

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Murdock (Murdock) McIntosh W560 Nancy two fn26&47NC
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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 North Carolina Moore County

On this 26th day of July A.D. 1843 personally appeared in open Court before the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County now sitting Murdock McIntosh a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 82 years or thereabout 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 and served as herein Stated. -- That he entered under Capt. Samuel Gilmore (Major and Col.'s names not recollected) commanded by Major General Caswell -- that he entered the service as a drafted militia on the 1st day of March 1780 and left the same on the 17th of June 1780 -- that he resided in the State aforesaid and County of New Hanover when he entered the service -- that he was engaged in no battles, but marched through the Counties of Cumberland and Richmond and thence into the State of South Carolina to the Town of Camden - - thence down Santee River intending to join the American Army at Charleston but the Town being blockaded by the British was unable so to do: that he served with no Continental regiments or companies but was frequently passed by Col. Washington and his troop of Cavalry that from South Carolina he was marched to North Carolina near Cross Creek in the County of Cumberland and there discharged; that he has no documentary evidence of his service except his discharge signed by order of Major General Caswell "John Lillington Aid JC" which said discharge he now exhibits in open Court, that he does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure to prove this service. -- That within a few days after he received this discharge he again entered the service of his country as a volunteer for 4 months -- that he entered under the officers aforesaid the exact date not recollected -- that being a shoemaker by trade he was directed to enter the public shoe shop then kept at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) and work at his trade for the benefit of the public which service by order of Brig. General Arrington should passed for a term of military service, that at the expiration of said 4 months he received a discharge of which the following is a copy (to wit) "I hereby certify that Murdock McIntosh has served as a volunteer in the public service agreeable to an order of Brig. General Arrington which order specified that any shoemaker who would entered the public shoe shop at Cross Creek and served four months should passed instead of militia duty. Given under my hand this 20th of November 1780. Signed James Perl Lieut. NC superintending artificial work for public." Which said discharge the said McIntosh now holds and presents to the Court -- that he has no other documentary evidence of his said service than the above discharge and knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure by whom he can prove it. That some time after he received the above discharge (the exact time not now recollected) he was drafted in the County of Cumberland North Carolina in which County he then resided and was called into the service of his country under Col. Robert Rowan by whose order he was employed at shoe making in the public shoe making shop at Cross Creek instead of performing military service in the field -- that

his labor while plus employed was for the use and benefit of the Army and that in this tour he served 12 months -- that he was drafted and called into the service as above mentioned in the North Carolina State militia, that the exact time at which he left the service he does not recollect -- that while thus employed at shoe making he was stationed at Cross Creek in the County of Cumberland North Carolina -- that for the service he received a discharge from under the hand of Col. Robert Rowan which discharge he has lost or mislaid so that he cannot now find it, that he has no documentary evidence of this service and knows of no man now living by whom he can prove yet save one Daniel McLellan¹ who now resides in the County of Cumberland North Carolina and served with him in the public shoe shop a goodly portion of the time aforesaid and for which service the said McLellan is now receiving a pension. -- That about the 26th day of October 1781 he again entered the service of his country as a drafted soldier in the troop of North Carolina Militia for a term of 3 months that he was then a citizen of the County of Cumberland State of North Carolina -- that he entered the service under Col. Robert Rowan by whom he was stationed at Cross Creek and again put to shoe making for the use and benefit of the Army -- that he there rendered faithful service for 3 months at the expiration of which time he received a certificate and discharge of which the following are copies and herewith presented in open Court -- (to wit) "I hereby certify that Murdock McIntosh served in the artificial shop and militia duty - is entitled to a discharge for the same, which discharge as he is drafted, has a right to sell the same; Given under my hand this the 26th of February 1782. Signed James Perl, Lieut. NC superintending artificial work shop for the public." "The above Murdock McIntosh faithfully performed a 3 months tour for which his Capt. should put him on the pay roll signed R. Rowan." -- that the above is the only documentary evidence in his possession of his said service nor is there any person now living whose evidence he can procure by whom he can prove it.

Questions propounded by the Court.

1st Where and in what year were you born? Answer I was born in Scotland the date not precisely recollected but think it was in the year 1760.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it? Answer I have not.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Answer when I was first called into the service I resided in the County of New Hanover and State of North Carolina -- the other times when I entered the service I resided in the County of Cumberland and State of North Carolina, which County was afterwards divided constituting the counties of Cumberland and Moore in the latter of which I fell and now reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom? Answer when I first entered the service I was drafted -- the 2nd time I was a volunteered -- the other times I was drafted . --

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Answer I do not recollect either the name or number of the regiments in which I served the names of the officers that I recollect distinctly are set forth in the above declaration my occupation for the first tour was shoe making for the troops . --

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it? Answer -- I received 4 discharges one of which I have lost -- the others I have an exhibit them herewith.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who

¹ FPA S7208

can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution. Answer -- I am known to Duncan Murchison Esquire and to Col. John Morison and Major A C Curry the clerks of our superior and County Courts

And I the said Murdoch McIntosh do hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever 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 and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ Murdock McIntosh

[Samuel Paisley, Duncan Murchison and Col. John Morison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 15, on June 11, 1855, in Moore County North Carolina, Nancy McIntosh, 65, filed for her bounty land entitlement noting that she was already a pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum as the widow of Murdock McIntosh

[fn p. 21 in second file]

State of North Carolina Cumberland County

This day personally appeared before me Daniel McNeill one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the State and County aforesaid Mr. Daniel McLellan and after being duly sworn according to law deposes and saith as follows (to wit) that sometime in the year 1781 or 1782 he was then in the service of the United States as a drafted soldier; that being a mechanic (to wit) a shoemaker he by order of his commander was taken out of the ranks and put to work that his said trade in a public shoe shop at Cross Creek (now Fayetteville) that he there wrought for the benefit of the American Army exclusively for which service as a revolutionary soldier he has long since received and is annually receiving a pension that while then and there serving as aforesaid Mr. Murdock McIntosh then a citizen of Cumberland County but for many years past a resident of Moore County aged at this time 82 or 83 years served with him the said McLellan as a drafted soldier in the service of the United States regularly and faithfully for and during the term of 9 months in the shoemaker shop at Cross Creek as aforesaid and further that the said McLellan deposes that he knows that the said Murdoch McIntosh was at that time a soldier in the service of the United States, was a shoemaker by trade and was by order of his commander taken out of the ranks and put to work in said shoe shop and that his work was exclusively performed for the benefit of the American Army. The said Daniel McLellan further deposes that he has good reason to believe and does believe (having been so informed by highly credible man) that the said Murdoch McIntosh did serve as a revolutionary soldier a considerable length of time but for he served the 9 months as aforesaid with him the said McLellan.

S/ Daniel McLellan

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13th day of July 1843

S/ D. McNeill, JP

[fn p. 23, second file]

[on July 26, 1843, Col. Jacob Gaster² of Moore County gave testimony that he served a 3 month tour with Murdoch McIntosh in 1782.]

[fn p. 36]

[On October 24, 1835, Jacob Gastor and Daniel McIver gave testimony that they served a 3

² [Jacob Gaster S6871](#)

month tour of duty under Capt. Henry Gaster in 1781 or 1782 in Cumberland County North Carolina and that Murdock McIntosh served with them in that tour.]

[fn p. 37, second file]

[On May 15th 1839, Morris Morrison³ gave an affidavit that he served a 3 months tour of duty at Cross Creek and 1782 under Capt. James Campbell in which Murdoch McIntosh also served.]

[fn p. 45 second file]

State of North Carolina Moore County

This day personally appeared in open court Col. Jacob Gaster and after having been sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposed and saith as follows (to wit) that in the year 1781 or the early part of the year 1782 he the said Jacob Gaster was serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and was stationed at a place then called Cross Creek in the County of Cumberland which said place is now the Town of Fayetteville in said County -- that deponent was then serving under his brother Henry Gaster at that time a Capt. in the war -- that at the time deponent entered the service at Cross Creek Murdock McIntosh now and aged resident of the County of Moore and who as deponent is advised and believes has lately applied to the General Government to be allowed his pension as a revolutionary soldier was stationed as a common soldier of the Revolutionary war at the said place called Cross Creek -- that the said Murdock McIntosh being a mechanic (to wit) a shoemaker served that his said trade in a public shoe makers shop at that time kept and the said place under the direction and superintendence of one Robert Cochran who managed that establishment for the public -- that said Murdock McIntosh was at that time a drafted soldier as deponent believes and that his services in the said shoe makers shop for the public as aforesaid was taken and lieu of his services in the Camp -- that deponent was then serving in said place for a tour of 3 months and that said Murdock McIntosh was serving as aforesaid in the said shop at the time deponent went to serve his tour and that said Murdock McIntosh was there when deponent was discharged and came home. Deponent further states that he has been acquainted with the said Murdock at all times since the year 1781 up to the present time -- that the said Murdock now an applicant to Congress for a pension as aforesaid is now a resident of this Moore County -- that deponent himself was a Revolutionary Soldier and is now and has been informed many years past receiving a pension from the Government of the United States for his services as a soldier aforesaid -- and further the deponent saith not. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this the 29th day of January A.D. 1845.

S/ Jacob Gaster

³ FPA S2868