

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Hugh McGavock: S16948

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State of Virginia}

Wythe County} to wit:

On this 13th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, personally appeared, in open court, before the County court of the County of Wythe in the state of Virginia, in quarterly session sitting, Hugh McGavock, Senior, a resident of the said County of Wythe and state of Virginia, aged seventy three years in September next, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, as an Ensign in Colonel Joseph Crocketts Regiment of the Virginia Sate line, in the month of February in the year 1780, according to his recollection of the time. He, together with a number of men, whom he had recruited, after receiving his commission as Ensign from the Government of Virginia, joined this regiment at the barracks in Albemarle County at the time before named, and was attached to Captain Kenley's Company. Captain Kenley died shortly thereafter and Captain William Cherry succeeded to the command of the Company. At the time he was commissioned he resided in the County of Montgomery (now Wythe), and in the neighbourhood in which he now resides. He, at present, only recollects the following officers, who belonged to the troops stationed at the said barracks and under the command of Col'l. Crockett, viz. Major Wills, Captain Chapman, Captain John Carney, Captain Abraham Tipton, and Lieutenant Magill. This last named was an officer of this applicants Company & he thinks his christian name was James. He remained at the Albemarle barracks till late in the fall of the same year (1780), when the troops, stationed there, were marched with the prisoners they were guarding to Fredericktown in the state of Maryland, where they remained during the following winter. In the month of March following (1781) they were marched to Shepherdstown in Jefferson (then Berkely [sic: Berkeley]) County in Virginia, and from thence, with very little delay, were marched to a place called New Store on the Monongahela river about thirty miles above Pittsburg [sic: Pittsburgh], and remained at this place about one month, and were there marched to Pittsburg. The arrived in Pittsburg in the latter part of May or the first of June, according to the best of his recollection, and after tarrying at Pittsburg only two or three days they proceeded in boats down to Louisville, Kentucky; having indeed, entered boats at New Store, above named. The troops were stationed at Louisville from the time they arrived there from Pittsburg, as above, which he thinks was the last of July of that year (1781) until the close of the war, when the troops were disbanded. While at Fredericktown, as above, this declarant was promoted to the Lieutenantcy of his company and acted as Lieutenant till the end of his service. At Pittsburg the troops under Col'l. Crockett, as aforesaid, met with General George Rogers Clarke [sic: Clark], who took command of the same, and they continued under his command till they were disbanded. This declarant has drawn his half pay, as Lieutenant, under the Act of Congress of 5th July 1832, up to the 5th July 1833, and has lately made application for his half pay under that act for the year ending the 5th day of July 1834, but has received no warrant or draft for the amount due to him for this last named year. He doubts not that he is entitled to the full benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832, and believes that he will be allowed such benefit without hesitation. Having received Half pay, as above stated, to the 5th July 1833, he will be entitled to the same under the act of June 7th 1832 from the 4th March 1831 to the time he has drawn his half pay, as aforesaid, or to the 5th July 1834, if it shall be found that a warrant or draft shall have issued from the Treasury Department for his Half Pay for the year ending on the said 5th July 1834 and to full pay, as Lieutent, from and after the time to which he has drawn, or for which a warrant or draft may have issued for his Half pay. His half pay as heretofore drawn is one hundred and sixty dollars annually. He particularly refers to the Treasury Department for the evidence on which his Half pay has been allowed and paid. Should he be considered entitled to the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832. he, then, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present; and he

declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid [signed] Hugh McGavock

NOTE: A letter dated 26 Aug 1846 from Randal McGavock, 43, states that Hugh McGavock died 2 April 1844, leaving no widow but nine children, who are named in the letter.