## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Alexander Moore R7346

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State of Virginia } Sct County of Spotsylvania }

On this third day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Spotsylvania County now sitting Alexander Moore a resident of and in the County of Spotsylvania and State of Virginia aged 73 years 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 7 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

That about the year 1780 the day and date he cannot more particularly recollect he was drafted in Spotsylvania county and State of Virginia under one Captain [Francis] Coleman to Williamsburg then Fredericksburg, down the Rappahannoc [sic: Rappahannock] river. He was stationed at the Governor's palace (as it was called) On that tour he was stationed and did service two and half months

His next tour he enlisted under Sergeant Major Thomas Hood [of the artillery; pension application \$38039] and marched from the Green Spring near Williamsburg [Greensprings about 1 mi NW of Williamsburg] where he enlisted and marched to the South to join General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, probably in NC, Feb and Mar 1781]. He guarded baggage waggons. After staying there some time he was ordered back by General Green with the same baggage. On this tour he was five months. He continued about Williamsburg and did duty untill the Siege of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] where he was present doing duty there for five more months, when he was discharged and returned home.

And he further deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise lenght of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. for two months and a half I served as a militia man. For ten months I served as an enlisted soldier and for such service I claim a pension.

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 of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Alexander hisXmark Moore

Here follow the interrogatories required by the War Department and propounded to the aforesaid applicant Alexander Moore by the said Court with his answers—

1. Where and in what year were you born-

Answer I was born in Spotsylvania county Virginia in the year 1760-

2 Have you any record of your age & if so where is it.

Answer I nave none, nor never had any-

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I have always lived in the aforesaid County of Spotsylvania

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service, were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer In the manner I have stated in my declaration I never was a substitute

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

Answer My memory is so bad from old age that I cannot recollect more than I have stated in my declaration I have seen General Greene, Gen Washington and the Marquis [de Lafayette]

6 Did your ever receive a discharge from the service if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer I had one I forget who signed it, and I have lost it

7. State the names of persons in your neighbourhood to whom you are known and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution

Answer. Rev. Mr Billingsley - Rev. Mr Pendleton [Philip Pendleton, pension application S18157]. Mr Joshua Long [?] Lewis. William Johnson and generally to the whole County.

I Philip Pendleton aged 74 years and a Soldier of the Revolution having been sworn doth hereby depose that during the Revolution I saw the aforesaid Alexander Moore in Captain Colemans company - there doing the duty of a soldier—

[signed] Philip Pendleton

NOTE: On 1 Aug 1842 in Spotsylvania County John Pearce, 89, applied for a pension as administrator of Mary Moore, widow of Alexander Moore, who would have been 81 on 4 Feb 1843, but who died on 4 Feb 1834 with no living children. Pearce stated that Mary Moore was born 3 Jan 1756, married in Feb 1785, and died 26 Apr 1841 at Pearce's home. The file contains a copy of a bond signed on 5 Feb 1785 by Alexander Moore and Martin Line for the marriage of Moore to "Mary Peirce." Pearce further stated the following: "Mary Moore previous to her intermarriage with her said husband had on illegitimate Child; her name previous to mariage was Mary Pearce the name of her illegitimate son was James Pearce who died leaving five legitimate Children: To wit John Pearce; James Washington Pearce; and Nancy Pearce and Lucy Pearce who is now the wife of Horace Hall, & Philadelphia Pierce, now the widow of George Stewart dec'd, all living at this time, and in this County.... he would also state Mary Pearce's son James Pearce died the 9<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1838 [third digit not clear]"