

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Moore W9577

Catharine Moore

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On the 28th day of September 1853 personally appeared before me a justice of the Court of the County of Accomack Levi Moore a resident of said County aged seventy-one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration (being too old and prevented from bodily infirmities to appear in Open Court) in order to obtain for himself and sisters (who are equally infirm) the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July 1838 viz.

That he is the son of Stephen Moore and Catharine Moore his widow that the said Stephen Moore was a Seaman in the Virginia State Navy in the Revolutionary War and served on board of on the Eastern Shore Gallia for which his heirs have received Bounty Land for his services. That the said Stephen Moore married Catharine Boggs his wife on the 24th of January 1782 and that said Stephen Moore died in the County of Accomack in the year 1816 and that Catharine his widow never again married but remained his widow and died on the 25 day of August 1838 and left at her death five children to wit Levi, John, Rachel, Caty & Sukey and that all of them are now living except John Moore who died in 1841 and that said Caty his daughter is now Caty or Catharine Crockett & Sukey is now Sukey Scott by reason of marriage and that the said Levi more son of Stephen Moore claims for self and sisters the arrears of Pension due his mother Catharine more as the widow of the said Stephen Moore from the 4 March 1836 to the 25 August 1838 when she died.

S/ Levi Moore

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Stephen Moore's family record

In the year of our Lord 1782 Stephen Moore and Catharine was married January 24th. October 24 Levi Moore was born 1782. John Moore was born August 26, 1786, Rachel Moore was born August 23, 1794, Caty Moore was born November 23, 1797, Sukey Moore was born January 26, 1801.

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To the Governor and Council

The heirs of Stephen Moore pray a reconsideration of their claim to Bounty Land for three years services as a Seaman in the State Navy, and they now file the additional evidence of Scarborough Bloxom¹ a midshipman proving his services. The executive will discover that the two witnesses (Bull and Snead) testify that Moore enlisted on board the "*Diligence*" and that Bloxom testifies that they served in the "*Accomack*." This discrepancy is to be accounted for only by the fact that

¹ [Scarborough Bloxsom W5842](#)

both galleys ("*Diligence*" and "*Accomack*") were built, command and laid up, at the same times and places and it is not extraordinary that after a lapse of 50 years the two first witnesses (who were not in service but lived near the spot) should be mistaken as to which galley Moore entered. Bloxom who was midshipman on board the "*Accomack*" must of course recollect rightly. For proof that these two galleys were built, manned and laid up at the same times and places, please refer to the depositions of Bloxom and Andrews filed in the claim of Thomas Lowell Steward in which those facts appear.

Respectfully submitted

John Bull Jr. who is a man of truth and veracity came before me and made oath that Stephen Moore enlisted as a Seaman on board the "*Diligence*" galley commanded by Captain Watson in the Revolutionary War & remained in service until said galley was dismantled and her crew discharged a period of nearly four years. Witness my hand and seal this 19th day 1832 at Accomack County.

S/ Wm R. Custis, JP

Bowdoin Snead who is a man of truth & veracity came before me and made oath that Stephen Moore enlisted on board the galley called the "*Diligence*" commanded by Watson, when said galley was manned & remained in service till said galley was dismantled and her crew discharged. And that he the witness thinks said galley was manned early in 1777 and laid up in the Winter of 1780 – 81. Witness my hand & seal this 19th of September 1832 at Accomack County

S/ Wm R. Custis, JP

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 26th day of April 1785, in the name of Stephen Moore, as a Seaman for £82.17.3, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to ___ and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
23rd day of November 1832.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

I certify that I enlisted on board the galley *Accomack*, as a midshipman, for 3 years before she was equipped for service & served till compelled by ill health to leave the galley which I did on condition of serving again if required & that I was well acquainted with Stephen Moore, who enlisted on board the said galley, about the same time for 3 years & remained in service until the galley was laid up & her crew discharged.

S/ Scarborough Bloxom

[p 15: Governor John Floyd granted a land warrant to Levi Moore, John Moore, Rachel Moore, Caty Crockett, widow of Asa Crockett, and Lucy Scott widow of George Scott, only heirs at law of Stephen Moore.]

[The heirs of the veteran's widow received a pension by right of her of \$96 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 and ending August 24, 1838 for the veteran's service as a Seaman for two years in the Virginia State Navy.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 6-page file

[Note: This file contains the originals of the documents transcribed above relating to the bounty land claim of the heirs. The file contains no other documents.]