

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Mosby¹ W8469 Dianna (Diana) Mosby f38VA
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Sct.

Be it remembered that on this seventh day of September 1818 William Mosby aged about 64 years a citizen of Adair County personally appeared before me Thomas Montgomery one of the Circuit Judges in and for the Commonwealth aforesaid and made oath that about the year 1778 or 9 he enlisted as a private soldier in the Continental Establishment against the Common Enemy for three years or during the war under Captain Charles Flemming [Charles Fleming], Colonel Davis's [William Davis or William Davies] Regiment General Woodford's [William Woodford's] Division that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and several other skirmishes against the Common Enemy. He further states that he faithfully and honestly served the full time for which he was enlisted and was honorably discharged at Winchester Virginia which discharge he has lost. He further states that he is aged and infirm and unable to labor that he is in indigent circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his Country for Support and Claims the same agreeably to an act of Congress of the United States made and provided for the relief of the officers and of the Continental establishment &c

At the same time John Biggs made [oath] that he is somewhat acquainted with the character of William Mosby & has never heard ought against his reputation & that he believes he is a poor man. I do certify my belief of the statement of facts herein contained. Given under my hand as one of the circuit Judges of the Circuit Courts of the Commonwealth aforesaid the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas Montgomery

State of Kentucky Adair County Court November Term 1820

On this 7th day of November 1820 personally appeared in Open Court it being a Court of record for the County of Adair aforesaid by Statute and proceeding according to the course of the common law, William Mosby aged 66 years resident in the County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as is stated in his application bearing date the 7th day of September 1818 and now in the office of the War Department of the United States, that he has a pension certificate No. (6409) upon which he has drawn his pension up to the 4th day of March 1820 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress

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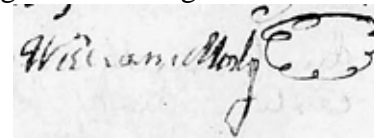
entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, viz. one horse worth \$20 and no more, one mare worth \$25 and no more, one cow and calf worth \$16 and no more, 5 head of hogs worth \$10 and no more amounting in the whole to \$71.

S/ William Mosby

And the said William Mosby further declares upon his oath that his age is 66 years, that his occupation is a tiller of the ground & that in consequence of his age and bodily infirmities he is not able to pursue it so as to make a support, that his wife is named Dianna 56 years of age entirely infirm & unable to render him any assistance. His son Jesse now lives with him and is able to labor who is also a tiller of the ground and is 20 years of age, and is not bound to remain with [him] more than one year longer, his daughter of Elizabeth also lives with him and is about 16 years of age, her occupation is a spinster, his daughter Nancy also lives with him, and is of the same occupation, and is 14 years of age; but his daughters cannot more than maintain themselves and wait on their helpless mother. These are all the children residing with this applicant.

S/ William Mosby

[p 12: On February 6, 1834, William Mosby filed an application for the bounty land due him from the United States for his service in the revolutionary war. In this document he gave his age as 76 years and states that he enlisted in the year 1776 for during the war and served in the 7th Regiment of the Virginia line under Captain Charles Fleming; that he was discharged at the end of the war in Winchester Virginia while been serving in the 5th Regiment of the Virginia line.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Mosby", enclosed within a decorative, hand-drawn oval border.

[p 16: On August 18, 1843 in Adair County, Kentucky, Dianna Mosby, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Mosby revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she has no documentary evidence to support her claim; that she married William Mosby October 5th 1786 and that he died July 15th 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 20: copy of a marriage bond dated September 27, 1786 issued in Powhatan County Virginia to William Mosby and Thomas Jesse conditioned upon the marriage of William Mosby to Dianna Jesse of Powhatan County.]

[p 29: On September 13, 1843 in Adair County Kentucky, Lazarus Jessey gave testimony that he is the brother of Dianna Mosby, widow of William Mosby; that he was at the wedding of his sister to William Mosby in October 1786 in Powhatan County Virginia. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 7th, 1818 for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and ending when she died on July 15, 1843.]