

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Moore W564

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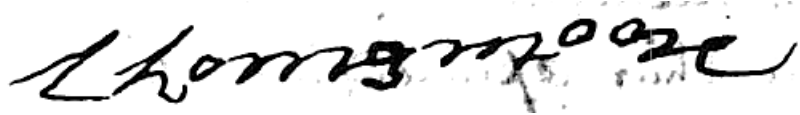
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State of Kentucky, Mercer County viz:

On this 3d day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County court of Mercer now sitting Thomas Moore a revolutionary soldier and a resident of said state and County aforesaid and who being first 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 viz. I Thomas Moore state on oath that I am in the 78th year of my age and that I was born in Frederick County in the colony (now State of Maryland) and when I was about twelve years of age my father moved on Mongohala [Monongahela River] above Red Stone (old) Fort where I lived when I was called into the service of my country and in the fall 1776 I volunteered in Capt. Jesse Pigman's company of the Virginia Militia for one month and marched to Fort Pitt and was stationed there when I faithfully performed my duty and was Honorably Discharged. Col. Nevill [probably John Neville] was the Colonel who commanded us and the Regulars and again, in the fall 1777. I volunteered in Capt. Thomas Swann's company of Virginia Militia for one month and we were stationed part of our tour at Fort Atkinson and the balance at Stradler's [?] and Dunken's [?] creek when I served out my time, and was honorably Discharged-- And again in March 1778 I enlisted with Capt. William Harrod in the Illinois Regiment under Col Clarke [George Rogers Clark] for one year near Red stone old Fort and went with Col Clarke down the Ohio to the falls of Ohio, and from thence to Kaskians [Kaskaskia?] about the 1st of July which place we took, in the night by surprise - and I was stationed at this point until we marched against Vincines [Vincennes] in February 1779 which place we took Governor Hamilton surrendered about the second day after we surrounded the place - at which place I was stationed until my time expired (when I was sent as Express to Colonel Clark at Kaskaskia). I then returned as far as the falls and in May I carried an express back to Kaskaskia and on my return to the falls of Ohio I met my father's family and in August I went up to Monongahela - and returned to Kentucky in the spring 1780, and in July of that year I volunteered on a tour of three months tour in Captain [first name written over and illegible] Prather's [possibly Basil Prather's] company with Colonel Clark against the Indians at old Chilicothe on the Little Miami [River] and another tour on Mad [?] River which place we burnt - and again in the fall 1782 I marched under Captain Gabriel Madison in Colonel Clark's expedition against the Indians on a tour of three months and at Cincinnati I was appointed Captain in the place of said Madison who was promoted Major, we marched against the Indian towns on the Big Miami & destroyed them and I [several words written over and illegible] my duty as a faithful officer in guarding the Frontiers from that time until the revolutionary war ended being almost continually employed in commanding guards at the different stations or in pursuit of the Indians we were [indecipherable word] the Frontiers continually. In May or June 1781 I performed a tour of one month at the falls of Ohio as a guard under Captain John Gordon. When I was in the Illinois service Captain Harrod was my Captain until we took Kaskaskia when Harrod returned home and I was attached to Edward Worthington's Company of said Regiment from which company I was

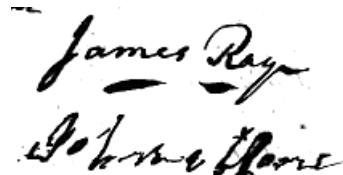
discharged having served in the said Illinois Regiment one year and upwards. I have long since lost my discharges. I further state that I am now a resident citizen of Mercer County near Shawnee Run Ferry, and the Register of my birth I believe was destroyed by fire many years since. I also do hereby relinquish all claim which I have to any pension or annuity which I may have a claim to except the present and I am [not] now a pensioner of the United States or of any state. Witness my hand this 3rd day of September 1832.

S/ Thomas Moore



Mercer County viz

This day Genl. James Ray¹ and John Moore Sr² resident citizens of said County came into open court and being first sworn according to law made oath to the following statement viz - We are well acquainted with the said Thomas Moore he is now our neighbor and we both know of his services in the Militia of Virginia in the year 1780, 1781, and 1782 as he has stated them as we was with him on some of these Tours and know that he served on the others in the fall of 1782. The said Moore commanded as a Captain being promoted in the place of Gabriel Madison. The said John Moore on his oath says, That I know said Thomas Moore served in the militia in the year 1776 and 1777 as I was with him, and I also enlisted with him and served with him in the Illinois Regiment from March 1778 until April 1779 when he was discharged, we were soldiers in Capt. Harrod's company, and after Harrod returned home in Capt. E. Worthington's company of the Virginia Illinois regiment and returned with Col Clark to Kaskaskia and Vincennes which places we aided in capturing. Witness our hands this 3rd day of September 1832.



[On September one, 1836 in Mercer County Kentucky, Elizabeth Moore, 71, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Captain Thomas Moore who was a private and Captain in the Army of the revolution; that she married him at Harberson's Station on the 25th day of March 1782 or 3 (she cannot be certain which); that they were forted at the time of their marriage; that they were married by John Cowan who belonged to the Fort as one of the guards and was commissioned as a magistrate by the Governor of Virginia; she recollects that shortly after she was married James Harberson was killed by the Indians within sight of the Fort and her husband mustered as many men as could be spared from the Fort and went in pursuit of the Indians but failed to overtake them; that her husband was frequently out in service after their marriage; that her husband died February 25, 1835; and that she has remained a widow ever since. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 35: On November 19, 1838 in Green County Kentucky, Hannah Wilson, 75, gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Thomas Moore of Mercer County and his wife Elizabeth Harberson before their marriage; that she was present at their marriage which took place at Harberson's Stationed in then Lincoln County now Mercer County Kentucky in 1782. Hannah Wilson signed her affidavit with her mark.]

¹ FPA S31314 transcribed and posted in this database 10/2/11

² FPA S11106

[facts in file: The widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Harberson who was born in August 1766; Thomas H Moore, son of the veteran and his wife and their 8th child was born August 12, 1796; none of the names of the other children are given in this file.

Thomas H. Moore]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$130 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private & Captain in the Virginia militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned in a like amount commencing March 4th, 1843.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

The petition of Thomas Moore – Ill. Sold. for bounty land

Thomas Moore was a volunteer in the Illinois service, in Captain Worthington's Company of Cavalry, – and served until after the taking of the British Post in the Illinois Country. (See pay roll of Captain Worthington's Cavalry – in volume first Illinois papers)

The evidence which has been filed is a certified copy of sundry documents, from the Pension office of the United States: to which a general reference will suffice.

Respectfully submitted
John H Smith, Commissioner &c
August 9th 1834

To Governor Tazewell

[the balance of the documents in this file are copies of the documents filed in the veteran's pension application file transcribed above.]