

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Moore W40

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[State of Tennessee, Bedford County]

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful John B. Armstrong, John L. Neill and Samuel Phillips Esquires gentlemen Justices of the peace appointed to hold the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions of the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee, John Moore Senior, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy years, Eleven months and Ten days, 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers and Served as herein Stated; To wit: That he volunteered in the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] and State of North Carolina he thinks in the year 1778 or 79 – under one Captain Robert Gillaspie [Robert Gillespie], he states he was marched from that to Moore County North Carolina he states the company he belonged to were frequently in pursuit of Tories there, but had no engagement with them. He states that he was then marched down on Pedee River in South Carolina, near to where General Marion [Francis Marion] (as he was informed) had lately been with his Army; And it was said the Tories had all fled or had become quiet, he further states that he was then marched home to the Garrison at Salisbury and dismissed. He states that he only remained at home six or seven days, before his Mother informed him, that she had heard a report in circulation that Tories had threatened to take his life and advised him to go and join the Americans again which he states he did, and joined Captain Peter Hedrick's Company of Mounted men at Salisbury in the State of North Carolina in a few days after I received the above information from my Mother, he states that he was marched from that place pretty nearly the same route as when with Captain Gillaspie, he states that they had small skirmish with the Tories at a place called the Cross roads, killed one Tory and chased the balance into a Swamp, he states that he was marched from one place to another where the Captain was informed the Tories had embodied and returned home again, and was dismissed he states he thinks he served in these two tours of duty two months or thereabouts; he states that he had not been at home more than three or four days before General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] came to his father's in person being an old acquaintance of his father; when he states he joined General Morgan and was attached to Captain Washington's<sup>1</sup> Company of General Morgan's Riflemen, he states he was marched on with General Morgan and belonged to the Regiment at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] – he states he was attached to the guard who guarded the prisoners from the Cowpens to the Yadkin River at the old trading ford, he states that at that place the Americans sunk the flatboat

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<sup>1</sup> It is possible that the veteran was attached to Lt. Col. William Washington's cavalry. I am not aware of any "Captain Washington" who served under Morgan.

by boring holes through her bottom after the prisoners were set out and waiting [sic, weighing] her down with rocks; he states that the British who were in pursuit of them made their appearance on the opposite bank of the river in a short time, he states it was in the night, and bright moonlight, and at the place Morgan formed his men for action and gave his men to understand that from the superior numbers of the Enemy, he after giving them one or two discharges from their rifles he General Morgan would necessarily have to retreat, And requested those who could go on further to meet him again that night about 3 miles below there at Raunafer [?]<sup>2</sup> ferry and those could not go further to make their way home the best way they could. He states his father only lived about 1 mile and a half from this place, and came to meet him the same evening, and on finding that the British was coming, he rode his said John Moore's the present applicant's horse home, he also states that in the engagement anticipated by General Morgan did take place and that Morgan retreated; he states that he made his way to his father's but had not been at his father's more than two hours before he was made prisoner by the Tories on the same night, the leading Tories were his father's near neighbors, by the name of John Smith & Barny Barnes [? Baivex, Bairer, ?] both Captains of Tory Company, he states they were marched next morning about day to Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis] and delivered him up to him he says Cornwallis asked him how long he had been in the Rebble Service [sic, Rebel or Rabble Service] to which he says he answered that he had not been in the Rebble Service, that his father & Mother were Quakers [which was the fact] and that he understood the Quakers were not compelled to bear arms, he said that Cornwallis told him he could return home but to be sure never to take up arms against his King which promise he says he made, but on the next day, he went to Salisbury and joined Captain Gillaspie and continued with him until Wallace was taken in arresting Tories and imprisoning them and guarding the Jail and a penful we had in Salisbury; he states that he thinks in the two last mentioned tours of duty he served six months. He states [he] does not recollect of being acquainted with regular officers of any Regiment belonging to the American Army nor does he recollect the No. of any Regiment of Militia, if he did, at that time, he has since forgotten it. He states he thinks the whole time he served was at the least eight months. He further states that he has no documentary Evidence whatever at this time and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify as to his Service; And that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States. -- And he hereby relinquishes all claims to a pension except the present.

Interrogatories by the Court

1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Louisa County in the State of Virginia on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1761 agreeable to my Father's record.

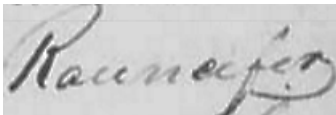
2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age at my house in this County taken from my Father's Bible & written in my own Bible.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina when I entered the Service of the United States and I remained in the said County until I removed to the County of Bedford in the State of Tennessee in the year 1810 I think – where I have lived ever since and where I now live.

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4<sup>th</sup> 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?

Answer: I was a volunteer the whole time of my Service first with Captain Robert Gillaspie Second with Captain Peter Hedrick, the third time with Captain Washington under General Morgan the fourth and last time with Captain Gillaspie.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Answer: I did not become acquainted with any of the regular officers while in Service, nor do I recollect the names of any officers of any Regiments nor the Nos. of them except those set forth in my declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

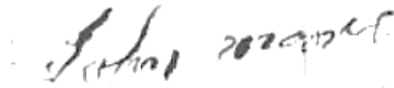
Answer: I never did receive a written discharge.

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Answer: the Reverend John Brooks, Thomas McGuin, David Norville, Joseph Martin, Thomas Holland and William Ditto & others

S/ Jas. McKisick, Clerk

S/ John Moore



[John Brooks, a clergyman and William Ditto gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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An amendment to the declaration of John Moore him made in August term of Bedford County Court 1832 upon an application for a Pension under the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 – State of Tennessee


Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Bedford in the state aforesaid John Moore Senior who subscribed and was sworn to the declaration above alluded to, at August court 1832 who after being duly Sworn, deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service to a day but he is very certain he served as a private Soldier with Captain Gillespie at least two months, and with Captain Washington as a mounted Gunmen under General Morgan at the least three months and that he served with Captain Gillespie-Peter Hedrick on his last tour as a mounted Gun man at least three months, making in the whole a term of eight months Service, for which he claims a pension. Sworn to and subscribed the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 1832.

S/ James C. Gambill, JP

S/ John Moore

[p 4: On December 8, 1843 in Bedford County Tennessee, Elenor Moore, 80 years and upwards of age, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Moore, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum; that she married him in Rowan County North Carolina sometime in the fall of the year 1787; that she knows of no record of her marriage; and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: On December 8, 1843 in Bedford County Tennessee, Luke Marberry a resident of said County, 76 years old and upwards gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Moore and his wife Elenor prior to their marriage; that they were married in Rowan County North Carolina in his presence in the year 1787 to the best of his recollection.

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[p 14: Copy of a marriage bond dated October 4, 1786, given by John Moore for his marriage to Elenor Marbrey]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]