

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Moore W8466

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State of Virginia County of Culpeper: SS

On this 16th of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the Court of Culpeper County, now sitting Reuben Moore a resident in the said County and State aged seventy-eight 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.

That he was born in the County of Culpeper in the year 1754 which is recorded in the family Bible now in his possession, that he lived in said County at the time he first entered the service, has done ever since, and still does.

That he first entered the service in the fall 1777 as a volunteer in a Company commanded, he thinks by Captain James Thomas and marched to Hunter's forge where the British vessel *Roebuck* had entered the Potomac and burned Brent's Buildings and threatened said forge. That he does not recollect the length of the above service but well remembers that he with those who went with him had credit for a full Tour.

That in the month of August 1777 he again volunteered under the command of Captain James Pendleton in the County of Culpeper and marched under orders for York, but at Bowling Green in Caroline County, was ordered back to Culpeper. That immediately after returning which was about 1st September of the same year he received a Lieutenant's Commission in the militia (which commission he received from Colonel Barbour [probably James Barber] the County Colonel, which after he returned from the tour was conferred by B. Randolph [Beverly Randolph] Lieutenant Governor – both of which were destroyed a few years ago as useless that he had a command and Captain Waugh's [probably John or Richard Waugh's] Company and marched northward under Colonel J Barbour.

That in the march to Bruce's Mills, in Maryland Barbour gave up the command, and he was commanded by Major Roberts afterwards attached to Crawford's Regiment. That in Pennsylvania he joined General Washington's Army, and continued with him till the first December following, when he with the Balance was discharged, making a tour of 4 months.

That in the month of May in the year 1781 he was drafted into the service as a Lieutenant (his Commission having been previously confirmed) in the company commanded by Captain William Staunton. That he marched towards Richmond in Virginia, and at Ground Squirrel Bridge making [one or more indecipherable words]¹ troop, they marched through Spotsylvania

1 [illegible signature]

&c back to Raccoon Ford in Culpeper under command and in the company with Marquis Lafayette, that they waited there for General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], and after his arrival marched through different Counties to Malvin Hills [Malvern Hills] below below Richmond, where the Regiment commanded first by Thornton then Allcock was discharged. In this tour he was in service at a little more than 2 months. That he never received a written discharge, always being discharged with the Regiment or Battalion he belonged to.

That he can prove the above service by the Certificate of Allmand Vaughan, Thomas Vaughan, Reuben Rossen, &c..

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed, this day in open court

S/ R. Moore

We Almond Vaughan² and Thomas Vaughan³ residents of the County of Culpeper in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that we knew Captain Reuben Moore during most of the Revolution, and were with him in the Tours of which he speaks in his Declaration, as being in Pennsylvania and at Hunters forge, and knew that in the first named Tour (Pennsylvania) he acted as Lieutenant in Captain Waugh's Company, that we have known him ever since, and that he would have for a confidence wherever he is known.

S/ Almond Vaughan

S/ Thomas Vaughan

We Reuben Rossen and Thomas Vaughan residence in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia certify that we were with Captain Reuben Moore in the tour described by him as ending at Malvern Hills, and know that he acted as Lieutenant in said Tour.

S/ Reuben Rossen, X his mark

S/ Thomas Vaughan

Virginia City of Richmond, to wit

Personally appeared before us [indecipherable name] McKildal & William Allison, Magistrates for said City, Robert Pollard⁴ formerly of the County of Culpeper, but for many years past a resident of this place and made oath that he has been well acquainted with Reuben Moore of the County of Culpeper from early life, that said Moore served as Lieutenant in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Richard Waugh, belonging to a Battalion of about [indecipherable word]⁵ hundred militia, that were ordered from the County of Culpeper to join the Army under the command of General Washington then in Pennsylvania, which Battalion marched from Culpeper Courthouse about the first of September 1777 under the command of Colonel James Barbour until they had reached the state of Maryland, at some point beyond Fredericktown – it was [indecipherable word or words]⁶ necessary to discharge about one half of the troops who were without arms in consequence of information received from Head Quarters, that arms could not be supplied them there, – The Command then devolved on Major William Roberts, – Captain Waugh's Company was returned, and all his officers, with the troops that

² [Almond Vaughan W6342](#)

³ [Thomas Vaughan S6298](#)

⁴ [Robert Pollard S5944](#)

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⁶ *was necessary*

marched to Head Quarters, The Battalion having served until sometime in November were regularly discharged and returned home the latter end of that month, or beginning of December, this affiant acted a considerable part of the time as adjutant and paymaster and the whole time as a paymaster, Mr. Moore and him occupied the same tent with Captain Waugh & from his own knowledge affirms that Reuben Moore served out the whole tour as Lieutenant to Captain Richard Waugh.

Given under our hands and seals this 29th day of June 1832

S/ J. McKildal

S/ Wm Allison

The Court then proceeded to propound the following interrogatories to the applicant, he being under oath and which he answered as is hereinafter recorded, viz. – who

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in the County of Culpeper, Virginia in the year 1754 and have resided in said County, all my life.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have it recorded in the Family Bible which corresponds with the Church Book.

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

Ans. I was living then, as now, in the County of Culpeper.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I volunteered since [?] as stated in my Declaration, and was drafted, or taken in turn as Lieutenant, I never served as a substitute.

5th 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.

Ans. I have already stated in my Declaration the names of such officers as I served under, Thornton, Crawford & Allcock, Colonels, General Washington, Lafayette, Wayne &c – besides these I recollect many other officers of militia and Regulars, to wit, General Nelson, Colonel Meriwether, Colonel Edmunds, &c of militia & General Stevens, Muhlenberg &c.

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

Ans. I never did receive a written discharge always having been discharged with the Regiment or Battalion I belonged to.

Ques. 7th: did you ever receive a commission, and if so, by whom was it signed, and what has become of it?

Ans. In 1777 when about marching to the North, I was commissioned by Colonel Barber a Lieutenant – after I returned from that tour my commission was confirmed by Beverly Randolph Lieutenant Governor – both of which I destroyed a few years ago with other old and useless papers.

8th 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I have acted as a Magistrate in the County of Culpeper for about 40 years, and I presume am known to most men in the County, the Court will call on any man in sight.

[Note: all of the documents transcribed above are copies and not the originals. Consequently, the none of the signatures are of the actual veteran or the affiants named above. The whereabouts of the originals of these documents is not disclosed in the file.]

[p 11: On February 23, 1853 in Culpeper County Virginia, Elizabeth Moore, aged 90 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Reuben Moore a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him May 26, 1804; that her husband died June 27, 1839.

Elizabeth H Moore

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in the Virginia service for one month as a private and 5 months as a Lieutenant. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]