

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Randolph Moore (Moor) W52

Elizabeth Moore

f33NC

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[Note: The first 2 pages of this veteran's application are largely illegible in both the Fold3.com and Ancestry.com versions. They are rendered illegible as a result of writing on the reverse side of the page having bled through. What little can be discerned from those pages appears to indicate that the veteran filed the application in Bedford County, Tennessee on August 14, 1832; that he was 74 years and two months and four days old on the date the application was filed; that he volunteered under a Captain Needham __ (his surname cannot be read) [Needham Bryant] in Johnston County NC and was in the battle at Moore's Creek Bridge [February 27, 1776] under Genl. Richard Caswell; that he was discharged by Col. William Bryant in writing; that he was drafted in Johnston County, NC in 1780 and served in a company commanded by Capt. Phillip Thomas, Major William Dennis, Col. Brown and General Linnington [John Alexander Lillington]; that the point of rendezvous was at Colson's ferry on big Pedee River; that they marched toward Guilford and fell in with Colonel William Washington's Light horse; that he subsequently served as a substitute for a man whose name cannot be discerned [at this point, the balance of the application becomes legible and reads as follows:

and was mustered into service in Nash County State of North Carolina under Captain Jonathan Smith at the house of Thomas Viveratt [?] and was marched from that to Smithfield and from that to Kingston [Kinston] and at that place General William Caswell took the command, and about ten miles below the Town of Kingston Colonel Linton [Lt. Col. William Thomas Linton] was arrested at a place called Long field Coxs old field, and Richard Dobbs Pate took command, on this expedition he states they were in search of Tories generally and marched very hard, we were discharged at Smithfield by the Captain in writing, he states that he served in this last mentioned tower [tour] of duty over three months, making in all about twelve months; he further states that he has no documentary evidence at this time; and that he knows of no person who can testify as to his Service whose testimony he can procure, and that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in the United States. He also relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Randolph Moore, X his mark

[p 8: again, the text is badly compromised by bleed-through regarding the interrogatories required under the pension regulations but what I think I can discern is as follows: the veteran was born in Edgecombe County North Carolina on 10 January 1758; he has a record of his age taken from the record made by his father and kept in a prayer book; that the veteran was living in Johnston County North Carolina when 1st called into service; that he continued to

live in Johnston County during the Revolutionary War and afterwards continued to live there until 1812 when he moved to Bedford County Tennessee where he now lives; that he 1st volunteered to serve under Captain Needham Bryant in Johnston County; that he was drafted and 1780 and was in a company under the command of Captain Phillips Thomas [Philip Thomas] [text becomes more legible and continues]

and afterwards at the request of my Younger Brother who was then sick I took his place under Captain Seassions [probably Joseph Sessions]. I afterwards substituted in the place of one Shadrach Elvington in Captain Jonathan Smith's company

Intry 5th State the names of Some of the regular officers who were with you; or the troops where you Served; Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your Service.

Ans. I knew a regular officer who was called Captain Robert Raiford who frequently came to our encampment in Smithfield, and Several Regiments of Militia but I do not recollect their Numbers.

Intry 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service and if so, what has become of it.

Ans. I did receive for discharges, one from Colonel William Bryant, one from Captain Philip Thomas, and one from Captain Joseph Seassians [Joseph Sessions] and my last one was signed by Captain Jonathan Smith when I was about to removed to this County, my Papers were in a chest and my family threw them out believing they were of no value.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. David Dryden Esquire, Archibald Walker Esquire, Colonel James McKisick, Thomas Dryden, John Bradshaw, John Allen and a great many others. He further states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood.

Sworn to in open Court 14 August 1832

S/ Randolph Moore, X his mark

[Thomas Dryden and John Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10]

This day being the 14th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court Jesse Broughton and after being sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that he has often heard Chapman Hayles¹ (who he thinks if alive lives in Johnston County North Carolina) say that he and Randolph Moore who has signed the foregoing declaration Served in the Revolutionary War together in conversations when said Moore was not present, and he further says Said Hayles was reputed to be a man of the strictest veracity in his neighborhood where he had lived in North Carolina for many years.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Jesse Broughton

[p 22]

An Amendment to the declaration of Randolph Moore made at August term 1832 of Bedford County court in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed 7 June 1832

State of Tennessee

Bedford County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for said County

¹ [Chapman Hayles S2595](#)

Randolph Moore (who subscribed and was qualified to the above declaration alluded to) who being first duly sworn deposed and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods below and in the following grades (to wit) That he served not less than twenty-five days with Captain Bryant, and that he served not less than five months and nine days under Captain Phillips Thomas, and that he served not less than three months under Captain Sessions, and that on his last Tour of duty with Captain Jonathan Smith he served not less than three months, as a private soldier all the time; in the Infantry making in the whole a term of not less than twelve months and three days actual Service for which he claims a pension; sworn to and subscribed this 31st day of December 1832

S/ George Davidson, JP

S/ Randolph Moore, X his mark

[p 15: On November 2, 1840 in Bedford County Tennessee, Elizabeth Moore filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she was born in Dobbs County North Carolina July 9, 1766 agreeable to the record of her parents; that she married Randolph Moore on June 12, 1783 in Johnston County North Carolina; that they removed to Wake County North Carolina and from there to Bedford County Tennessee; that her husband died July 7, 1833 in Bedford County Tennessee.

S/ Elizabeth Moor [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Moor Stansell". The word "Stansell" is written in a more decorative, slightly larger hand than the rest of the name. A small bracket is visible at the end of the signature.

[p 12: On January 30, 1841 in Marshall County Tennessee, Mrs. Milley Campbell, aged 82, gave testimony that she formerly lived in Johnston County North Carolina and was well acquainted with Randolph Moore and Elizabeth Stansell [Elizabeth Stancil?] in said County prior to their marriage which affiant believes took place in 1780. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40.44 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 4 days in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]