Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Motte W21819
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[South Carolina City of Charleston]

On this 13th day of December 1837 personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the State and district above Mrs. Mary Motte a resident of the City of Charleston and State aforesaid aged 85 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed the 4th of July 1836.

That she is the widow of Colonel Isaac Motte, who was a Colonel in the Continental Army in the War of the Revolution. That Colonel Motte was second in the command when the attack was made on the Fort on Sullivan's Island in 1776 [June 28, 1776] now Fort Moultrie and he continued to serve for a period of not less than 4 years.

She further declares that she was married to the said Colonel Isaac Motte on the 18th day of December 1777 by the Reverend Samuel Hart, St. John's Berkley. That her husband the aforesaid Colonel Isaac Motte died on the 5th day of May 1795 -- and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

S/ Mary Motte

The State of South Carolina District of Charleston

This day personally appeared before me Rob Elfe one of the Justices of the Quorum for the district and State aforesaid Mrs. Mary Motte and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing declaration is true. Given under my hand & seal this 14th day of December A.D. 1837 S/ Rob Elfe, QU

"Colonel Motte and Miss Mary Broughton were married December 18th 1777—pr license No. 45."

I., Edward Thomas, Rector of Saint John's Parish Berkeley County, South Carolina, certify the foregoing to be a true and correct extract from the Record of the Parish Church of said Parish -- and that Mrs. Mary Motte, widow & relic of Colonel Isaac Motte, is the lady referred to in the said extract, & is still living at an advanced age in Charleston South Carolina.

S/ Edward Thomas

South Carolina

Personally appeared before me, the Honorable Henry Wm DeSaussure, aged upwards of 74 years, late one of the Chancellors of the State of South Carolina, who being duly sworn maketh oath that he knew Colonel Isaac Motte formerly of Charleston deceased. That the said Isaac Motte was a Major in the Second Regiment of the South Carolina line of troops in the Continental service during the Revolutionary War, under the command of Colonel William Moultrie, afterwards General Moultrie. The said Major Isaac Motte was with Colonel Moultrie & his Regiment at the defense of Fort Moultrie on 28 June 1776, and the said Isaac Motte had been an officer of that Regiment for several months, perhaps near a year before the battle. After the defense of Fort Moultrie he continued in that Regiment for several years, & became its Colonel. His services in the Army were certainly more than 2 years in duration. This deponent cannot speak with precision of the time of Colonel Motte's marriage, he believes he was twice married -- his last wife Mrs. Mary Motte survived him and never married again. She now resides in Charleston.

Sworn to before made this 13th of December 1837 S/Josiah J. Evans

S/ Henry Wm DeSaussure

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Charleston South Carolina December 22nd 1837

I certify that Colonel Isaac Motte was a member of the Cincinnati Society of the State of South Carolina in right of his commission in the Army of the United States during the Revolutionary War as Colonel and that he was second in command at the Battle of Fort Moultrie in the year 1776.

S/ J. E. B. Finley, Secretary Cincinnati Society

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband service as a Colonel in the South Carolina Continental line.]