

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Neill McKethan R6756

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North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas and Porter Sessions marched Term 1834 On this 4th day of March 1834 personally appeared before the Court aforesaid Neill McKethan a resident of Cumberland County aged between 80 and 81 years, first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress made June 7th, 1832. That he volunteered in Edgecombe County NC in Capt. Cofield[']s] Company of Infantry, Col. Dosier, the name he cannot spell -- but thinks it is according to the pronounciation -- in the year 1776 on the 5th day of May, for 3 months -- that he then resided in Tarboro Edgecombe County NC that they were marched from Tarboro to Wilmington NC and from there to Brunswick where they were stationed some time to prevent persons from passing up the River. The Captains' companies taking it we about in guarding the town of Brunswick -- they remained alternatingly at Wilmington & Brunswick for 3 months when they were marched to Tarboro and discharged -- for this service he claims a pension -- He was in no battle nor never wounded, he has no documentary evidence to prove his Service -- That the Rev. Colin McIver to whose Church he is attached and has been for upwards of 45 years and from whom he expected to get a certificate is now absent --

Answers to interrogatories put by the Court --

1. He was born in the Shire of Argyll Scotland in 1753
2. He has no record of his age.
3. He was living in Tarboro -- and since the war in Cumberland where he now resides.
4. He was a volunteer.
5. Col. Overton, Capt. Herd -- Capt. Thomas Gilmore -- besides his own Officers, Col. Matthews.
6. He received no Discharge.

That he has no one by whom to prove his actual service -- that the Honorable Laughlin Bethune and Col. David Gillis can testify as to his character and as to the belief of his Service.

He hereby relinquishes all claim for a pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Arch'd McLean, Jr., Clk.

S/ Neill McKethan, X his mark

[Laughlin Bethune and David Gillis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[This man's application was denied because he did not serve the 6 months which was the minimum service required to qualify for a pension under the 1832 act.]