

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William McLusky [McLeskey]S1693

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State of Tennessee Weakley County

On this 8th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting, William McLusky a resident of Tennessee & County of Weakley aged about 67 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He states that he entered the service about the year [garbled entry] under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Col. Haynes [could be Hayes] & Major Noble & the name of our Capt. was Francis Carlisle. Under these officers I served 2 months in 15 or 20 miles of Charleston. The British forces at this time had possession of Charleston -- our officers marched us in the direction of that place for the purpose of besieging it, but was diverted from their object by some circumstance I do not now recollect. At the time I entered the service I lived in the County of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina. When I left this service & returned home I received no discharge from my officers & consequently I am unable now to produce one -- When I entered the service under General Greene I was drafted for 2 months, which I served as above stated without being in any engagement whatever. As soon as I left the Army under General Greene I volunteered under General Pickens & served 4 months Anderson was our Col. & the name of my Capt. was Norrard [?] -- During this term of my service we frequently had skirmishes with parties of Tories in the County of Abbeville South Carolina, and I was present at the siege of Ninety Six which we kept up to or 3 weeks, & while we were engaged in drawing a line of circumvention around the place, a Reinforcement of the British arrived from Charleston & we were compelled to raise the siege and evacuate the place. We then went into parts of North Carolina; we passed in our route through Burke & Mecklenburg Counties without meeting with either British or Tories in our way -- Shortly after the siege of Ninety Six the Indians & Tories united in the upper part of Abbeville County and was spreading fire & devastation over the Country, when we were marched against them by our officers, and dispersed them after having a few skirmishes -- This I think must have been in the date of 1781 -- I entered the service in 1781 & quitted it in 1781 as well as I can now recollect and I never received a discharge from any of my officers -- I have no documentary evidence of my service, nor do I know of any person living in this Country by whose testimony I can prove it -- I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State -- Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid -- The reason the declarant has not procured the certificate of a clergyman is that he is not sufficiently well acquainted with one residing in his neighborhood.

S/ William H. Johnson, Clerk

S/ Wm McLeskey [sic]

[Isaac Cruce & James Smyth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]