

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Moore W9206

Elizabeth Moore

f45SC

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State of Maryland City of Baltimore

On this 29th day of August 1838 personally appeared before the Judges of Baltimore City Court in open court, the same being a Court of law and Record Elizabeth Moore for many years a resident of said City, a lady of respectability aged Seventy-Five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declarations to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of July 1838; Entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows, that she is the widow of John Moore who was a Major in the Militia of the State of North Carolina, and she believes in the Cavalry.

She further declares on her oath, That she was married to said Major Moore at Charlotte North Carolina a very short time after the evacuation of Charleston SC by the British in December 1782, either in January or February 1783.

That she first became acquainted with Major Moore in 1780 at Congaree SC (where she then resided) that he was much esteemed by every person acquainted with him, that from this period to the time of their marriage, he came at intervals to Congaree, longer or shorter, as opportunities offered, which she then understood was caused by his Military engagements. That she heard repeated conversations between Major Moore Colonel Francis Goodwin, Robert Goodwin & Captain Uriah Goodwin relative to the events of the war, both prior to the evacuation of Charleston, and subsequent thereto until peace was made. That at this remote period she does not recollect the particulars of their conversations, still her impressions were at that time, decidedly fixed, and are at this moment, that he served through the whole Revolutionary War. That after their marriage, he was frequently absent.

That very shortly after the evacuation of Charleston, she removed from Congaree to Charlotte, and was married to Major Moore above stated (having been engaged to him for some time) resided there until his death, which took place in 1802 at New Orleans where he had gone on business. That after this event she removed to Baltimore where he [sic, she] now resides -- That she brought with her Major Moore's Commission, and preserved it for many years, but being in trouble, and never expecting to derive any benefit from it, it has been lost. That she never married again.

In Testimony whereof the said deponent hereto Subscribes her name before
S/ N. Brick Chief Judge

S/ Elizabeth Moore

Elizabeth Moore

[Mary Barney, sister of the applicant, gave a supporting affidavit.

Mary Barney

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State of Maryland City of Baltimore

On this 20th day of November 1838 before the Judges of Baltimore City Court, a Court of Law and record personally appeared Elizabeth Moore a resident of the City of Baltimore aged about 75 years, who, being first 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 the 7 July 1838, entitled an act granting half pay, and pensions to certain Widows.

That she is the widow of John Moore who was Major of a Regiment of North Carolina Militia, commanded by Colonel Hill, that he entered the service (as she was informed, and verily believes) at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, and continued in the service until the close thereof, that he was at the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], in which Major Ferguson (British) was defeated, that she has no documentary proof of the services of Major Moore, except what is contained in the document from the Comptroller's Office South Carolina which accompanies this declaration. That she has applied at the Comptroller's Office Raleigh NC for documentary proof, but is informed, that the Records of the War, are in such a State of confusion in consequence of a fire in 1831, that she can obtain no information from that quarter. Major Moore died in 1794.

She further declares on her oath, that she was married to Major John Moore in the winter of 1783, a short time after the evacuation of Charleston by the British, That she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794. To wit at the time above stated -- That she is still a widow & never married again. Sworn and Subscribed to before

S/ E. Moore

S/ N. Brice [Nicholas Brice], Chief Judge

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State of Maryland Baltimore City

On this Twenty fourth of December 1838 before me a Notary Public for the State of Maryland lawfully commissioned and duly qualified in and for the City aforesaid authorized to administer oaths and affirmations certifying the same under my notarial seal personally appeared Elizabeth Moore aged about Seventy Five years and being first sworn according to law declared and said that she is the widow of Major John Moore of the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War, that she was married to him in Charlotte NC in the winter of 1783, that she had by him five Children to wit

The first named Charlotte, born about Eighteen months after their marriage said July or August 1784, the birth, she perfectly recollects from various occurrences at the time, the child died a very few days after its birth.

The 2nd not named having died immediately after its birth, which took place about 10

months after her first.

The 3rd not named, having died immediately, born about 11 months after the 2nd.

4th named Mary; born about 2 years after the last, Major Moore at this time absenting himself very much from his family, and neglecting them, she married, and died in the year 1816 or 1817 in South Carolina, that she this deponent has not heard from her husband for many years, and does not know, whether he is living or not, several letters were written to him some years since, but no answer was returned.

5th [indecipherable word] Eliza, born about 3 years after Mary, died immediately, Major Moore's absence, & neglect increasing.

This deponent further declares on her oath, that the family Bible, in which the names of her children was recorded was left behind when she removed to this City; with several articles of Furniture, but was never sent on, as promised.

In testimony whereof the said deponent has hereto subscribe to remain.

S/ E. Moore

And on the same day personally appeared Mary Barney Sister of said Elizabeth Moore aged about 65 years, who being also first Sworn according to law declared and saith, that she resided with her Sister, Elizabeth Moore, at the time she was married, and also at the time of the birth of her first child, which she recollects perfectly took place about the time above stated, That she was absent from home when the 2nd was born, but in the same village attending a sick friend, but she knows the fact, as also that the other statements as related to the other children, as mentioned in her deposition, are strictly true.

In testimony whereof the said deponent has hereto subscribe her name

S/ Mary Barney

[Attested by Henry Brice]

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State of Maryland Baltimore City

On this 26th day of December 1839 before Baltimore City Court, a Court of law & record personally appeared Elizabeth Moore, a resident of said City aged about 75 years who being first sworn according to Law, doth on her oath make the following declarations, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by and Act of Congress passed the 7 of July 1838 entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to Certain Widows. That she is the widow of John Moore, who was a Major, in a Regiment commanded by James Williams, of the North Carolina Militia [sic, South Carolina Militia], during the Revolutionary War, That the said Major Moore, as she verily am confidently believes, from all she heard after her marriage, served from the commencement to the close of the War. That he marched from Hillsboro NC to South Carolina in Summer of 1780, was engaged in the Battle of King's Mountain SC when Major Ferguson was defeated. That he was in SC from September 1782 3rd April 1781, and under the immediate command of General Andrew Pickens, and served as Brigade Major -- That he was engaged in other battles that she was informed at the time, but where or when she does not now remember.

She further declares on her oath, that she was married to said John Moore in the winter of 1783 that her husband, the said John Moore, died in the year 1794 at New Orleans, That she was not married to him, previous to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place, previous to the first of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

Sworn and subscribed to, on the day and year above written before –
S/ N. Brice, Chief Judge

S/ Elizabeth Moore

[p 33: Copy]

The State of South Carolina

1780 To John Moore

Sept. 1st To pay as Brigade Major under the command of Colonel James Williams from this date, with a detachment of North Carolinians from Hillsboro on the expedition when Colonel Ferguson was defeated at Kings Mountain to the first of January 1781 is 133 days both days inclusive 90/ Cur^y per day £598.10

This is to certify that Major Jno Moore was under the Command of Colonel Williams and acted as Brigade Major from first September 1780 till first of January 1781

Certified 10th June 1785

S/ Willm Hill [William Hill], Colonel

1781

January 2nd To pay as Brigade Major under the command of General Pickens from this date until the 3rd of April 1781 both days inclusive is 92 days at 90/ Cury per day. £234.00

[Total] £832.10

These may Certify that Major John Moore was under my immediate Command as Brigade Major from the 2nd January 1781 until 3rd of April following.

S/ Andrew Pickens

NB the following corrections were made by the Auditor

first Charge	£598.10
from which the Auditor deducted 10 days	- 45
	553.10

2nd Charge	
to which the Auditor has added	
for error an extension of	<u>180.-</u>
	Currency £967.10
	Sterling £138.4.3

[attested by Ben Hart, Clk]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$175 per annum for her husband service as a Major in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Moore p 72

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5324

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[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 63 Book Q dated May 5, 1785 "delivered to Capt. John Moore this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE, for the Sum of Two hundred & ninety three Pounds five

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Shillings, & three pence farthing Sterling for Pay & Subsistence, due him in 1777, 1778 & 1779 per account audited.”]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, a signature of the veteran as follows:



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[No.] 327 [Book] Y 26th November 85 [1785]

John Moore for 133 days pay as Brigade major under the Command of Colonel James Williams on the Expedition when Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was defeated at Kings Mountain from 1st September 1780 to 1st January 1781 [inclusive, also for 92 days Duty in same Capacity under General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] from 2nd January to 3rd April 1781 Inclusive, the whole being 225 days at 90/ [90 Shillings old SC] currency [per day]

Charged Currency £832.10

deduct less on 1st Charge

16 days at 90/ 45.0
£787.10

Add more on 2nd charge

being error in Extension 180
£967.10

Stg. [Sterling] £138.4.3 ¼

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina

To John Moore

Dr.

1780

September 1st To pay as Brigade Major, under the command of Colonel James Williams, from this date, with a Detachment of North Carolina's from Hillsborough, on the Expedition when Colonel Ferguson was defeated at Kings Mountain to 1st January 81 is 133 days both days inclusive at 90/Currency per day £598.10

This is to Certify that Major John Moore was under the Command of Colonel Williams, and Acted as Brigade Major from 1st September 1780 until 1 January 1781, certified to 10th June 1785

S/ Wm Hill Col. [William Hill, Colonel]



1781

January 2 nd	To pay as Brigade Major under the Command of General Pickens from this date to 3 rd April 1781 both days Inclusive is 92 days at 90/per day		£234
		Currency	£832.10
	deduct less 10 days at 90/		45
			£787.10
	Add more error in Extension		180
			£967.10

These may Certify that Major John
Moore was under my Immediate Command
and acted as Brigade Major from the 2nd
January 1780 till the 3rd April following
Certified 10th June 1785

S/ Andw Pickens [Andrew Pickens]



John Moore being duly sworn made oath the above account of pay is justly due to him from the
State of South Carolina
Sworn June 10th 1785 Before me
S/ Thomas Hall, JP

S/ John Moore



[p 28: illegible image of the Indent issued to Major John Moore]

[p 29: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Major John Moore]

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The Honorable the Senate of South Carolina

The Petition of John Moore most humbly Sheweth –

That your petitioner was Appointed a Lieutenant in the 5th South Carolina Regiment
when first raised and soon after was detached against the Indians, and in 1777 your petitioner
received Instructions from the Honorable John Rutledge Esquire then Governor of said State, to
raise a Company Independent of any Regiment but on the same Terms as the Continental Troops,
for three years or during the War, which your petitioner accomplished and did serve until the
Conclusion of the War,

Your petitioner therefore Entreats your Honorable body to allow him either half pay as a
Captain or the five years commutation which the Officers of the Line of the State have received,

as your petitioner has received neither, but submits his case to your Wisdom and in duty bound to ever pray.

November 28, 1793

S/ John Moore

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Moore", with a decorative flourish underneath.

[p 64: Identical petition addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives]

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In the House of Representatives December 7th, 1793

The Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Moore praying provision to be made for the payment of his commutation to which he conceives himself entitled under a Resolution of the Legislature of this State detaching certain troops from the Continental Establishment on the terms therein mentioned –

Beg leave to report

That they have taken into consideration the case of the Petition and are of opinion that if the facts set forth in the petition were substantiated by Testimony this State would be bound to make provision for the payment of the said Claim but as the Petitioner has not furnished your Committee with any evidence in support of the allegations contained in his Petition your Committee are of opinion that the Prayer of the Petition cannot be granted.

Resolved that this House do agree to the Report Ordered that the Report and Resolution be sent to the Senate for their concurrence

by order of the House

S/ John Sanford Dart, CHR [Clerk of the House of Representatives]

[Note: the Senate concurred in the House Resolution]