". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century.

[Facts in file: Veteran died September 19, 1839; married April 2 or 3, 1793 near Salisbury, NC to Martha (maiden name not in file); widow living in Tazewell County, Illinois in 1849; children of the veteran and his wife:

William C. born February 3, 1794

John A. born March 18th, 1796

Alice C. born June 3, 1799

Priscilla born February 2, 1802

Mary born February 4, 1805

Hugh C born March 18th, 1808

Josiah born April 15th, 1810

Alfred born April 27th, 1813

Sarah born January the 11th, 1817

The following birth information also appears in the file:

Alexander McKee born August 30, 1838

Marthy McKee born June 3, 1840]

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