Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Mosier S1859
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State of Tennessee Anderson County | Circuit Court at August Sessions 1832

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court and a Circuit Court held for the County of Anderson and State aforesaid by the Honorable Edward Scott, one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of law and equity in and for said State, Abraham Mosier a resident of said County aged 76 years, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of cameras passed on the 7th of June 1832 -- That he was born in Bucks County Pennsylvania sometime in the year 1756 where he lived 5 or 6 years when he moved with his Father to Orange County North Carolina, where he lived until after the war and up to the year of 1808 or 1809 when he moved to Anderson County, Tennessee where he has continued to reside ever since. Applicant states that sometime in December 1779 he was drafted as a private militia man for a term of 3 months -- he was not quite ready to rendezvous with his company but started on about 2 days after they had started on their march, and overtook his company at neurwarwee [sic, Uwharrie?] Creek which empties into Deep River, on the second night after his company had started -- his company was commanded by Captain William Rogers, and Lieutenant John Campbell, and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Billy Oneil [sic, then Major William O'Neal] -- applicant states that the said Regiment marched on through Salisbury NC and Charlotte NC and directly on, passing Moncks Corner SC on to within sight of Charleston where the Regiment encamped for 15 or 20 days as well as applicant now recollects, after which time he with his Regiment were marched into the lines of defense of Charleston where he remained fortifying the town and performing other duties until about the middle of March when the three months for which he had been drafted had expired, when he received a written discharge from some of his officers, he does not now recollect who, and returned home -- applicant states that while at Charleston he does not know who were the principal officers -- his impression is that his Regiment appeared to be under the immediate command of his said Colonel O'Neil and sometimes under the command of Major Litte [sic, Archibald Lytle?] of the Continental Army -- he states that about 2 or 3 weeks before his said discharge, the British Army were encamped in considerable force, on the opposite side of Cooper River from Charleston -- applicant states that sometime in the Fall of 1780 he was again drafted for a term of three months and was enrolled into the same company under which he served in the last campaign, commanded by the same Captain Rogers upon the said company rendezvousing, applicant discovered that he would be unable to do duty in a foot company in consequence of having a fellon [?] on his left foot, upon applicant's making a representation of this fact to his said Captain, he transferred applicant into a company of horse commanded by

Captain Guinn [Edward Gwinn] and Lieutenant William Means -- this company of horse applicant thinks was not attached to any Regiment, but were considered as minute men ready to move at any time upon the shortest notice -- applicant states that he was ordered to move with said Company against a Colonel Farman [sic, probably David Fanning] who was the commander of a considerable number of Tories, who were committing great and constant outrages against the Whigs in the settlements on Deep River -- he marched through the settlements on Deep River, Rocky River and Brush Creek, several times against the Tories -- his company was sometimes under the command of his said Colonel O'Neil -- he states that they were engaged in scouring the Country in search of Tories and breaking up their forces for the greater part of the winter and until the early in March when his 3 months of service had expired, at which time he was discharged & he left the Army -- he states that in the computation of the said three months for which he had been last drafted, none but the time in which he was in actual service was [indecipherable word, perhaps "reckoned" or "returned"], and the short intervals in which he was permitted to go home were taken out of the account -- so that his service in this campaign continued from sometime in September or October to the first of March -- applicant states that at the time he was drafted in both the before mentioned campaigns, he was living in Orange County NC and was called out as a part of the Militia of that State -- that in his last campaign he found his own horse and accoutrements, and his own provision -- applicant states that he has no record of his age but believes from the information of his Parents he is 76 years old -- He states that he sold the first discharge which he received, to John Boggs, a fellow soldier, for a rifle gun where the said Boggs now is or what has become of his discharge he does not know -- he states that he does not now know whether he received any discharge for his last campaign and if he did it is now lost -- he states that he has no documentary evidence whatever, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services -- 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 to and subscribed in open Court this 28th of August 1832

S/ Abraham Mosier, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court this 28th day of August 1832 S/A. Crozier, Clk

State of Tennessee Anderson County: I John Gibbs an acting Justice of the Peace for the said County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Abraham Mosier who has sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration, in Orange County NC and that as to the first campaign mentioned above, I have heard the neighbors talk of it as being performed by the said Mosier, and as to the second campaign I have heard my father, who was an officer in the militia at that time, say, that the said Mosier was out in the service with him. I do further certify that in the neighborhood in which the said Mosier lived in North Carolina he was respected and believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution -- I also certify that I have been living in the same neighborhood in this County where the said Mosier now lives, for 20 years, and it is there reputed and believed that the said Mosier was a soldier of the Revolution and I fully concur in that opinion.

S/ John Gibbs

[Alexander Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as

a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]