Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jesse Moore S38242

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District of Va County of Surry towit,

On this 30th day of Sept'r. 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Gen'l. Court of Va. personally appears Jesse Moore aged sixty eight years a resident of Surry County af[oresai]d, who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following decla[ration] 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 & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary war. That he the said Jesse Moore enlisted on the 19th Feb'y 1776 in Va. with Ensign Boyce in company commanded by Capt. Jno. [last name illegible: John Watkins] of the 4th Va. Regt. Col Adam Stephen. That he continued to serve therein with Thomas Bailey who is another applicant for relief [pension application \$10334] untill the 19th Feb'y. 1778 when he was honourably discharged from service at Valley Forge in the State of Pensylvania that he was in the Battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] Trenton [26 Dec 1776] Princeton [3 Jan 1777] & several skirmishes. That he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of assistance from his Country for support & that having given up his discharge when he received the annexed warrant on account of other services rendered to the State of Va the benefit of which he now renounces, he has now no other evidence of his services but the annexed affidavit.

District of Va.

Personally appears before me Judge as af'd Albridglin Sewerd[?] aged sixty six years & made oath that he knows of Jesse Moores enlisting under ensign Boyce in the year 1776 and that he remained in the Army two years & then he returned to Va. with a Brother of this deponents since dead who had enlisted with him. That Moore is poor & depends on his own labour for support. Given under my hand this 30th Sep't. 1818.

Virginia, At a Court a Court held for Surry County September the 24th 1821

On this twenty fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty one, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, for the County of Surry aforesaid in the State of Virginia, Jesse Moore of the same County, who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, and in the War department inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the Virginia Agency at the rate of eight dollars per month, which commenced on the thirteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and eighteen as appears by a certificate from the hand of J. C. Calhoun esquire Secretary of War, with the seal of his Office annexed, dated 20th day of April 1818 by virtue of a Law of the United States of the eighteenth March 1818. The said Jesse Moore being first duly sworn according to Law doth in pursuance to an Act of Congress in addition to "An Act entitled an Act, to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed the eighteenth March 1818, on his oath make and subscribe the following Schedule as containing his whole estate and income (necessary Clothing and Beding excepted) to wit, Schedule of the property Real and personal of Jesse Moore of the County of Surry, and who was a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution (necessary Colthing & Beding excepted) to wit, One Horse seventeen years old last May, two grown Cows, one three year old Heifer, one two year old Bull, and one Calf, one Sow and five Pigs, twelve Sheep, two pine plank Chests, one pine plank corner cupboard, six old Windsor Chairs, two old rush bottomed chairs, one small pine safe, one Weaving-Loom, one Spinning-wheel, one small Dutch Oven, one Iron Tea Kettle, one square Pine Table, six case knives and forks, two pewter dishes, two earthen Dishes, six earthen Plates, and two pewter plates, two small Table Cloths (Cotton) one Iron Skillet, two axes, one small weeding hoe, one Grubing

hoe, one Plow and Plow-hoe, four Stone Jugs, one broken Pitcher, one Water Pail, one piggin, two Washing Tubs, one Frow, one hundred and seventy six acres of Land (very poor does not yield generally with my best attention, two bushels Corn to the thousand hills) a note of hand from Thomas Rowell for twenty dollars becomes due first January next and twelve dollars and twenty five Cents Cash. My provisions from the fifteenth of the present month all to purchase to sustain myself, aged seventy one years 15th September (instant) My Wife aged forty five years, and Daughter of seven years old Jesse hisXmark Moore

And also subscribed and took the following oath, to wit, I Jesse Moore do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in 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 and by me subscribed.

At a Court of Quarterly sessions held for Surry county November the 26th 1827

Declaration In order to be restored to the Pension list under the Act of 1st March 1823.

On this twenty sixth day of November 1827, personally appeared Jesse Moore in open Court, being a Court of record for the county of Surry aforesaid, a resident of said county aged seventy eight years, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and of the first of May 1820.

That he the said Jesse Moore enlisted for the term of two years on the 4th of July 1776 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John Watkins in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Stevenson [sic] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until his term of two years expired When he was discharged from the service at Valley forge in the State of [blank] That his name has been placed on the pension list and dropped therefrom on account of his property.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in 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 and by me subscribed.

That since the exhibition of my last Schedule the following changes have been made in my property.

Two grown Cows dead

One two year old Bull dead

One Calf dead – One Horse the same now in my possession gradually reduced by increase of years and now of little service

All the money then on hand \$12.25 consumed in support of the family.

And the debt due by Thomas Rowell for 20.25 tho' yet unpaid has been anticipated by my debts to others

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Schedule of the property of Jesse Moore of Surry County Virginia:

Real estate – One hundred and seventy six Acres Land of which 120 Acres is cleared, the balance in Wood sufficient for Rails to one lose[?] – the whole of the cleared Land is an open common grown up in small

pine bushes, not being able to keep the Fences up, except 150 Acres around the House partially enclosed with the old Rails saved by gradual reductions of the inclosures for the last six or seven years. In this inclosure of 15 Acres, there is an old House where my Family resides and cultivate as well as we can a little Corn. On the same old field there is one Log hut occupied by a family who pays me four barrels of Corn per annum the present year. And also one other Log hut occupied by an old free negroe, who is to perform for my use thirty days labour during the year, but whose old age and infirmities renders it of little value to my support.

Personal estate My same old black Horse mentioned in my last Schedule, now 22 years of age, which by kind keeping renders me a little service yet, but like his Master requires some help.

One Cow (dry at present, nine years old, the same mentioned in my Schedule of 1821, who was then a 2 or 3 year old Heifer.

The other two mentioned at that time are dead

The two-year old Bull, also dead

One two-year old Heifer – one yearling calf[... the rest identical to the 1821 schedule]

Occupation – I have been a farmer – my age is 78, weak and blind in a great measure. I am now unable to work and have gradually consumed all the Money and debts mentioned in my former Schedule and am at present a little in debt over what is due to me. My family are weak and unable to assist me if they are able to support themselves, having the benefit of a House and Land free of rent – If I am compelled to sell my Land to make a support, which would not sell for one dollar per Acre – I should then indeed by on the Parish and am now in very indigent circumstances.

Family – A Wife, Nancy Moore now fifty four years of age, very sickly and infirm and perfectly unable to support herself. A Daughter, now fourteen years of age, delicate health and unable to contribute to her own support

Jesse hisXmark Moore