

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Charles McIntosh W3704 Candace fn45NC  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Also, the handwriting of the original scribes often lends itself to varying interpretations. Users of this database are urged to view the original and to make their own decision as to how to decipher what the original scribe actually wrote. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original.]

State of Tennessee Robertson County: November Term of the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County

On this 15th day of November 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the worshipful County Court in & for said County of Robertson & State of Tennessee now in Session, Charles McIntosh a resident of the County of Robertson & State of Tennessee, aged 72 or 3 years of which I have no record, but once (spelled onst) head and the same was burnt up in a house which I had burnt down in which me and my family resided, and I was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia in the year 1759 or 1760, who having 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 in the service of the United States Army as hereinafter stated. The first Tower [sic, Tour] I took I volunteered for the 3 months, but under what Capt. I do not now recollect, commanded by Major Ramsey & Col. William Moore and General Rutherford, I at that time lived in Caswell County State of North Carolina which was a month or so before Corn Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] took Charlestown, -- which I believe was in 1780. I was marched to the Catawba River near the head of it was in no engagement served out my Tour and got a discharge, -- which has been burnt also in my house. This 2nd Tour I served I was drafted for the Term of 3 months in the North Carolina Militia, I was still a citizen of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina, which was soon after Cornwallis took Charlestown, but what year from infirmity and also age I am unable to say. I was drafted but under which Capt. I do not recollect, but I was under the command of Major Sharp, Col. Farmer & General Davidson. I was again marched to the Catawba River and there we met with Cornwallis, at Cowan's Ford<sup>1</sup> across the Catawba, had an engagement with them in which we were defeated General Davidson was killed in the commencement of the Battle. We were ordered to retreat, which was done about 5 miles from the Battle ground and there we had another small engagement with Tarleton and his light infantry which was near the widow Ternings [sic, Tarrant's Tavern or Torrence's Tavern]<sup>2</sup>, where we he was again defeated, nothing being particular transpired in said last engagement, we were then marched to the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] in the State of North Carolina, but through what Counties we were marched at any time I am unable to say at the Yadkin we had another engagement with Col. Tarleton and his light infantry, and we were again defeated -- without any thing remarkable occurring, we were from thence marched to Hillsboro in said State but through what Counties I am unable to say & there we received a discharge having served out the 3 months.

The next Tour I served I volunteered myself for no particular time, I was still a resident of

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<sup>1</sup> This engagement occurred on February 1, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/cowansfd.htm>

<sup>2</sup> February 2, 1781. The historical marker there reads: "Torrence's Tavern British cavalry led by Colonel Tarleton routed a force of American militia, Feb. 2, 1781, at Torrence's Tavern, which stood nearby."

Caswell County State of North Carolina and in which Tour I served 3 months but what year I am from old age and infirmity of mind and Body unable to say with any certainty of my own knowledge, but all the Tours (except first which was just before the taking of Charlestown by Col. Tarleton) were served one after the other immediately and probable the whole was in the same year that Charlestown was taken by Cornwallis but I cannot speak positively as to that, I was in my last Tour under the command of Capt. Robert Parks, Lieut. James Curry, Col. Murphy; and General Morgain [sic, Morgan?], I was in one battle during that Tour, at Ready fork [sic, Reedy Fork?] of Haw River near Whitsill's Mill [sic, Weitzell's Mill]<sup>3</sup>, nothing particular transpired during the Battle we were marched through several parts of the State in pursuit of the Tories, but through what parts of the state or through what Counties I am unable to say. The different months in which I volunteered myself and was drafted into the service I cannot pretend to say. I received discharges for my several tours, but have unfortunately lost all them by fire, at the time as I have before stated when my house was burned down. I resided in Caswell County something like 10 or 12 years after I left the service, I then moved to the State of Tennessee Robertson County where I have resided ever since and where I still reside, which I supposed to be something like 40 years. I was born as before stated in Culpeper County State of Virginia. In the year I suppose of 1759 or 1760 from the recollection of my age, I have no record of my age at this time, but had it at one time, from the record of my father's account of my age, but it was burned up in my house, I have no recollection of any of the Continental or militia regiments with whom I served in any of my Tours, and the general circumstances of my service as well as old age and infirmity will accredit of I have given, I have no positive Testimony that I know of, to prove my service by in the manner and form a printed out in this declaration I have a brother, Nimrod McIntosh, whose certificate is hereto annexed knew of my being in the service of the United States in the Revolution, but he does not know under whom I served nor how long I was in the service. I am well acquainted with John Hutchison Esquire, Joseph Johnson, Samuel Crockett, Matthew Powell Esquire and many others which might be named if deemed necessary in my neighborhood.

The 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. I was acquainted with General Morgain and General Greene of the United States Army.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Charles McIntosh, X his mark

Test: S/ W. Teal, Clk

[fn p. 35 Nimrod McIntosh testified that Charles was a soldier of the Revolution: William Baldry, a clergyman, and John Hutchison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9, On July 22, 1850 in Robertson County Tennessee, Candice McIntosh , 74 [could be 94] filed for a widows pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Charles McIntosh, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$30 per annum ; that he died September 9, 1836 ; that her maiden name was Candice McHelhany [the War Department read this as "McAclhany"]; that she married her husband in Montgomery County Tennessee and 1792; that she has no record of her marriage or of the births of her children that she knows of; that they had the following children: John, Alexander, Margaret, Elijah, Benjamin, Julia, Anderson and the youngest, Sena born September 27, 1816.]

[facts in file: widow died November 13, 1854]

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<sup>3</sup> March 6, 1781. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/weitzell.htm>