

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Moseley W5385                      Nancy Moseley                      VA  
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State of Virginia        }  
County of Bedford     }

I Elizabeth Radford one of the heirs at law of Major Wm. Moseley do, upon oath, testify and declare, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the s'd. Wm Moseley entered the service in 177 , for the term of during the war, and served in the regiment No. 5 under the command of Colonel [blank] of the Virginia line; and that he continued in the service aforesaid until the end of the war

I further declare, that I have never received a warrant for the bounty land promised to William Moseley on the part of the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his claim to it in any manner whatsoever; therefore, [power of attorney follows]  
[11 Sep 1826]

Virginia Campbell County to wit

This day John Watts [BLWt2431-300] personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the said County and made oath, that the late William Moseley formerly of Bedford County and state of Virginia was an officer in the fifth Virginia Regiment in the army of the United States, that he entered the army at an early period of the revolutionary war and served until the close of it, that his commission of Captain bears date the [blank] day of [blank] 1778 to take rank from the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r. 1776 and that he was afterwards promoted to the rank of Major in which office he served to the end of the war. The said John Watts further made oath that the said William Moseley hath since departed this life, leaving only two children, to wit Elizabeth, who is now alive, and hath since intermarried with William Radford a resident of Bedford County and State of Virginia, and a son William J Moseley formerly of said County, now a resident of the Pensylvania Hospital in the City of Philadelphia, being a person of insane mind. The said John Watts further made oath that he was himself an officer in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war and that he knew the said William Moseley as an officer, personally, who served in the said army. And I the said justice of the peace for the said County of Campbell do further certify that the said John Watts is a person of credibility, and that full faith may be given to any statement he may make. Given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1826                      Rich'd Perkins Justice of the peace

State of Virginia Bedford County towit.

On this twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid Nancy Moseley, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows," that she is now in the seventy fifth year of her age and is the widow of William Moseley, who was a major in the Virginia line on Continental establishment during the revolutionary war with Great Britain, that he entered the service as an officer from the County of Powhatan and State aforesaid, at the commencement of said war, in the fifth regiment of Virginia in the army of the United States, and took rank as captain, in the said regiment, from the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December one thousand seven hundred & seventy six, as appears by his commission, that afterwards and during the said war, he was promoted to a majority in the said army of the United States and served to the end of the war. This affiant further states, that the said William Moseley was in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], and was severely wounded in the thigh by a musket ball, that he was afterwards transferred to the Southern army and was taken prisoner at the Capitulation of Charleston [12 May 1780], and that in returning from Charleston he was shipwrecked with many other officers from the state of Virginia and after enduring great sufferings reached land with great difficulty. This affiant further states that the said

William Moseley, after the termination of the revolutionary war, returned to the said County of Powhatan, was made a Brigadier General of Militia by the legislature of Virginia and subsequently treasurer of the said state, in which last office he died in the month of September one thousand eight hundred & eight.

This affiant further states, that she was married to the said William Moseley, on the third day of December, one thousand seven hundred & eighty four, in the said County of Bedford, as will appear by the family register in the handwriting of her said husband. She has been informed that the register of the marriage has not been returned to Court, but she exhibits herewith a copy of the bond executed by the said William Moseley bearing date the first day of December 1784, two days before the marriage. That she was not married to her said husband prior to his leaving the service but previous to the first day of January one thousand seven hundred & ninety four, to wit, at the time above stated. This affiant further states that she is informed, that it is doubtful whether there be now living any officer in the state of Virginia by whom she can prove the services of her said husband, all those with whom she was acquainted having departed this life, but has no doubt that it can be proved by some documentary evidence, as she has received the military land, to which a major is entitled for his services during the war of the revolution – by the original commission of her said husband will accompany this declaration, which she wishes to retain after the inspection by the proper officer This affiant further states that she has never married since the death of her said husband and is now a widow residing in the said County of Bedford and owing to her advanced age and bodily infirmity, she is not able to travel to the county court of Bedford, having not left her home for two years past

[signed] Nancy Moseley

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session, 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1783, in the name of William Mosely as Major of Infantry for £557.13.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January, 1782. To Wit. pay as Capt from 1st Jan'y 77 to 1st Feb'y 1780 and as Major from 1st Feb'y 80 to 12th April 1781

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 3d day of January 1838.

A. M. Morton, 1st Clk    Auditor absent

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[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Mosley, William.]

I do hereby Certify that Major William Mosley entered in the Service of the United States in the month of January 1776 and continued in the Service untill the end of the War. Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1796.    James Wood late B.G.[BLWt2419-500]



NOTE: The copy of the marriage bond includes the name of Robert Corran as surety and gives the maiden name of the bride-to-be as Nancy Irvine.