

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Moss W9204

Nelly Moss

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South Carolina York District

On this sixteenth day of October 1827 personally appeared in open court at the court of Common Pleas & General Sessions for York District in the state aforesaid (being a court of record and having unlimited jurisdiction) Joseph Moss a resident in said District, aged upwards of seventy-six years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820; that he the said Joseph Moss enlisted for the term of two and one half years; but having by misfortune lost his papers, cannot fix precisely the time at which he enlisted; but from his best recollection, thinks it was in the year 1776, or at all events several months before the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777] in which he was engaged. That he enlisted in the State of North Carolina, in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Ashe, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle, in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment. He continued to serve in said corps until he was discharged in Little York in the State of Pennsylvania, but cannot ascertain the time of his discharge from having lost it since leaving the Army; that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except North Carolina, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz.: that he made application in 1823¹ for a pension, but failed in said application for want of form, & that he had not applied previous to 1823, because he was ignorant of the provision made by the bounty of his Country.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 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.

An ungathered crop of corn which may yield 20 bushels

\$10

¹ This application is not among the papers in this file.

do do do cotton which may yield 200 lbs in seed \$5
making the whole by of my property equal to \$15 necessary bedding & clothing except it; and
that on the 18th March 1818 the following property was in my possession in my own right 3
cows & calves worth probably \$45 which have been consumed in the support of my family
which consists of a wife aged 64 years and an idiotical [sic] daughter aged about 20 years
requiring the constant care, protection & vigilance of my wife & myself to save her from those
mishaps incidental to her situation. The occupation by which I have heretofore lived &
supported my family is farming; but increasing age and infirmity have exhausted my strength
and reduce me to the said alternative of either of availing myself of the generous provision of my
Country or of drawing out a miserable existence, dependent upon the precarious supplies of
public or private charity.

S/ Joseph Moss, 0 his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open court this 16th day of October 1827

S/ William D. James

Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

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State of South Carolina York district: this day personally came before me the subscribing Justice
James McElwee and made oath in due form of law that he Saul Joseph Moss in the time of the
Revolutionary War in the Regular Army in the year 1778 and further that he believes he read his
the said mosses discharge.

Sworn to and subscribed the 5th day of May 1828

S/ James McElwee²

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South Carolina Union District

Personally came Nicholas Rochester³ a citizen of the district and State aforesaid, and a
man of character and veracity, before me the subscribing justice and made oath in due form of
law, that he is acquainted with Joseph Moss, whom he knew in the revolutionary war. That the
said Joseph Moss was a regular soldier in the Continental establishment; that he belonged to the
Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Lytle and company of Captain William Glover.
That he continued in the service at least 9 months, which he entered according to the recollection
of this Deponent about the first part of the spring in the year 1777, But this Deponent does not
now recollect the particular time at which Joseph Moss was discharged, as this Deponent was
discharged in the year 1778, and Joseph Moss was then in the service and remained for some
time after this Deponent was discharged. But this Deponent is certain that Joseph Moss
remained at least 9 months in the service.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th of February 1828

S/ Ewd. McGraw, Q U

S/ Nicholas Rochester, X his mark

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State of South Carolina York District

On the ___ day of October 1832 personally appeared before ___ John Moss a resident of the State

² [James McElwee W9553](#)

³ [Nicholas Rochester W8565](#)

and District aforesaid aged eighty-one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year ___ (or thereabouts) with Captain John Dickenson [John Dickerson] and served in the 6th Regiment of the Continental line under the following named Officers Captain Samuel Ash [sic, Samuel Ashe], Lieutenant Benjamin Mills & Ensign William Buford -- the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Little or Lightle [sic, Archibald Lytle]. He resided in Granville County North Carolina when he enlisted from there he marched to Wilmington North Carolina then to Haddrell's Point opposite to Charleston South Carolina. From Charleston he was marched to Wilmington North Carolina again, from that to Newbern [New Bern], thence to Halifax on the Roanoke River, thence to Petersburg Virginia, from thence to Fredericksburg Virginia, and thence to Baltimore from which place he was marched to Philadelphia which he reached on the day of the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and saw some of the killed & wounded born past him from the battlefield. He remained with his Regiment in the neighborhood of Philadelphia until the Battle of Germantown took place in which he bore a part and was near General Ash [sic, Francis Nash] when he and his aid de camp received their death wound in said battle -- both the General and his aid were killed by the same Cannon ball which ball had grounded before it struck them. This Applicant had enlisted for 2 years which term he served out with his Regiment and was discharged at Little York Pennsylvania. His discharge was signed by Joseph Nurse or Norse who was the proper officers to sign discharges but his discharge is lost.

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 & subscribed this day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ A. McWhorter, CCCYC

S/ Joseph Moss, X his mark

[Signed by William D. Martin, Presiding judge, October 18, 1832

[James B Fulton, a former neighbor of the applicant, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Raleigh the 13th of February 1833

Dear Sir

On receipt of your favor of the 9th Instant, I carefully examined the musterrolls and Warrant book in this Office for the name of Joseph Moss but do not find it on either. I examined also a book of settlements of the Army accounts in the Comptroller's Office without success, yet I am of opinion he served as stated in his Declaration, and that his service was performed with, or in a company of Cavalry of which I have no rolls. I am inclined to this opinion from having been often informed that Captain Dickerson under whom he says he enlisted was a Cavalry Officer.

I am Respectfully your Obedient Servant,

S/ Wm Hill

Hon. W. T. Nuckolls, M. C. form So. Ca.

[p 13: On the 17th of July 1840 in York District South Carolina, Nelly Moss, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Moss, a pensioner under the 1832 act at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him in October 1783; that he died May 29 1835; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On the 17th of July 1840 in York District South Carolina, Reuben Moss gave testimony that he was present at the wedding of his brother Joseph Moss to Nelly Sandlin. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, 4 service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina light dragoons. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]