

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Mosby Childers S42121

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State of Ohio }
Gallia County Ss } Court of Com'n Pleas June Term 1818

This day personally appeared before me John Thompson President of the Court of Common pleas of said Circuit State of Ohio Mosely Childers of said County of Gallia aged about fifty five years and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of a late law 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 Moses Childers first engaged in the service of the United States at Charlottesville in the County of Albemarle, Virginia under Captain Mat, or Mathew, Dewitt [sic: Matthew Jouett, BLWt1126-300] 7th Virginia regiment Woodfords [Gen. William Woodford's] Brigade, the name of his Colonel not recollected. his term of service for two years, but does not recollect the date of his inlistment - previous to the termination of this term of service he engaged for a further term of three years; during his said terms of inlistment he served under Capt'n. Dewitt or Deewitt until the said Seventh Virginia regiment became so reduced as to be consolidated, or took the name of the fifth regiment [14 Sep 1778], & he was there enrolled in Captain Youngs company, (he thinks Henry Young) and continued to do his duty in the company until he was discharged at Lancaster in Pennsylvania he thinks on the 19th day of March next following the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], at which time he received an honorable discharge. Col. Feebecker [sic] having been sent there to discharge those soldiers whose term of service then expired & had been marched to that place for the purpose of being discharged - this discharge having which he herewith produces, and is the discharge he received when he left service, appears to bear date at Philadelphia, Jan'y 29th, 1780. & he fought in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & in several other sharp skirmishes — And that at this time he is in such reduced circumstances as absolutely to require assistance from his country for his support —
Signed Mosby hisXmark Childers

[Childers's discharge, extremely faded:]

These are to certify that Mosby Childers Formerly a Soldier in the 5th Virginia Regiment has duly & faithfully served the Term of Three years for which he was Enlisted, In Consequence of which and at his [several illegible words] is Discharged from any further Service in the Army of the United States, [two illegible words] and to Return to his home free and unmolested he having received all his Bounty pay & Clothing and Deficiency[?] of pay and Clothing in full for [several illegible words] by the Congress for their Troops — his Receipt for which is on the Back thereof —

Given under my hand at Philadelphia
[illegible word] this 29th day of Jany [year illegible]
Christian Febiger
Comd't 2nd. Va. B. [Battalion]

State of Ohio } Court of Common Pleas - April Term
Gallia County SS }

On this eighteenth day of April 1821, personally appeared in open court (being a court of record for said county of Gallia) Mosely Childers aged about sixty six years, being a resident of Racoon Township in said County of Gallia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows -
In the first place he served under Capt. Matthew Dewitt in Col. Stephins regiment (he thinks) [see note below] being then the seventh virginia regiment under an enlistment for two years. Before this term of service expired he inlisted under Capt. Henry Young for three years in whose company he was inrolled and in the 5th Virginia Regiment then commanded [blank space] and at the expiration of said term of three years he was honorably discharged at Lancaster and received

a discharge signed by Col. Feebecker which discharge accompanied his former declaration, in which declaration his services, and dates of services will more fully appear his memory having become much impaired since he made his former declaration. On which declaration he received a pension certificate numbered 11553.

And I the said Mosby Childers do furthermore 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 a 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 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 of any kind or nature whatsoever, or any property of any description, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed.

Schedule above referred to -

1 Horse valued @	\$15.00
2 Cows	20 —
1 Two year old heifer	6 —
2 yearlings	8 —
2 Calves	3 —
7 Sheep	<u>14.00</u>
	\$66.00 [end of page]
amount brought over	66.00
5 Lambs	5 —
7 small hogs	5 —
2 Sows	3 —
1 Small bar share plough	4 00
1 leather collar	1 00
1 pr drawing horse chains	2 00
1 ax	2 —
1 Sugar kettle	3.00
1 Small pot	1.00
1 Dutch oven	1.00
1 skillet	75
1 small pewter dish	7 ½
3 old plates do	2.25
2 old quad[?] basons	37 ½
2 old tin pans	25
2 delph boulds	25
5 saucers & 6 cups	75
4 pewter spoons	40
3 Iron do	30
1 Cedar pail	50
2 small cedar buckets	75
1 Spinning [illegible] wheel	2.00
1 [illegible word]	75
1 broken wedge	30
3 old knives & forks	<u>25</u>
	102.75

Mosby hisXmark Childers

And I the said Mosby Childers do furthermore swear that I have no trade or occupation but that of a farmer, and that from my age and infirmities I am unable to [illegible word] but a small portion of my time & even then but feebly — That my family consists of a wife who is about fifty five years of age 2 sons the eldest about 18 years of age - The other about 14 years, the latter crippled with the rheumatism - Three daughters from 12 to 20 years of age - 2 grand children the eldest 4 years of age - These ages are suggested from recollection. The said Mosby being no

scholar and his recollection of late much impaired

NOTES:

Capt. Matthew Jouett's company of the Seventh Virginia Regiment of Foot was raised in the spring of 1778 and commanded by Col. William Dangerfield. Col. Edward Stevens commanded a militia regiment at that time. He took command of the 10th VA Continental Regiment on 12 Nov 1776.

A document in the file states that Mosby died 3 Aug 1843 leaving no widow but the following children: John, Hannah, William, Mosby, Robert, Henry, Andrew, Martin, Nancy, Joseph, and Abraham Childers, as well as seven grandchildren.