Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Moody R7301 Transcribed by Will Graves Ann Moody f26NC 5/12/09: rev'd 4/30/17

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State of Georgia County of Spalding: Court of Ordinary for said County

Be it known that on this ninth Day of April 1855 personally appeared Green Moody in open court held in & for said County said Green being a son of Joel Moody a revolutionary Soldier but now deceased a resident of Henry County Georgia aged 75 years past who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Statements in order to obtain the pension to which his father Joel Moody or his Mother Ann Moody were entitled at the time of the death of his said father & mother under an act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act to grant half pay & pensions to certain widows to which she was entitled under said act of Congress on account of her husband (said Ann Moody) said Joel Moody's services in the time of the Revolutionary war which she died without ever receiving. From his own knowledge he knows nothing of said Services but he has often heard his father said Joel & others who he supposes served in the said War & who are now dead relate many narratives in relation to said War & which occurred while they were in the said Service and from what he has always heard from all Sources he does verily believe that the aforesaid Joel Moody must have been a true Whig & a faithful Soldier to his Country & rendered important Services in said War. This deponent is unable to give a narrative of the Services of the said Joel or the names of his officers but deponent has heard said Joel speak of Capt. Richards [James Richards] under whom deponent Supposes said Joel served. Also deponent has always understood said Joel at the time of said Service resided in the County of Franklin North Carolina that is to say his home was there that he entered said service as a private probably drafted. This deponent begs leave to State some of the facts related by said Joel when in conversation with others about said War. He has heard him say said Richards wrote with his left hand his right having been cut off with a sword -deponent has also heard said Joel say & others that the company which he was in were within about 20 miles of the battle of Camden South Carolina [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], had made a forced march to reach there, that the Col. said from his dream all was lost. From best information this deponent supposes said Joel entered said service in the year 1777 or 1778 but has no means of knowing precisely how long he remained in Service but always understood that that tour was for six months and deponent has also been informed said Joel did service also as a minute man -- for some considerable time. Deponent also states that there is no person now living by whom he can prove anything more to establish these facts further than has already been proved in relation to said service now on file in Pension Office. But must rely upon any further proof which may be necessary to prove said Service Documents & records & deponent prays that such testimony which may be found in the Pension Office department or on the muster roll may

be furnished him for the purpose of establishing his claim. This deponent says said Joel Moody and said Ann Moody were man & wife he supposes they were married in North Carolina that deponent was their second child after said marriage he recollects having seen the old family record but it is now destroyed. He states said Joel died in Greene County Georgia in the year 1831 and that said Ann Moody died in Putnam County Georgia in the year 1842. Deponent does not know -- nor can he ascertain exactly whereabouts in North Carolina said Joel & Ann Moody were married. There may be evidence of said marriage on record but after a diligent inquiry he has not been able to procure such testimony. This deponent does not know what has become of the men who made his father Joel's coffin & superintended his burial nor does he think his funeral was ever preached. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court S/Wm L. Gordon, Ordinary

S/ Green Moody

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[p 17: On January 11, 1855, Ann Floyd of Pike County Georgia gave testimony that she has been acquainted with Green Moody for more than 70 years; that Green Moody is the son of Joel Moody, a soldier of the revolution; that she recollects the said Joel Moody starting for the Army and returning after being gone over six months but she could not state precisely the length of time he served nor can she give the names of the officers under whom he served. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 16: Affidavit dated December 25, 1856 given by George W Brooks, Comptroller of Public Accounts for the state of North Carolina showing payments made to one Joel Moody for military service in the Revolutionary War as follows:

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[p 6: On June 22, 1857, Lucy Womack, 76, of Bibb County Georgia and widow of Abraham Womack¹ offered testimony that she knew Joel and Ann Moody; that Ann's maiden name was Ann Beall; that she knew them in Franklin County North Carolina before they removed to Georgia and about the year 1780 [could be 1789]; that she, Lucy, removed to Georgia in 1814; that Joel Moody and his wife were living in Greene County Georgia at that time; that Joel Moody died she thinks in 1829 in Greene County; that his widow Ann died in Putnam County on April 8 1842 and still remained the widow of Joel Moody; that Green Moody is their son and is about 77 years of age; that she, Lucy, is also well acquainted with Martha commonly called Patsy Stubbs who is a daughter of the said Joel and Ann Moody; that Martha Moody married Frances Stubbs on March 18, 1813; and that Martha and Green Moody are the only two surviving

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¹ Abraham Womack W6602

children of their parents; and that Martha Moody Stubbs was born about the year 1791. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Francis Stubbs (p 21) and Jabez Moody (p 24) (relationship, if any, to the applicant and his family is not stated) also both gave supporting affidavits.

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