Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Elijah Moore W7469 Transcribed by Will Graves Susan Moore

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County: Circuit Court June Term 1838

This day personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable James Rucks one of the Judges of the Court of Law for the State of Tennessee Susan Moore aged about 73 years her precise age she does not know having no family register of the same – who having been duly qualified makes oath that she is the widow of Elijah Moore who was a Captain in the Regular [word obliterated, probably "Army"] in the War of the Revolution and was attached to the Regular Army in the North Carolina line her husband the said Elijah Moore as well as she remembers Enlisted as a soldier in the Regular Army for seven years or during the War he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and some time before his term of service expired was promoted to the Rank of Captain and was either a Captain or Major when the Army was dispersed. Your Declarant is unable to state when her said husband entered the Army but supposes it can be made to appear from the records of the North Carolina line on file in Washington or from the proof of witnesses if any can be found now alive – her said husband was in various service in the revolutionary war – he was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] – perhaps the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] or at the Siege of York [surrender of Yorktown, October 19, 1781] during the time that her said husband was in service he and Declarant were engaged to be married and in the month of November 1781, shortly after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis he returned home to Granville County North Carolina where they were married on the 12th day of November 1781 – he belonged to the Army of the Revolution at the time of their marriage her said husband obtained a land bounty of 3000 acres lying on Duck River in Tennessee it was a very inferior location and was of but little use to her said husband who sold the said land at an early day for about \$.12 per acre. The husband of Declarant moved from the State of North Carolina about 40 years ago and has been dead now about 32 years. Declarant has never married has ever been since the Death of her said husband a widow and is still a widow & Declarant is not able to state to what Regiment her said husband belonged – but that will be made to appear either from a reference to the records at Washington or by other proof-- there is no doubt from what Declarant has been informed that her said husband if he had lived would have been entitled to a pension under the provisions of the Act passed 7th of June 1832 – as her said husband if he had lived would have been entitled to a pension under the provisions of said act. Declarant is informed that as her marriage with her said husband took place before his term of service expired during the Revolutionary War that she is entitled to a pension under the provisions of the Act of 1836 which Declarant prays may be allowed her. Declarant has been a citizen of Tennessee for about 40 years – a part of that time she has lived in Sumner County and she now resides in Sumner. Declarant has not transferred or disposed of in any way whatever her said claim to a Pension but asks the aid of the General Government in her

behalf alone – affiant has six children she has no home and but little property to live on. Declarant's claim is submitted to the attentive consideration of the War Department.

S/ Susan Moore, X her mark

Sworn to in open court & subscribed 23 June 1838.

S/ J. W. Baldridge, Clerk

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Being called upon for a statement of my knowledge of Mrs. Susan Moore, I take pleasure in saying that she has been an acquaintance of mine for many years. Her husband was a Captain Elijah Moore of the North Carolina Continental line who removed at the close of the war to this country and settled near me. Mrs. Susan Moore his widow has remained single since his death and has continued to reside in my neighborhood. She has always borne a most excellent character and has raised a large family of children. Her connections are of the most respectable kind and she has always been highly esteemed by those who have known her.

S/ Andrew Jackson

Hermitage

August 4th 1838

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[The above appears to be in the handwriting of Andrew Jackson himself]

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Elijah Moore a Lieutenant of the 10th Regiment was commissioned on the 12th of October 1777 & was Commissioned Captain in said Regiment on the 13th of October 1781 and deranged¹ on the 1st day of January 1783.

Given under my hand this first of September 1838.

S/Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County

This day personally appeared before me James M. Wilson an acting justice of the peace for said County Reuben Prevette [could be Prewett]² aged about 77 years who after being duly Sworn makes on his oath the following Statement that he was well acquainted with Captain Elijah Moore of the State of North Carolina and that said more during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain was in the service of the United States Army and served in the command of Captain of the regular troops in the North Carolina line and was under the command of Col. Henley & Major Booge during the year 1780 at which time I was a soldier under the command of said Captain Elijah Moore.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this fifth day of July 1838.

Test: S/ James M. Wilson, JP

S/ Reuben Privette, X his mark

[p 3: On July 18, 1838 in Maury County Tennessee, Martha Pannill a resident of said County gave testimony that she is well acquainted with Susan Moore of Sumner County Tennessee the widow of Captain Elijah Moore; that the affiant is the sister of said Susan Moore and has known her from infancy; that they widow's maiden name was Susan Mitchell; that the veteran and Susan were married in Greenville County [sic Granville County] North Carolina about the year 1781; affiant is an older sister and had left their father's house by the time Captain Moore and Susan were married.

Martha Bannill

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$417.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for her husband's service as a Lieutenant & Captain in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ Used in this context the word 'deranged' means 'decommissioned.'

² I believe this is a man by the name of <u>Reuben Prewett S39026</u> who obtained a pension for service in the Virginia line. Prewett lived in Sumner County, Tennessee when he applied for his pension.