Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Arthur Moseley S7240

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State of Virginia & County of Powhatan to wit:

On this 15th day of August, in the year 1832, personally appeared in this Court before [blank] the Court of Powhatan aforesaid, now sitting, Arthur Moseley, a resident of the said County, aged about seventy years, who, being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. Arthur Moseley of the said County hereby declares that he does not recollect his exact age, the family record having been lost - but as he was drafted in the year 1780 he supposes that he is about seventy years of age — That he was born & raised in the County of Powhatan aforesaid — That the first actual service in which he was engaged was when he was called to the South in the early part of the year '81 — That he was in the engagement at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781] — That on this tour to the South he went under the command of Capt. Robert Hughes — That after the defeat at Guilford Genl. [Nathanael] Greene retreated to the iron mines [sic: Troublesome Iron Works] about ten miles distant & after this pursued Cornwallis almost as far as Cape Fear — That he, Arthur Moseley, was engaged in all this service - that after this he returned home. — that the length of this tour was probably about three months — That in going to the South they crossed the Roanoke at Peyton's ferry — That shortly after his return from the South he went under the command of Capt. [Isaac] Porter down to City Point on James River & remained there, at Bermuda Hundred, Ware Bottom Church [in Chesterfield County] & other places on James river for a considerable time - the exact time he does not recollect — That after this, he went higher up James River, to the Ferry at Westham, & there General [Anthony] Wayne was set over with his Troops. This ferry is about seven miles above Richmond — That after Wayne was set over the river, they took all the boats & carried them up to Jude's ferry about ten miles higher up the river, & brought down to the same Ferry all the boats that wer at Michaux's ferry, which is above Jude's, & guarded them at Judes's ferry during the whole summer. — That he was called out on many other tours — That he continued to serve from the time he was first called out 'till the end of the war — That he believes his whole period of service to have been two years at the least — That he has no discharge — That he remembers the names of the following officers who were engaged in the battle at Guilford - Genl. Greene, Genl. [Robert] Lawson, Col. Beverley Randolph, Major [St. George] Tucker & Col. [John] Holcomb — [signed] Arthur Moselev