

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCord R6646

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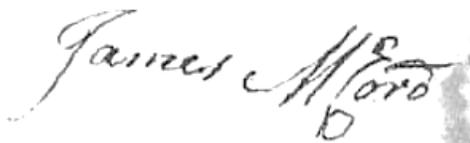
State of South Carolina

I James McCord Senior a resident of the District of Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina, do hereby solemnly swear, that the statements and facts mentioned in the declaration made by my brother John McCord an applicant for a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832 are substantially true and correct, and that there are some facts, not mentioned by my brother in his declaration, which with his other statements would prove my brother, a good Patriot, and as serviceable soldier in the support & defense of the United States in the war of the Revolution. And that this Affidavit accompanies the declaration of my brother John McCord for a pension under the Act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

Sworn to before me the 2nd November 1832

S/ Geo. Shillito, JP

S/ James McCord

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James McCord". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

On this twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Richard Gantt Presiding Judge of the Courts of Common Pleas & General Sessions for said State & District now sitting John McCord a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged Sixty 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 7 1832.

The applicant entered the service of the United States as a volunteer at the early age of thirteen years in the summer of the year 1776, that he enrolled by name in a militia company commanded by one Capt. Joseph Pickens who was under the command of Col. Pickens (afterwards General) [Andrew Pickens] and that he performed military duty in the company of said Capt. Joseph Pickens for two weeks or more when Capt. Pickens observed to the Applicant that he was both young & of slender frame, & weak habit of body, that he would excuse the

applicant from the severest part of the soldiers duty and confine him to such duty less oppressive to the applicant and equally serviceable to the their Company on condition that the applicant would give up to a more able-bodied soldier his rifle, power born, & shot bag to which the applicant agreed Capt. Pickens then employed the applicant in various light duties for the benefit of the company, such as shelling corn, carrying it to mill, returning with it in meal, procuring other provisions, assisting in driving & bringing in beeves to the soldiers, superintending the provision stores, attending on prisoners & on the sick when necessary, going [sic carrying] messages &c &c. That subsequently in the winter after the battle of the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] in this State this applicant volunteered under a Capt. Liddell [Moses Liddell] and performed under him a tour of duty of at least two weeks service, And that after this last duty, he enlisted in a corps placed under the command of a Lieut. Matthew Finley by General Pickens, who authorized & caused this corps to be raised for the express purpose of guarding the public property and stores of the militia located at a place called General Pickens Block house in Abbeville District, at which place he performed Military or guard duty for the full period of three months over the public stores aforesaid, and under the said Matthew Finley who acted as Lieut. of the corps guards. And that in a short time after the expiration of his term of three months enlistment in this guard Corps, General Pickens caused a guard to be raised & drafted from the militia for the protection of the said public property and that the applicant was drafted for the period of two months which term of time he faithfully served & fulfilled under one Lieut. Turk who commanded this drafted guard Corps over the public stores & property at the said General Pickens Block house. The Applicant further declares that he was called upon by General Pickens to constitute one of his body guard from Abbeville District or Ninety Six to a place called Tolls Station on Saluda River that he volunteered his services, & did act as his bodyguard with others; fully 10 days, which ended the service of the Applicant for the United States, and which in the aggregate he computes as fully six months and ten days service he performed for the United States during the Revolutionary war --

Answers to certain Interrogatories<sup>1</sup>

Ans. to 1<sup>st</sup> Intg. -- The Applicant says he was born in Albemarle County in the State of Virginia on the 25 November 1763.

Ans. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Intg. -- The applicant says the record of his age is in a Bible belonging to his brother James McCord who is living in Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina & is in the handwriting of either his father or uncle.

Ans. to 3<sup>rd</sup> Intg. -- The Applicant says he was living in Ninety Six now Abbeville District when he was called into service and that he has since lived & does now live in the same District.

Ans. to 4<sup>th</sup> Intg. -- The Applicant says that he volunteered, at one time, was drafted at another &

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

enlisted at another, he also volunteered as life guard to General Pickens –

Ans. to 5<sup>th</sup> Intg. -- This Applicant cannot answer this question further than what he has declared to already.

Ans. to 6<sup>th</sup> Intg. -- The Applicant says he was always verbally discharged –

Ans. to 7<sup>th</sup> Intg. -- Major Andrew Hamilton, Capt. Andrew Hamilton, Moses Taggart Esquire, Col. Alex Bowie, Col. Patrick Noble are persons to whom the applicant is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. --

The Applicant also 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 to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jas Wardlaw, Clk

S/ Jno. McCord, Senior

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jno. McCord Senior". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jno. McCord, Senior".

[Franklin Branch, a clergyman, and Moses Taggart, Esquire, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]