

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John McCluer (McClure) W25692

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The State of Alabama, Circuit Court of Limestone County

On this fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the said Circuit Court held in & for the County of Limestone, State of Alabama now sitting, John McCluer a resident in the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid aged seventy three 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in the year 1776 & as well as he recollects, but of this is not certain, in the month of October of that year, he volunteered as a private in the Company commanded by James Gray as Captain & that Lewis Musick was Lieutenant in said Company and that William Porter was the Colonel, James Miller Lieutenant Colonel & Richard Singleton Major of the Regiment to which said Company belonged, at the time he joined them. That he left said Regiment a short time before he received his discharge in October 1780 & shortly after volunteered as a private & accompanied said Lieutenant Colonel James Miller as aid in his [illegible word, could be "routes"] to the four stations commanded by said Miller. That after he volunteered & joined said Regiment, as aforesaid, he served nearly two years as a private in the Regiment aforesaid when he was elected Captain & commanded a Company in said Regiment until he was discharged as aforesaid. That he was elected Captain & took his command as such as well as he remembers in the summer of 1778 & served as such more than two years. That he received no commission as Captain but was elected by the Company, who elected their own officers by command of the Colonel, when said Regiment was new [sic, newly] organized. That he resided in the County of Rutherford State of North Carolina when he entered the service & was a volunteer. That during his service he marched mostly through North Carolina, but that he also marched in the States of South Carolina & Virginia. That he was in several skirmishes with the Tories in one of which he had a rib broken & that he has never entirely recovered from the effects of said wound. That he fought at the battle of King's Mountain where he commanded his Company in said Regiment on which day said James Miller commanded said Regiment & said James Gray was Major, that the Troops were under Colonels Campbell [William Campbell], Shelby [Isaac Shelby], Sevier [John Sevier] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], but he considered Campbell had the chief command. That he also reached the battle of the Cowpens before the fight was entirely over at which time he had been discharged from active service but commanded a [illegible word] only a part of the Company which he then commanded was at said battle. That said battle of King's Mountain was fought in the year 1780 & that of Cowpens in the year __ [blank in original]. That General Morgan commanded at the Cowpens & that Major Washington [sic, Colonel William Washington] commanded the horse, but that he did not see Washington on that day. That when he marched into South Carolina he was under the immediate command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & when he marched into Virginia he was under the command of General McDowell [Charles McDowell]. That after the war he served as a Captain two years at Bennett's [?] station on the frontiers of North Carolina in the County of Buncombe.

That he was born the 11th January 1759 (as appears by the record of the family Bible which he left with his father in North Carolina) in the State of Pennsylvania near the Susquehanna River & that his Father removed to Rutherford County aforesaid when he was young, that he moved from Rutherford to Alabama where he has ever since resided. That he has the following testimony of his service & can procure no other: The discharge given him by the said William Porter dated 11th October 1780; A commission signed by Richard Caswell Governor, the date of which is obliterated & which he thinks he received about the close of the war & the affidavit of Jane Sweeney [?]. 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 to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in Open Court.

S/ John McCluer

S/ Wash. Lord, Clk