

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Thomas McKiddy (McKedy) R6757A Catharine fn49SC
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State of Tennessee Rhea County: Circuit Court September term 1833

On this 24th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court for Rhea County now sitting Thomas McKiddy a resident of Rhea County and State of Tennessee of 36 years of age 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 hereinafter stated to wit. That he was drafted he thinks in the fall of the year 1779 in Abbeville County in the State of South Carolina -- his officers were Capt. Joseph Dowson [sic, Dawson? could be Joseph Carson] and Lieut. Samuel Gibson joined General Andrew Pickens Army and was put under Col. Robert Anderson. Joined the aforesaid Army at Ninety Six and raised the Siege of Ninety Six¹ at Ninety Six he was put under the command of Capt. James Cowen and was sent by General Pickens order to a place called the Golden Grove on Saluda River to suppress the Tories and Indians from this marched back to Abbeville County was dismissed by his Capt. at Norids [?] Mill after having served 3 months the time for which he was drafted but got no discharge.

Sometime in he thinks in the fall of the year 1780 he volunteered in Abbeville County in the State of South Carolina his officer was Capt. Robert Caruthers & Lieut. William Caruthers marched to a place called Magills Station on the frontiers of South Carolina and was stationed at the said Magills Station to keep Garrison and guard the frontier ranged from Savannah River to Saluda River. In ranging back and forward on the frontiers was in several skirmishes with the Indians he constantly remained in Garrison at the above named Station, as a volunteer and guarding the frontier settlements of South Carolina under Capt. Caruthers until peace was made when he was dismissed by his Capt. Caruthers after having been in service at least 2 but got no written discharge.

He states that he is old and his memory has failed him much but he well recollects that he was drafted for 3 months and that he served the tour as he has stated. He also well recollects that he volunteered under Capt. Caruthers in Garrison as stated above until peace was made he thinks the time more than 2 years but is certain that it was 2 years without being dismissed discharge or his officers changed he was in a volunteer company that was raised to keep the Garrison and guard the frontiers.

He was acquainted with Generals Greene and Pickens he was acquainted with none other of the regular line never having served with the regulars he was acquainted with the officers he has stated above.

He has never seen a record of his age but from the best information on the subject he was born on the 12th day of June 1760 in North Carolina the name of the County he cannot recollect

¹ Contrary to the applicant's statement, the events described occurred in May & June of 1781, not 1779.

from there he moved with his father when he was about 3 years old to Abbeville County South Carolina where he lived during the revolutionary war from there removed to Jackson County Tennessee from there removed to Rhea County in the State of Tennessee where he now resides and has resided for the past 14 years.

He never received a discharge but was dismissed by his officers as he has stated above.

He never received a commission never being anything but a private soldier.

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services except Thomas Hamilton who is a resident of Rhea County Tennessee.

He is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Charles Mitchell and John Pardo to clergyman and John Preston the deputy sheriff Esquire Arthur Fulton Col. George Gillespie who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas McKiddy, X his mark

[Charles Mitchell, a clergyman, George Gillespie, Arthur Fulton and John Preston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Rhea County: Personally appeared before me James McCanse an acting Capt. justice of the peace in and for said County Thomas Hamilton a resident of said County and made oath in due form of law that he was and is acquainted with Thomas McKiddy who has sworn and subscribed a declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he served with him in the revolutionary war at a Garrison called McGills Station and knows that he served under Capt. Robert Caruthers as he has stated. That he served with him at the said Garrison or stationed for 9 months or more and left him there. That he knows that he is the same man he served with at the said Garrison.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 3rd day of October 1833

S/ James McCanse, JP

S/. Thos. Hamilton²

State of Tennessee Rhea County: Personally appeared before me Jesse Thompson an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Thomas McKiddy after being sworn according to law states by way of amendment to his declaration made in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United [States] as he has stated in his declaration at the time and place mentioned in his declaration and under the officers therein mentioned and served 3 months as stated.

He also states that he entered the service as a volunteer in the fall of the year 1780 in Abbeville County South Carolina under Capt. Caruthers all which he has stated in his declaration and went to the station mentioned in his declaration and there remained in said station near the frontier guarding the frontier against the Indians and Tories until 6 months had expired when his term of service had expired and the men or some of them went home and recruits had come in and he immediately volunteered again under the same officers without returning home and remained at the station guarding the frontier as aforesaid in active service for 9 months which time of service Thomas Hamilton a man whose certificate is annexed served with him. The term

² FPA S30470

for which the troop was called out having expired Thomas Hamilton together [with] others went home and it still being troublesome times other recruits were called out and had arrived and [he] again immediately volunteered again under the same officers and remained guarding the station and frontier as before until the peace was made which he knows was not less than 6 months. The reason that he so remained in service was that his mother was dead and it was dangerous to stay at home on account of the Indians and Tories and the Whigs were not safe anywhere else but in the Army that his home was some distance from the station and that the troops to which he belonged was regularly called out. That he believes that he served much longer. That in the first 6 months tour he believes he served much longer but from old age and the consequent loss of memory he may be mistaken but knows that it was not less than 6 months and the 9 months tour he thinks was longer but for the reasons above he may be mistaken but knows it was not less than 9 months and also the last 6 months tour he thinks was longer but for the reasons above he may be mistaken but knows it was not less than 6 months. He is very old and his memory has failed him much. The reason that he stated in his declaration that he had not serve less than 2 years at the said station was that he had served at the same place and under the same Capt. without returning home and for further particulars he refers to his first declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed this first day of February 1834 before me

S/ Jesse Thompson, JP

S/ Thomas McKiddy, X his mark

[Facts in file: soldier died October 17 1840; soldier married August 25, 1790, 1791 or 1793 (all 3 dates are shown in the papers in this file), in Abbeville District South Carolina, Catharine, maiden name not stated. In 1844, Catharine, aged 86, and a resident of Rhea County Tennessee filed for a widows pension; she died December 3, 1847 at the home of James Hornsby; the soldiers son, William McKedy (as he signed his name), 44, in 1847 was a resident of Rhea County; Elanor Hornsby, 52, of Roane County, Tenn., daughter of Catherine McKiddy. stated in 1852 that she and her brother William were the only surviving children of the soldier and his wife; in 1852, James Hornsby (relationship to any of the above, if any, is not stated) filed an affidavit in which he states he is 59 years old and a resident of Roane County Tennessee.]