

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension app of James McNees (McNeese) R6802

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State of Georgia, Jackson County

On the fifth day of October, 1832, personally appeared before Us two of the Judges of the inferior Court of Said County James McNees of the County of Jackson & State of Georgia, Aged eighty two years who being duly Sworn according to law Doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of congress passed Seventh June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the Following named officers and Served as herein stated. That he volunteered in Lawrence County South Carolina under Capt John Rogers as a first Lieutenant under the Command of Col. James Williams, & Genl. Andrew Pickens against the Tories and Indians year not recollected but continued in that Service until the treaty was concluded with the Indians. He was [at the] battle of chewee Tomassy [Tomassee] & the Ring fight and at the battle where Salvador [Francis Salvador] was killed & after that treaty Joined Capt. Josiah Greer's company Again as Lieut. Served under Col. Hayes [Joseph Hayes] and Genl. Pickens and Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was at the Siege of Ninety Six under Genl. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] Piloted Greene's wagons to the fish dam ford in the Night was in the battle of Blackstocks, Musgrove's mills on Enoree [river] in the battle of Guilford Court House under Genl. Greene as Substitute and many other engagements owing To the infirm State of both body and mind it is impossible To Get anything like a connected Statement of circumstances As they occurred he knows he was two years in the Service but How much more he does not Recollect but thinks In all was five or six years he Served as a Mounted Militiaman Furnished his own horse and arms was often engaged. He was engaged in carrying expresses and other dangerous Services.

To the following interrogatories propounded he answers As follows to viz

1<sup>st</sup> whare and in what year was you born?

Ans, I was born in Charlotte County Virginia in the year Seventeen Hundred and fifty.

2<sup>nd</sup> have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans, I had a record in my family bible which was Destroyed by the Tories  
3<sup>rd</sup> where ware you living when you entered in to Service where have you lived Since the revolutionary war And whare do you live now?

Ans, I lived in Lawrence County South Carolina from Whence I moved to York County S. C. thence I moved to Georgia in 1806 in Jackson County where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> How ware you called to Service?

Ans, I first volunteered my Services and continued To Except Some tours I substituted for my brother R. McNees of Lawrence C.[sic, Laurens County] S. Carolina.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who ware with the Troops where you Served Such Continentals and militia regiment as you recollect and General Circumstances of your Service.

Ans, Genl. Greene & Sumpter & Williamson Col. McCrary I have mentioned all the circumstances of my Services Recollected in my General declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was It Given and what has become of it?

Ans, I Received one form Genl. Greene after the battle of Guilford And others not recollected all of which has been with my commission Lost or destroyed.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you known is Your neighborhood and who will testify as to your character Veracity and Good behavior as to Services as a revolution Soldier.

Ans, Beverly Allen, W. L. Bryant, Jackson Trout T. Doster I Served two years and upwards and has no documentary Evidence to establish my Claim nor do I know any Persons Whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my Services I have no claims whatever accept the present to any Pension or annuity and my name is not upon the Pension Role of any State agency.

S/ Jas. McNees

Sworn to Subscribed before us the day and year aforesaid

S/ Aug. J. Brown, JIC

S/ Robt Smithwick, JIC

S/ Jos. Hamilton, JIC

[John Harrison, a clergyman, and Joseph T. Cunningham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said District Capt. John Calhoun<sup>1</sup> of the said District who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was acquainted with James McNees in the War of the revolution, that he served with him, that he was Lieut. under Capt. John Rodgers against the Tories & Indians and to the best of his knowledge & recollection he was in actual service not less than 2 years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 13 November 1833

S/ Wiley Yeargin, JP

S/ John Calhoun

South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the said District Robert McNees<sup>2</sup> who being sworn deposeth and saith that James McNees and himself joined a volunteer Company under the Command of Capt. John Rogers the said James McNees served as a Lieut. in said Company and that they were engaged in several battles against the Tories Indians and British during the war and to the best of his knowledge & recollection, James McNees served as Lieut. not less than 2 years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me.

This the 13th of November 1833

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<sup>1</sup> [John Calhoun W8579](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Robert McNeese S7192](#)

S/ Wiley Yeargin, JP

S/ Robert McNees

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State of South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of the district aforesaid, Robert Long<sup>3</sup> a resident of said district who being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with James McNees in the revolutionary war, that in the year 1775 in the month of December in what was called the Snow or Col. Richardson's camp, against the Tories he saw him then acting as a Lieut. under Capt. John Rodger [sic] who was his Brother-in-law, this deponent being then under age did not serve with him until early in the April in the year 1778 this deponent volunteered under Capt. Joseph Greer of the Little River Regiment of the Militia commanded by Col. James Williams four companies of twenty-five each were to be detached from the Regiment to assist the State of Georgia against East Florida and to reduce St. Augustine – J. Greer's company had 20 in it who volunteered of whom the deponent was one and to complete the company Col. Williams attached Lieut. James McNees and 5 men who with their Lieut. joined Capt. J. Greer's Company through the Expedition which lasted 4 months they crossed the Saluda, Savannah, Ogeechee, Altamaha, Satilla & St. Mary's rivers -- Lieut. Col. Robert McCrery commanded the 4 companies of Williams' Regiment viz. Captains J. Greer, Thomas Dugan, Benjamin Kilgore & Robert Richey the whole Brigade commanded by Brig. General Andrew Williamson. This being the first of this deponents Service he recollects it more particularly than any of his, or any other persons after service; but he has no manner of doubt but that James McNees must have served at least 2 years as a Lieut. in the revolutionary war; from the early active & steady service he did -- He kept a store in about 4 miles from where this deponent lived then & does yet: in the militia it was called the Little River Regiment of militia, afterwards Laurens County; and lately Laurens District.

Sworn to & subscribed the 27th day of November before me in the year 1833  
S/ Henry S. Neele, JP

S/ Robt Long

[facts in file: veteran died in May 1833 in Jackson County, Ga.; survived by his widow, Rachel; letter from the SC Comptroller General stating that the papers relating to payments made to James McNees have been lost or mislaid and cannot be found in his office.

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<sup>3</sup> [Robert Long S7157](#)