Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Moore S7250 Transcribed by Will Graves f41NC rev'd 12/9/16

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County

On this 30th day of October A.D. 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of Lincoln County court of law now sitting William Moore a resident of said County of Lincoln aged Eighty One who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania and with his Father & family removed to then Anson County North Carolina when he was about six years old that he has lived in the same State & County (which was first Anson, then Mecklenburg, Tryon and now Lincoln) ever since.

That about the month of April 1780 he entered as a private in a Company of Rangers under the command of Captain John Barber, Walter Carruth and John Moore Lieutenants and after ranging through the counties of Lincoln, Rutherford and the of Burke Counties of South Carolina in order to keep down the Tories we then marched over the Catawba River into the County of Mecklenburg and there joined the Army under the Command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and Colonel William Graham and then with said Army recrossed the Catawba River in order to disperse a body of Tories assembled at Ramsour's mill [Ramseur's Mill, June 20, 1780] in Lincoln County but before arriving at said Ramsour's a party of Militia from Iredell and Mecklenburg and elsewhere commanded by Captains Gilbreath Falls, Smith, Knox etc. attacked and defeated the Tories shortly before we arrived and shortly afterwards my term of Service (which was three months) expired and after remaining in different scouting parties until about the month of September 1781 when I volunteered as a Captain of a Militia company in Lincoln County (then Tryon), and was commissioned as such signed as he now believes by Governor Martin (but that said commission with his discharge was lost or stolen with other articles from his saddle bags when he was returning home from the Army). That he proceeded with his company marched through Mecklenburg and Anson into Rockingham County and there Joined the Army commanded by General Rutherford Colonel McDowell [Joseph McDowell] of Burke County & Colonel Robert Irwin of Mecklenburg and put his company with the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Irwin and Major White of Mecklenburg & proceeded on their march to Wilmington, but before reaching they Town an express arrived with the intelligence of the surrender [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] of Lord Cornwallis & the whole British Army and was discharged by General Rutherford with instructions to pass through Fayetteville and deposit[ed] their arms (which was public) at Captain Robert Alexander's in Lincoln County at which place we arrived on the 22nd day of December 1781 having in this tour put in something over three months.

He further states that he has no Documentary evidence of his services. That the record of his age is Entered in a Bible (then his father's) now in this deponent's possession stating him to

have been born the fifth day of September A.D. 1751.

S/ William Moore

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Sworn to in open Court Test: S/ Vardry McBee Clerk of Lincoln County Court

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John Moore¹ of appeared in Open Court and he being sworn in due form of law on his oath saith that he is well acquainted with the service of his Brother William Moore having served with him in the Revolutionary War, that he knows and believes that all the statements set forth in his declaration is completely true and Just.

S John Moore

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Sworn to in open Court Test: S/ Vardry McBee Clerk of Lincoln County Court

Alexander Moore² appeared in open Court and after being sworn in due form of law deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with the service of his Brother William Moore in the Revolutionary war, and that he knows all the statements in his declaration are Correctly Just & True.

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Sworn to in open Court Test: S/ Vardry McBee

Clerk of Lincoln County Court

Jacob Plunk³ appeared in Open Court and after being sworn in due form of law Deposeth and saith that [he] was well acquainted with the services of William Moore in the Revolutionary War having served one Campaign with him against the British at Wilmington Commanded by General Rutherford that the statements made by him he believes to be correctly true.

S/ Jacob Plonk, J his mark

Sworn to in open Court Test: S/ Vardry McBee Clerk of Lincoln County Court

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: July Sessions 1833

¹ John Moore W2417

² Alexander Moore S9423

³ Jacob Plunk S7321

Amendatory of the declaration of William Moore made at October Session 1832. He the said William appeared in open court & having been sworn according to law deposeth and saith that in his former declaration, he unintentionally omitted, to relinquish, his claim to a pension except the one now asked for under the Act of Congress 1832. 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 or agency of any state. And he further states in reference to the 7th Interrogatory required the names of persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. Answers. Colonel Oliver Holland, William J Wilson Esquire, Lawson Henderson Esquire, Captain Samuel Caldwell and many others.

Sworn & subscribed in open court this __ day of July 1833

S/ William Moore

State of North Carolina Lincoln County: July Sessions 1833

Personally appeared in open court this __ day of July 1833 Samuel Caldwell⁴ of said County who being duly sworn according to Law, deposeth & saith, that he was during the revolution acquainted with William Moore, and have resided in the same neighborhood with him since, and was with him in the Service and on the tour referred to in his declaration to Wilmington North Carolina in the year 1781. I was with him and knew him to be a Captain on our return, and in the company with William Moore in the County of Mecklenburg, now Cabarrus County, his saddle bags were robbed in which was the commission of said Moore, the commission with other valuables were in a small trunk or box which was taken and never recovered.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ Saml. Caldwell

[Hugh Quinn, a clergyman, and Oliver W Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 6: On October 24, 1854 in Gaston County North Carolina, Mary Holland executed a power of attorney in which she states she is a child of William Moore, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$70 per annum: she in powers her attorney to apply for an increase in the pension due her

father for his service in the revolution.

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[William Moore died April 15, 1839, leaving the following children: Mary E. Holland, Mirian Nolen or Noland, Ezekiel, Robert and Lemuel.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum increased to \$72.50 per annum for service as a private for 3 months in the cavalry and as a Captain of the infantry for 3 months, all in the North Carolina militia.]

⁴ Samuel Caldwell W528