Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Moore S183 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee, Smith County

This day came William Moore before Robert Allen commissioner appointed for that purpose by John McNairy one of the Judges of the United States and being first sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty god Deposes and say that he served as a volunteer Col. in the North Carolina Militia during the war of the revolution against Great Britton that he continued in service for & during the war and untill Disabled by a Fracture in his knee at Piles's [sic, Pyle's] Defeat¹ that the reason he did not long since Apply for a pension was his Reluctance to do so while in circumstances to Maintain himself that Latterly being unfortunate and old he did on the 29th Jany 1819 make Declaration which has proved informal for want of the authority of the Judge that he is not on the Pension List of any State that he is now about sixty nine years old in reduced circumstances that the Fracture of his knee has caused him to go lame and Paineful ever since and renders him incapable of Labour[.] Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 20th day of August 1820.

S/ Robert Allen Commissioner by Authority

S/ Wm Moore

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State of Tennessee Smith County

This day William Hanye [sic, William Haynie]² and James Bradley³ personally appeared before me Robert Allen Commissioner for that Purpose appointed by the Honorable John McNairy who being first duly sworn on the holy evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that during the revolution they resided in Caswell County State North Carolina that during that term they were well acquainted with Colonel William Moore then a Citizen of Caswell County North Carolina that the said William Moore raised a Regiment of volunteers and commanded them as Colonel that they deponents were Soldiers under him and with him against the Enemy and further while in the line of his duty in the Services aforesaid the said William Moore received a wound or Disability in his knee at Pileses Defeat a few days before Guilford Battle

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¹ February 25, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html and http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm

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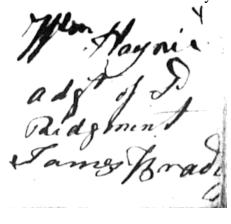
³ James Bradley W70

which was rendered him a cripple ever since that said William Moore was a valiant useful officer until rendered incapable of Service that the Deponents believe it has ever since rendered him incapable of manual Labor for a support that said more then was in good circumstances but now reduced very low that the said William Moore resided in North Carolina long after the war & some years since removed to the State of Tennessee now resides in Smith County has always supported a good character day Deponents further state that the wounds received by the said William Moore was occasioned by exertions to manage his horse by fracturing or dislocating his right knee so as to produce great pain and lameness ever since that they believe the said William Moore acted during the Old as a Volunteer Colonel doing all in his power against the Enemy.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

This 20th of August 1820 S/ Robert Allen, Commissioner

S/ Wm Haynie adjt. of sd Redgment [regiment] S/ James Bradley



[Facts in the file: Veteran died December 1823

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Military District, State of Tennessee, Carthage August 18th 1820

It is hereby certified, that Colonel William Moore a Colonel of a volunteer Regiment of North Carolina Militia in the Service of the United States is rendered incapable of performing the duty of a soldier, by reason of wounds or other injuries inflicted while he was actually in service aforesaid, in the line of duty, viz.

By satisfactory evidence and accurate examination, it appears that a few days before the Battle of Guilford at Piles Defeat being engaged in rallying his Regiment at or near a place called Piles Defeat in the State of North Carolina he received a wound in his knee by the fall of his horse, which produced a dislocation of the right knee and a fracture of the knee [indecipherable word], which injured joint is stiff and now subject to being displaced, it's not having [indecipherable word] its strength and he is thereby not only incapacitated full Military Duty, but, in the opinion of the undersigned, is Totally disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor.

S/J. Owen, M. D.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per month commencing August 20, 1820, for service as a Colonel in the North Carolina militia.]