Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Martin Mooney S38234 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the first day of June 1818

Personally appeared in open Court Martin Mooney a resident of the said County of Albemarle age Sixty three years, who being first sworn according to law upon oath doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress Entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That he the said Martin Mooney enlisted in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia about 1775 in the company commanded by Captain William Fontaine of the 14th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Charles S Lewis that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the Service of the United States until the end of the period of twelve months when he was discharged from service in __State of __ that very short time afterwards he enlisted again under Captain William Lewis for two years of the North Carolina Regiment commanded by [word written over and indecipherable] Jesse Cleveland that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the end of his enlistment, when he was discharged from said service in State of that he was at the battles of the Long Bridge [December 9, 1775], Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21 – June 19, 1781] that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service; whereupon the foregoing declaration being supported by the evidence of Edward Hughes: It is ordered by the Court that it be certified to the Secretary for the War Department, that it appears to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Martin Mooney did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the preceding declaration against the Common enemy for the terms therein stated that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that the proceedings and testimony here with taken and had be certified to the said Secretary for the War Department.

[Attested August 5, 1818 by Alexander Garrett, clerk of the Albemarle County Court]

Virginia, Albemarle County

On this 8th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Martin Mooney aged 67 years since last July, resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows to wit, In the year 1775 he enlisted under Captain William Fontaine in the said County under whom he served one year (which is proved by Edward Hughes) he was in the battle of long bridge [sic, Great Bridge] under the command of General Bullet [sic, Thomas Bullitt] that about eleven months after the aforesaid Tour he enlisted under Captain William Lewis with whom he served two years and in that time he was in the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] and King's Mountain and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I

have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States during the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed viz.: sixty acres of land mostly cleared and very much out of repair, and only a life estate in it so that I can neither sell it or rent it to advantage, two horses one aged 12 years the other 7, two cows and three yearlings and eight head of hogs. I furthermore do sworn that I am weak and infirm and am by no means able to make a support by labor, I have a wife who is also infirm aged 58 years also a son fifteen years of age and who now goes to school so that I have no person to assist me at this time and so soon as my son completes his education he will be put to some trade I am by occupation a planter.

S/ Martin Mooney, X his mark

[p 9: A deed dated January first 1822 given by Martin Mooney and wife Patsey of Albemarle County Virginia to Robert Mooney of Rockbridge County Virginia for \$300 a tract of land lying in Albemarle County whereby Robert Mooney granted back to Martin & Patsey Mooney the right to use and control the land during their respective lives.]

[p 17: On May 3rd 1824 in Albemarle County Virginia the veteran filed yet another application under the 1818 act restating his services as described in his prior applications and giving a new schedule of his property as follows:

"1 Sorrel horse 16 years old, 1 cow & 2 yearlings, 5 shoats, 1 pine table, 1 old shovel plow & 1 shovel & poker, 1 ax, half dozen plates, one set knives & forks, one half dozen cups & saucers, one old saddle, one pot & one oven, that he has no occupation at present he is much afflicted with the Rheumatism. That he has a wife very infirm about 65 years old and confined is she home no other person living with him & that since the exhibition of my first Schedule the following changes have been made in my property the property contained in my first declaration is as follows 60 acres of land mostly cleared and very much out of repair and only a life estate in it so that I can neither sell it or use it to advantage 2 horses one aged 12 years the other 7 years 2 cows & 3 yearlings & 8 head of hogs. The land mentioned in my former schedule I sold to obtain money for support a part of which is still due (say \$50) one horse I sold for \$40 one of the above yearlings I have killed since rendering my former schedule, to hogs I have also killed." He signed this document with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June one, 1818 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

State of Virginia Albemarle County, to wit

Richard Mooney¹ this day personally appeared before the undersigned – one of the Commonwealth Justice of the peace in and for said County and made oath that he well recollects Martin Mooney during the Revolution war – that the said Martin enlisted first at Charlottesville in the County aforesaid, under Captain William Fontaine, for one year, & was as this affiant believes honorably discharged – that the said Martin afterwards enlisted as a regular soldier for the period of 3 years, under Captain William Lewis of the 12th Virginia Regiment at Henry Court-house, Virginia –

¹ Probably the same man as **Richard Mooney W3855**

that the said Martin served with this affiant in North & South Carolina, and was in the battles of Guilford Court-house and King's Mountain – in was, as this affiant believes, after serving the period of his enlistment, honorably discharged.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of April 1822 S/ Dabney Minor [?], JP

State of Virginia Albemarle County: SS

Martin Mooney this day personally appeared before me [text compromised and illegible], one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that [text compromised and illegible the Revolution war, to wit on or about the commencement thereof, he enlisted a soldier under Captain William Fontaine in the town of Charlottesville & County aforesaid being the 2nd Virginia Regiment from which place he marched under the command of the said Fontaine to Williamsburg [text compromised and illegible], Suffolk & from thence to the long Bridge, was in the battle of that name, under the command of General Bullett and after the said Battle, he was marched to Norfolk, & from thence to Williamsburg where [text compromised and illegible] regularly discharged having served the period of said enlistment; that owing to the lapse of time he has lost or mislaid his discharge. The said Martin Mooney further deposeth & saith that about one year after his discharge aforesaid he reenlisted for three years as a soldier under Captain William Lewis in the 12th Virginia Regiment at Henry Court-House Virginia that from this place he was commanded & marched under a certain Captain Rutherford to the State of North Carolina: that he was at the Battle of Kings Mountain on the border of that State & of South Carolina; that after being in various skirmishes in that part of the country he was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse filed under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] that after the said Battle he was marched back to Virginia his native state & after having served 3 years, the term of his enlistment, was regularly discharged in Henry Court-house by the said Captain Rutherford & further that owing to the lapse of time he has lost or mislaid his discharge, so that it cannot be produced. Given under my hand this 22nd day of April

S/ Frank Carr, JP