Pension application of James Moore S4227
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State of Tennessee Montgomery County

The declaration of James Moore made for the purpose of the obtaining a pension under
the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 – begun in County Court for the County of
Montgomery the same being a court of record

Declarant states that he is eighty-four he years of age & being duly sworn according to
law doth on this 22nd day of April 1834 make the following declaration. Declarant states that he
entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man in the year 1781 under Captain
Richard Jones – declarant states that under Captain Jones the company of which he was one was
marched to Mecklenburg County Virginia having been drafted in the County of Amelia – State of
Virginia That he was then placed under Baze Overstreet [?]1 and that his Major was William
Cunningham (declarant states that he thinks that his Jenal [general's?] name was William) –
declarant states that under Captain Overstreet and Major Cunningham he was marched to
Guilford County not [one or more indecipherable words]2 – declarant states that he was in the
Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] – declarant states that the Regiment to which he belonged
was commanded by General Lawson but that General Green [Nathanael Greene] was the
principal Commander. Declarant states that after the battle of Guilford they were marched to
Deep River in the State of North Carolina where declarant was discharged – declarant states that
he served in this Tour three months. Declarant states that after he was discharged – Cornwallis
came into the state of Virginia – and that declarant was again drafted as a militia man – and that
he served under the same officers – except the Major – declarant states that he does not now
recollect the Major. Declarant states that he was at the taking of Cornwallis at Little York
[October 19, 1781] – after the surrender of Cornwallis declarant states that he went as a guard to
the prisoners as far as Fredericksburg where declarant was again discharged – declarant states
that this was a Tour of three months – declarant states that the march of both tours was confined
to the state of North Carolina & Virginia – declarant states that he has no living witness by whom
he can prove the facts contained in this declaration. William Hightower the only witness that he
knows of by whom he could have proven them is now dead – declarant states that he had written
discharges but that the same is lost or mislaid. Declarant states that he hereby relinquishes every

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the
data base. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or
additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed
question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the
veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and
genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth
and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions.
Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also,
dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of
June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]
claim whatever to a pension except the present – and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. – Declarant states that he is at this time a citizen of the County of Dickson – State of Tennessee – and the reason why he makes the application in the County of Montgomery State of Tennessee is that he has lived in the County of Montgomery ever since he left Virginia – and but a little time since removed to the County of Dickson.
Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Moore

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?
Ans. I was born in the year 1749 – the first day of March in the State of Virginia – Lunenburg County

Question 2 have you any record of your age & if so where is it?
Ans. I have & I now have in my possession a Bible with the date of the time when I was born registered in it

Q3 Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?
Ans. I lived in the County of Amelia State of Virginia – after the war was over I moved to the state of North Carolina – Caswell County – and from there I moved to the State of Tennessee Montgomery County where I have lived ever since – until I removed lately to the County of Dickson State of Tennessee.

– For answer to question 4th as prescribed by the war Department and the Department is referred to the body of my declaration –

For answer to question 5th the Department is referred to the body of my declaration – for answer to Question 6th the Department is referred to my declaration.

Question 7th State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood – and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution –
Ans. The Department is referred to the certificate by J P Bellamy clergyman and John H Marable

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of $20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]