Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

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State of North Carolina }

Halifax County } Moses Manley came before me J J Daniel one of the Judges for the State aforesaid and made oath that he was a Soldier in the Continental line of Infantry during the Revolutionary war, he served one year & six months under Capt. Peter Becotes [sic: Peter Bacot] in the 1 or 2nd N. Carolina Regiment commanded by Col. Little [sic: Archibald Lytle]; he enlisted in or about the month of August 1781 & continued untill peace was proclaimed & he was discharged at Charleston (S. C). he is about 52 years old, he has no land & but little property, a wife & family to support. he is in indigent circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. he prays the benefit

Sworn to before me this 17th August 1819 Moses hisXmark Manley

State of No. Carolina, Secretary's Office 4th Oct'r. 1819

of the act of Congress for the relief of old soldiers &c.

Pension Application of Moses Manley (Manly) S41796

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify, that it appears from the muster roll of the Continental line of this state in the Revolutionary, that Moses Manley a private in Capt. [Thomas] Donoho's Company of the 10th Reg't. was mustered on the 2nd May 1781 and left the service on the 2nd of May 1782. He was mustered as a twelve months soldier. Given under my hand the date above

W. Hill

District of Halifax } On this 26th day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty one personally appeared in open Court at Halifax being a Court of record for said district Moses Manley aged about Sixty years resident in said district of Halifax who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. That is in Capt. [William] Walton, afterwards Capt. Decoates Company of the 2nd regiment commanded by Col'l Litle of the North Carolina line in the Continental service & that he has been placed on the pension list of the United States under the act of Congress of the 18th March in the year Eighteen hundred & Eighteen and obtained a certificate No 15.334 dated 18th of October one thousand eighteen hundred & nineteen.

And I so solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen. 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 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 passed on the 18th March in the year one thousand eight hundred & eighteen; 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 but what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed that my property consists of one horse one Hog & Plough one weeding hoe one axe 3 chairs one pot one pan four knives & forks six plates 1 Dish two spinning wheels 1 pr cards 1 Loom & one old Gun. That I am a common labourer & so infirm in consequence of a rupture or something much resembling this disease as to be capable of doing but little work. That my family consists of 4 persons my wife named Chloe about sixty years of age being infirm & Daughters Sally 21 years old Esther 17 years old & Candys 15 years old, all of them capable of working & earning subsistence

Moses hisXmark Manly

NOTES:

In the 1820 federal census for Halifax County NC Moses Manly is recorded as head of a

household of "Free Colored Persons."

In the file is a letter written on 9 Oct 1845 by one Arthur Manly to the Commissioner of Pensions inquiring about a claim he filed.