

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Amos L. Moore W5145

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State of Virginia County of Goochland: SS

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court, before ___ the Justices of the peace, the County of Goochland County now sitting, Amos L Moore a resident of the County of Goochland, and State of Virginia, aged eighty-five 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.

I was born in the County of Albemarle on the 13th May 1747 as I was informed & believe. I have no record of my age. I was living in the County of Goochland when called into service; and continued living in the County of Goochland ever since the revolutionary war to the present day. I was drafted in the Militia in the 4th division in Goochland County, and served many tours. – My memory don't enable me to say anything particular as to dates, nor can I recollect all of the tours I performed or all the officers' names, or the length of the tours. – I served two tours of three weeks each at the Albemarle Barracks in the County of Albemarle guarding the British prisoners at that place; the first tour I was under the command of Captain Joshua Leak & the second under the command of Captain Gideon Hatcher. I think the commanding officer at the Barracks was Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor]. I performed two tours in Richmond & its neighborhood, one of them was when the enemy burnt Manchester [April 30, 1781]: Captain Hatcher was then my Captain. – About that time I was called out crossed James River at Westham above Richmond, marched down the South side of the River, through Manchester, by Shirley Hundred & Osbornes & then to Holt's Ford [Holt's forge] & Charles City Courthouse, Captain Thomas Hatcher then commanded the company, under Colonel William Dandridge. I was also at four mile Creek under the command of Captain Thomas Hatcher & a Colonel Pleasants. At another time I was marched by Captain Samuel Richardson to Farrars Island, under the command of Colonel Morris, then to four mile Creek, then by New Kent Courthouse to York under the command of General Lafayette, where General Washington had the chief command. I was at York from the commencement of the Siege until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. It is impossible for me to say with certainty how long I was in service, being so often called out & retaining no written document. I am positive in asserting that I was at least nine months in actual service & I think a good deal more. I well remember that the year Cornwallis surrendered, I was not at home more than three months in all that year, I would sometimes be permitted to return home & remained a few days, not longer than two weeks & then called out again. About the time of painting corn I was called out & did not return home till the corn was made, after the surrender of Cornwallis, I never received any regular

written discharge. I have no documentary evidence and believe that I can procure the testimony of two witnesses, who can only testify as to a part of my services. My neighbor Robert Pleasants was in service with me a part of the time & my neighbor Charles Rogers can testify that I then home to go into service & was absent some time. Being required to state the names of persons to whom I am known in my neighborhood, and who can testify to my character etc., I will say that I am known to every grown person in the neighborhood & for many miles beyond the neighborhood & I deem it unnecessary to name but a small portion of them, beginning with my nearest neighbors – Charles Rogers, Robert Pleasants, Charles Hatcher, Samuel N Cragwell, Robert Redford, Francis W Royster, Doctor Thomas Curd, Colonel John Guerrant, Major Peter Guerrant, John Martin, Doctor William M Anderson, Doctor Thomas P Watkins, Colonel Benjamin Anderson, William Miller, clerk to the Superior & County Courts in Goochland County, David Royster, George Watkins, & John Watkins.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Amos L Moore

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amos L Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

I Robert Pleasants¹ residing in the County of Goochland do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Amos L Moore, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that he was a soldier in the revolution & was in service with me, as I well recollect, at Holt's award and at 4 mile Creek, and I have no doubt he served at other places as stated in his declaration: that we have lived near each other, ever since the revolutionary war & have often conversed about our services in the Army of the revolution; and I have no doubt he is 85 years of age as stated in by him in his declaration.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Robt. Pleasants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robt. Pleasants". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[p 12: On November 10, 1841 in Goochland County Virginia, Ann Moore 85, made application for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Amos L Moore, a US pensioner who died March 7, 1836; that they were married by Parson Douglas December 21, 1775; that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 8: On November 20, 1841 in Albemarle County Virginia, James H Terrell a resident of said County gave testimony that he has in his possession a manuscript volume purporting to be the Parish Register of Goochland County begun in 1756 by Parson William Douglas, Minister of said Parish; that he the affiant is the grandson of said Douglas; that said volume contains the following entry of marriage: "1775 Decr. 21st Amos Lad More & Ann Rogers, both of ye Parrish."]

¹ [Robert Pleasants S8964](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]