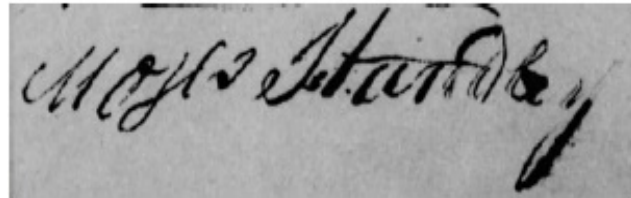


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Standley (Stanley) W3886      Mary M. Standley      VA Sea Service  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 19 Jan 2022.

State of Virginia Sct. <sup>th</sup>

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 before the court of Caroline county in said state personally appeared Moses Stanley aged sixty one years & upwards resident in the said county who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & navel service of the united states in the revolutionary war.” that he said Stanley enlisted in the marine service under Capt. Alexander Dick about the year 1776 & after sometime was taken prisoner in the Musquito [sic: *Mosquito*] brig of 12 Guns – Capt. Harris [John Harris, pension application R41] – & carried to the island of Barbadoes [sic: Barbados] where he was confined in Jail eight months & fifteen days from whence he was carried to England & was six years & upwards before he got back to his home & friends. That he is reduced in circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support Sworn & declared the day & year aforesaid

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Moses Stanley". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

Virginia, Caroline County–sct.  
tenth day of July 1820

[Ink blot] appeared in open court, being a court of record, for the county aforesaid, Moses Stanley aged sixty three years, resident in said county, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows: served in the marine service about eleven months under Capt. Dick in the musquito Brig commanded by Capt Harris – then enlisted in the regular service – was taken carried to Barbadoes where he was confined in jail about seven months and was then carried to England was a short time in the land service after his return was absent from home about six<sup>th</sup> years as stated in his declaration of the 8 day of Feby 1819 on which he has received a pension Certificate No 6834

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in <sup>th</sup> the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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. Property about eighty nine acres very poor land – one horse – three cows wife Mary Stanley about fifty seven years old daughter Winiford about sixteen years old (The applicant has lost the use of his Legs & has not been able to walk for many years

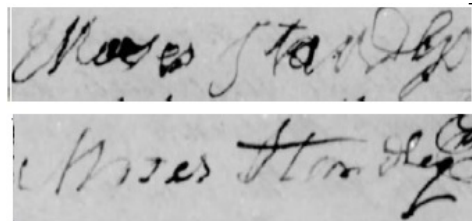
Sworn to and declared on the tenth day of July 1820 before the court of the county aforesaid.  
Moses Standly

State of Virginia  
Caroline County to wit:

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Moses Stanly aged seventy six years, a resident of said County who being first duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he

entered the army of the revolution in the marine service in the year 1776 under Capt Alexander Dick, on board of the musquito Brig of 12 guns commanded by Capt. Harris for about eleven months when he entered the regular service, was taken prisoner, carried to Barbadoes, where he was confined in Jail about seven months, was then carried to England, and was about six years absent from home before he could return. That all these matters of fact were before stated by him in his declaration of the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feby 1819 and filed in the pension office at Washington on which declaration he received a pension certificate No 6834 on which he received his pension until the 25 day of April 1821, when he was stricken off the pension roll because the brig Musqueto which he served in did not belong to the continental establishment, as appears by the letter of J L Edwards hereunto annexed, and he the said Moses Stanly further declares, that he was a resident of Caroline County at the time he made his first declaration for a pension and that he has always since that time been and is now a resident of said County and he further declares that he is now so old and infirm that he cannot travel to the Court House of his county without great inconvenience, especially in this inclement season of the year, and he has therefore made this declaration before a Justice of the peace for the said County of Caroline in order that his name may be again placed on the pension Roll agreeable to the late act of Congress, and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present, and he also declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of Feby 1834

[Power of attorney follows, signed:]



[The following are from [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Caroline County]

Auditors Office Oct. 10 1828

I certify that it appears from a List of Certificates in this office issued to officers and soldiers of the Virginia State line for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the act of November Session 1781 – That a certificate issued on the 27 March 1784 to Moses Stanley a Soldier of infantry for £118.13.4 – which said Certificate was delivered to Daniel Coleman. Jas. E. Heath Aud Pub accts

This day Mary M. Stanley wife of Moses Stanley came before me a magistrate for the county of Caroline and deposed on the holy Evangelist that she was married to Moses Stanley in the year 1784 soon after his return from England where she then understood from him he had been long confined in Fortune [sic: Forton] jail having been taken prisoner with his Col'n Alexander Dick of the Virginia State Troops who went to sea in a small vessel for his health. That he then was subject to a cough and [undeciphered word] delicate health which he always ascribed to his sufferings under long confinement in jail in England and that for nearly eighteen years he has been [undeciphered word] and quite unable to do anything to support himself. Given under my hand this 19 of Dec'r 1829 Wm. J. Dickensen (JP)  
[The file contains several other letters in support of a pension for Moses Standley.]

24<sup>th</sup> Dec'r 1829/ 28<sup>th</sup> Reasonable/ 28<sup>th</sup> Reported

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) in two files.]

I do Certify that Moses Standley inlisted with me in the Marine Service in May 1776 & he inlisted into the Regular Service for three years or during the war in Dec'r following, he was taken prisoner with me & got to the Delaware State last month, he says the 19<sup>th</sup>.  
he was p[ai]d up to Feb'y 1777

A Copy Cha. Jones Clk Aud'r office

Dec'r 3<sup>rd</sup> 1783 A. Dick

I do Certify that Moses Standley is entitled to his discharge being inlisted for three years or during the War, agreeable to the Certificate I have given him

Dec'r 3<sup>rd</sup> 1783 Alex'r Dick

Copy Cha. Jones Clk A Office

The Auditors are desired to settle my account with Mr. Dan'l Coleman

A Copy Cha Jones Clk A Office

Moses Standley

Jan'y 23<sup>rd</sup> 1784

We Ralph R. Horne [S38046] & William Mitchel [William Mitchell VAS716] do hereby Certify that Moses Standley of the County of Caroline & State of Virginia enlisted with Capt. Alexander Dick some time in the month of December 1776 to serve in one of the Virginia State Regiments for three years or during the War & that some time in the month of February 1777 was enrolled by the said Capt. Dick on Board of the public Armed Brig the Musketto & sailed on a cruise & on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June following was taken prisoner by his Britannic Majesties Ship Ariadne [sic: *Ariadne*] Sirs Thomas Pringle Commander & was kept prisoner during the war between England & america, and after returning to america was discharged at Fredericksburg Virginia in the month of November 1783.

Certified under our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1809.

Ralph X Horn

William Mitchel

[From [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

The Petition of Moses Standley respectfully sets forth the following facts, to the Executive of Virginia. That he was a Soldier of the Revolution, and enlisted in 1776, and served to the end of the war, as by the Certificate of Major Alex Dick marked A will fully appear.

That he served in both the state, and continental lines of Virginia; for that on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1784 he received a warrant No. 3186 for 100 acres for his services in the State line – see “Book 1 Military Certificates” page 658 in the Registers Office, And on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1810 a warrant No. 5847 for 100 acres in addition to that already received, and which was allowed him as a “Private of the Continental line for the War”– see “Book 2 Military Certificates” in the Registers office (page 686).

That his name in on the army Register for an unusually large amount of Depreciated pay (£118.13.4) see Auditors Certificate marked B

That by the law of Virginia, to be found in “Henings Stat. at large” Vol. 10, page 331, an additional allowance of 100 acres (over and above the 200 acres already allowed) was promised to all soldiers who had enlisted, or who should enlist before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1781, to serve to the end of the war, and faithfully, so serve. That on a similar application made by a soldier of the Revolution, the case was carried before the Hon. Judge Brockenbrough who solemnly adjudged in favour of the Applicant, and the warrant issued by the Register.

Your Petitioner believes himself entitled to the provisions of this act and the decision consequent on the case above refered to; and that the facts, vouchers, and references as exhibited, fully sustain him in this his application, which is respectfully submitted.

NOTE: On 23 Feb 1848 Mary M. Stanley, 78, applied for a federal pension stating that on 1 Sep 1784 she was married by Parson Shields to Moses Stanley, and her husband died 20 Mar 1841.