

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Francis Mosier: W25719

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Tennessee}                    On the 20th September 1832 personally appeared in open Court,  
Monroe County}                    before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions, now  
   sitting Francis Mosier a resident of said County and State, in his  
70<sup>th</sup> year, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath the following declaration  
in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That in the year 1779 he resided in Surry County N. Carolina, and that sometime about  
that time he enlisted for nine months, and served that time under the command of Gen'l.  
[Benjamin] Lincoln, and in the Company of Capt Gager [sic: Micajah] Lewis. He was marched in  
said Lewis's company to Moore's Creek, there the company was stationed for some months, then  
they were furloughed till called on. The company then went home, and shortly after the  
company was called out to go to the south and was marched to Salisbury, thence to  
Barensburg[?] and there stationed several months in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment, all being nine months  
men, 5<sup>th</sup> Reg't he thinks was also there. The British were close on the opposite side of the river,  
but no engagements occurred other than skirmishes. One or two companies were then stationed  
at the black swamp [in present Jasper County SC], on Savannah river, where applicant was when  
his 9 months term expired. He remembers that while at the Swamp one Sergeant Campbell took  
round a paper for the men to sign stating that their term was expired, and they wished to go  
home; but the troops could not be spared and he thinks Campbell was whipped. The army then  
marched to Stono [Stono Ferry SC, probably May 1779] but applicant was taken with the Camp  
fever on the way and left, where he lay sick several months. When he got to travel he started  
home and travelled from 3 to 400 miles in a crippled condition, and was so reduced that his  
father and family on his arrival at home did not know him. He rec'd his discharge after he got  
home. From the time of his entering service till he was able to walk from the place where he was  
left sick by the Army was at least 13 months.

After he had remained at home some months Jacob Spoonhower was drafted and  
applicant took his place the draft being for four months and served the term under Capt. Bostic  
[sic: Absalom Bostick], Maj'r. [unclear, but possibly Joseph Winston], and Col Martin Armstrong,  
and Gen'l. [Griffith] Rutherford. He was marched through Rowan [County NC] &c to Rouchley's  
mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill] 12 miles from Camden SC. He was in the battle of Camden [16 Aug  
1780] having been marched the previous night from the mill, and, on the way, having fallen in  
with some British and had a small skirmish. In the battle he was very close to the enemy and the  
man on his right, one on his left and a major in his rear were killed. He thinks he fired 8 rounds.

After Gates was defeated [Gen. Horatio Gates at Camden] the militia scattered & went  
home and when applicant went home the country was filled with tories, and he felt unsafe and  
was [illegible word looks like vined] at Gates' defeat, and he and a brother of his early in 1781  
took horses and went to the state of Maryland and joined the militia. The company he was in  
having to send out five, applicant volunteered for the company as one, and marched in Capt  
Murdock's company on from Fredericktown to Annapolis where they remained about two  
months, and he remembers that while here Gen'l. [William] Smallwood went through the troops  
and examined each man (who had to roll up his sleeves and pantaloons and show his breast) to  
ascertain who were fit for service. The then marched across the Potomac and through  
Fredericksburg, & thence to little York where they joined the army under Gen'l. Washington. He  
there saw their cannonade 20 or 30 days before Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781], which he  
witnessed. Shortly after he received his discharge and returned home. This was a 3 months  
campaign but he continued in service at least 4 months

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can  
procure who can testify to his service. His Clergyman is now on a journey of several months or  
he would have appended his certificate. 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 of  
the Agency of any state.

Francis hisXmark Mosier

State of Tennessee} Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said  
Monroe County} county, Francis Mosier, who being first duly sworn deposes and saith  
that he is the identical Francis Mosier who was qualified to the declaration hereunto attached,  
before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions on Sept'r 20th 1832, to which he now makes the  
following - Amended Declaration -

That he was born in Frederick County, Maryland, A.D. 1763. He has no record of his age. He was living in Surry County No. Ca. when called into service, he lived 3 years after the Revolutionary war in Frederick County, Maryland, then moved into Surry County No. Carolina, where he lived two years, then moved into Lincoln County No. Ca where he lived upwards of 30 years, when he moved to East Tennessee, staying a year and upwards in Green County, when he moved into Jefferson where he lived ten years, and 5[?] years ago moved into said County of Monroe, where he now resides. Always volunteered - One term of 4 months acted as a substitute of Jacob Spoonhouer. Received, he thinks, a discharge for each term, but has lost them all. Major Armstrong gave him one discharge; who gave the rest he cannot tell. He states that the following persons are, at present, his neighbors, & can testify as to his veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution, Allen Dearman, Michael Gurdence[?], James Hall & Jacob Baker, Fred Snider[?] & Joseph [last name illegible].

Sworn to and subscribed this 17<sup>th</sup> May A.D. 1833

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NOTE: In McNairy County TN on 24 Nov 1853 Mary Mosier, 56, applied for a pension stating that as Mary Sipes she married Francis Mosier about the first day of Oct 1820, and he died 22 Nov 1836. The file includes a copy of a bond dated 27 May 1820 in Jefferson County TN and signed by Francis "Moser" and Abram Scipe for the marriage of Mosier to Polly Scipe. On 8 Dec 1856 she applied for bounty land, giving her age as 60.