Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zeally Moss W24164
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Jenny Moss

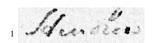
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[p 4] State of Indiana Switzerland County: Sct.

On this 8 day of April 1834 personally appeared before me Joseph Malin an Associate Judge of the Court in & for said County of Switzerland & State of Indiana Zeally Moss a resident of said County & State aged seventy-nine 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. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated.

That early in the Spring say the last of March or the first of April in the year 1777 in Louden [Loudoun] County Virginia where he then lived, there was a call & draft on the militia, when he was drafted to serve under a Captain Conner, but before they were called on to march, at a Court Martial that was held in said County, he this applicant was recommended by the Officers & got the appointment of an assistant Quarter Master & acted in the Quarter Master Department & served in that capacity in pressing & collecting firearms from the Citizens especially those who were unfriendly to our cause in said County of Loudoun & he continued in procuring provender for the horses & provisions for the Army principally in Virginia & sometimes on the adjoining States acting under General Claiborne [probably Richard Claiborne] who was quarter master General in Virginia & whose headquarters was at Richmond. This deponent continued thus to act until sometime in the year 1780; his grade was as a Captain or at least his pay was thirty-six dollars per month. In the year 1780 soon after Colonel Buford's defeat [May 29, 1780] a man by the name of Hendren [?] who was Waggon master turned Tory & went to the enemy. When at the solicitation of Colonels William Washington & Jos. Spencer [Joseph Spencer] this applicant accepted & was appointed as Wagon Master in which capacity he acted and after the defeat & surrender of Cornwallis at York [October 19, 1781] & until peace was pretty well restored in that part of the Country while in this service his pay was forty dollars per month, in this capacity he acted at least two years principally in the State of Virginia. In his former service he was near at hand when Buford was defeated & in the second he was present or with [the] Army when Cornwallis was defeated & surrendered & was frequently not far off at other small engagements & skirmishes between the British & our men in Virginia – he frequently saw Generals Washington – Wayne, Lafayette, Woodford & Colonels William Washington, George Gibson & others while in the Service, & us his services in time of the American Revolution ceased & he soon after visited Kentucky - was engaged in Building forts & defending the Country from the invasions of the Indians & but he believes this service was in 1783 & 1784.



That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present – and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Joseph Malin, Asst. Judge

S/Zeally Moss

[Abbott Goddard, a clergyman, and Archibald Merritt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On March 19, 1851 in Peoria County Illinois, Jenny Moss, in her 82nd year of her age, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Zeally Moss, a revolutionary war pensioner; that he died in Peoria County October 31st, 1839; that she married him in the state of Virginia in Fauquier County October 28, 1790; that they were married by James Monroe, a Baptist clergyman. She signed her application with her mark. Her name as written on the signature line appears to be "Jemtt Moss" [Janet Moss?].]

[p 10: copy of a marriage bond dated October 26, 1790 issued in Fauquier County Virginia to Zeally Moss and Gregory Glascock conditioned upon the marriage of Zeally Moss to Jenny Glascock.]

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State of Kentucky Fleming County: SS

Personally appeared before me one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said State and County Brutus Ringo² now in the 89th year of his age and first being duly sworn according to law he states that he was a soldier in the war of the revolution and for which service he now drawls a pension. He further states that in the early part of his services he became acquainted with one Zeilly Moss [sic] who was a Wagon and Ouarter Master then in the service. Deponent also states he is now informed Zeilly Moss removed to and resided in the State of Indiana and that some years since he Moss applied to the Department of Government for a pension Deponent states that he became acquainted with Zeilly Moss the same man and who was in the service and says he Zeilly Moss was during and performing the duties of Wagon and Quarter Master that he himself knew him in that capacity. He further says that Zeilly Moss was in the service three years or more as he saw and knew him numerous times in that space of time still in the service and in the same capacity as Wagon and Quarter Master. Deponent states he was not confined in his company but often and saw him within the space of three years. Deponent states therefore Substantially that he knew Zeilly Moss to of been in the Service as Wagon and Ouarter master for the space of three years or more having known him in the service that length of time. Moss was a Native of Virginia and perhaps of Loudoun County. He has known and respected as a very efficient man in his department as Wagon and Quarter Master and did serve as above stated three years or more. And further saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of September 1850

S/Brutus Ringo

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² Burtis Ringo S31329

[Facts in file: there is reference to the veteran and his wife having 2 sons but the only one named in the file is William S Moss.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for his service as wagon conductor for two years in the Virginia service. His pension after his death was increased to \$600 per annum effective retroactively pursuant to a certificate issued September 10, 1852. His widow also was initially pensioned at the rate of \$480 per annum, which pension was increased to \$600 per annum commencing October 1, 1839.]