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Pension application of Joseph McClaskey (McCloskey, McCleskey) W1449 fn79SC
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State of Tennessee, Lincoln County: Fayetteville October 16th Term 1832

On this the 16th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Williamson Edwards [?], Samuel Buckhanan, Abner Steed, Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting Joseph McClaskey a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee aged about 76 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 the 7th 1832.

At the commencement and during the Revolutionary War I was a citizen of Abbeville District South Carolina. I entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer in the fall of 1776 or 1777, though I have no distinct recollection at this time – the true date of my entering the service under Captain Pickens [Andrew Pickens] who was then attached to Colonel Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Regiment or command; we were ordered to march against Captain Cunningham [Patrick Cunningham] who was then commanding a company of Tories near a place called Snowy Camp: at that place we captured a few of his men and drove the balance out of that neighborhood; we were then immediately marched to 96 to reinforce that place which was soon after besieged by the Tories; after holding out considerable time our Army capitulated; we were to give possession, deliver over to the enemy to pieces of light artillery and our troops to be set at liberty from this place we returned home after a campaign of about eight months. Immediately after my return from 96 I was called on to march into the State of Georgia. I was then under the command of Captain Weems who was attached to Colonel Pickens' Regiment; had a small scrimmage at a place called Kettle Creek; from that place we marched under the command of General Pickens against a certain McGirt [Daniel McGirt] at St. Mary's commonly called the Florida expedition; drove him and his party from that part of the Country – and returned home after an absence of upwards of two months and joined in the siege at Savannah; we were after some time reinforced by the French troops but was compelled to raise the siege after considerable loss on both sides; we were in actual service during this campaign about six months.

Not long after we were marched against Bluford [sic, Beaufort?], then in possession of the British and Tories, we were not successful in our attack and left the place and returned home after an absence of six weeks or more.

Our next expedition was against the British which we met at the Eutaw Springs where we had a severe conflict in which General Pickens was wounded; during this campaign I was under Captain Pickens a relative of the General's who was in command. This tour lasted upwards of three months.

Some time after not now recollected how long we were ordered out against Col. Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] and met and defeated him at King's Mountain; was in this engagement and was attached to the Corps commanded by Colonel Campbell [William Campbell]; we were ordered to reinforce General Morgan which we did and was with him at the Battle of the Cowpens and partook in the glories of that day – soon after we were discharged after an actual service of upwards of nine months – shortly after we returned home we were again ordered to join General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene], which we did and marched under his command to the Siege of 96 – and that engagement I received a wound in my right arm – returned home after serving about two months – this campaign closed my services against the British. About this time the Cherokee Indians greatly disturbed our frontiers and an expedition was put on foot against them under the command of General Pickens. I was under Captain Pickens and in Colonel Armstrong's Regiment – we were marched to the Nation and destroyed some Indian lodges Tugaloo and [illegible words] – Towns destroyed a village at the three forks of Tennessee [River] – with several others not recollected, also the Horseshoe Town a place of some note in the Nation after which we returned home after an absence of more than three months.

The second expedition which we had was into the lower part of the Nation and crossed the Chattahoochee River and destroyed Vans [?] Town and Hotaran [?] also the village of Subooa [?] where we took a good many prisoners – here the Indians had a quantity of white scalps of all sizes on [illegible word] – we marched to what was called Pine Log Town where we made Head Quarters until we [several illegible words] of the Nation – made a treaty or something of the kind and returned to our homes after an absence of upwards of six months. This campaign if I mistake not occurred [?] in the fall of 1783. My whole term of service will amount to upwards of three years. I have no documentary evidence by which I can prove my service. A part of my service while against the British and all my Indian expeditions I have proven by the affidavits of William Eddings¹ & Thomas Holland² whose affidavits are annexed.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

Test: S/ Robt. Inge, Clk.

S/ Josph McLaskey [sic], x his mark

State of Tennessee Lincoln County: October the 16th 1832

This day personally appeared in open Court Thomas Holland of Limestone County Alabama & William Eddings [sic, Eddins] Citizen of Madison County Alabama who being first duly sworn made and subscribed the following affidavit (to wit)

That we were well acquainted with Joseph McClaskey during the Revolutionary War he was a citizen of Abbeville District South Carolina we can certify to the truth by actual observation of much of his declaration as relates to the Campaign under General Greene against 96 -- and all his Indian campaigns as we were also in the service at the same time and in the same Corps. We have a distinct recollection that he was under the command of Capt. Pickens at the Siege of Ninety Six and that his relation of that affair is

¹ [William Eddins S32230](#)

² FPA S32327

correct: we have every reason to believe that the balance of his declaration is true as he states that have no actual knowledge of it. We know there was such expeditions as he states & we were also out against the Cherokee Indians Thomas Holland under Capt. Pickens with McClaskey the same Capt. & William Eddings was in Capt. Maxfield's Company, company of dragoons same Corps he mentioned and to which he belonged, we know the 2 a certainty that all the Indian villages mentioned and many more in his declaration were taken as stated as we were in the service at the same time and was in them all and more; the names of our officers as well as the length of our Term of service are correct as stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the date above stated.

S/ William Eddins, Senior

S/ Thomas Holland

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County: May the 29th 1833

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned Samuel Todd an acting Justice of the peace for Lincoln County Tennessee Joseph McClaskey a Citizen of Lincoln County, who being duly sworn deposes & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grade & manner & for so long as he can recollect he claims & no more.

In my declaration I stated that I entered the service of the United States about the year 1776 or '77 under Capt. Pickens -- & was attached to Col. Williams [sic, Williamson's] Regiment -- how long I volunteered for I cannot recollect -- but was not discharged that of 8 months as before stated but how much longer I cannot say in this campaign I received no written discharge.

My 2nd campaign was under Capt. Wiams [sic, Weems?] Col. Pickens Regiment the time not recollected -- during the whole of this tour I was out at least as long as I have stated in my declaration 6 months.

The 3rd expedition against Beaufort as mentioned in my declaration I served as well as I can recollect under Capt. Weems & was in the service I will say 30 days but how much longer I will not now say.

The 4th expedition at the Eutaw Springs I served as stated in my declaration 3 months.

The next campaign I was marched to King's Mountain & after at the Cowpens & served under Capt. Caldwell as well as I now recollect my Col. was Col. Campbell, General Morgan -- &c & served 9 months.

I again [indecipherable word] under Capt. Pickens & marched to Ninety Six -- & Joined General Greene and was wounded in this expedition as stated in my declaration after serving 2 months -- this closed my campaigns against the British making a time in all of 29 months all of these campaigns I was a private & received no written discharges.

I served 2 other campaigns against the Indians as stated in my declaration as a private -- I can give no additional information about them but refer you to my former declaration. I have no documentary no living witnesses except what I have given that can prove my services.

I was born in the year 1756 --

I have no record of my age. I have seen my age recorded in my father's Bible that is in possession of my eldest Brother now a citizen of South Carolina --

When I was called into service I lived in Abbeville district South Carolina from there I moved to Pendleton district South Carolina from there I moved to Smith County Tennessee lived there 5 years from there I moved to Franklin County Tennessee & from there I moved to Limestone County Alabama lived there about 5 years from there I moved to Lincoln County Tennessee where I have lived & have been for the last 10 years

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I always served as a volunteer --

In answer to the 5th Interrogatory I refer you to my declaration.

I never received a written discharge in all my services

In answer to the 7th Interrogatory I answer I am known to the Rev. Mr. Eddings Mr. Holland to have certified for me and to John B. Todd, Will Cox [indecipherable name] Wills Esqr. Pinkerton and many others &c

S/ Samuel Todd, JP

S/ Joseph McClaskey, M his mark

[William Eddins, Sr., of Madison County, Ala. and 'near neighbor to" McClaskey and E. C. McLaughlin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran died February 25, 1837; he married November 17, 1781 in Ninety Six District, SC, Mary Green; they were married by James Lusk, JP of Abbeville District, SC; Mary was living in Lincoln County, Tn., in 1838 and was then 74; she died November 19, 1845; children of the veteran and his wife: Samuel (born Dec. 12, 1782), George B.(born March 30, 1784), David (born September 11, 1787), Elizabeth (born September 21, 1789), William (born September 26, 1791; married October 13, 1813), Jane (born April 10, 1794), John (born March 14, 1796), Mary (born August 17, 1800), Joseph (born February 5, 1802) and Sarah (born October 17, 1804); in 1851, only George, William, Jane, Mary, Joseph and Sarah survived; grand-children Samuel, John, Joseph, and Julia Ann, children of son David; and Lucinda, Eliza and James N., children of Elizabeth (husband's name not given; Elizabeth married August 3, 1809).