

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Jesse Moffett W3446

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[Punctuation partly corrected]

State of Virginia }

County of Fauquier } SS

On this 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Fauquier County now sitting Jesse Moffett a resident of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia aged 73 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. I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated; I entered the service under the command of Captain Benjamin Harrison Col. Thomas Marshall commanded the regiment (Martin Pickett was the Major) in the month of September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven and served until December of the same year; he marched to the White Plains in Pensylvania [New York?] where he arrived soon after the battal of Germantown [4 Oct]. I entered the service again in the month of July seventeen hundred and eighty one and served until some time about the middle of the month of October of the same year. I was dismissed about the surrender of Yorktown [19 Oct]. I was commanded by Captain William Grigsby, Major Welch, and Col Elias Edwards commanded the regiment.

Q. when and where were you born?

Ans I was born in the year seventeen hundred and fifty nine in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia

Q. Have you any record of your age?

Ans I have none

Q. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolution war and where do you now live?

Ans. I have always lived in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia.

Q. How were you called into service?

Ans. I was drafted both times

Q. Did you receive a discharge or not?

Ans. I did not We were dismissed altogether.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state [signed] Jesse Moffett

NOTE: On 30 May 1839 Elizabeth Moffett, age 79 on the 17th of that month, applied for a pension stating that she married Jesse Moffett on 27 Dec 1782, and he died 6 Dec 1836. Hannah Lear deposed as follows: "I remember the said Jesse Moffett went out of the house of My Father to fix & prepare the horses to go to Parson Thompson's to be married to my said sister Elizabeth & dropped his wedding ring in the snow & he & others hunted in the snow some time before they found the ring, he & my said sister & the wedding party then went over to the parsons and were married & returned to my Fathers to dinner. I do not remember the year but think it was during the Christmas holiday and three or four years previous to my marriage with my late husband William Lear... I well remember she had two children before I was married." Aaron Bise, born 15 Jan 1784, deposed that he had been a neighbor of Jesse and Elizabeth Moffett and grew up with their daughter Hannah, probably the oldest child, at least 55, who married Mr. Brag and moved West. Another daughter married a half brother of Bise around 1806 or 1807.