Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McKenzie R6755 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this 1st day of August in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before the court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Lincoln in the State aforesaid and in open Court the same being a court of Record William McKenzie a resident of said County in said State aged seventy-two or three years in this month, who being first 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the latter part of the fall of the year in which Lord Cornwallis was taken or captured [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. He does not know nor can he state the day or the month. Applicant states he enlisted in the State of North Carolina in what was then called Cumberland County, but which has since been divided & is now called Moore County. He enlisted for the term of twelve months under Capt. Joshua Hadley, under whom he served during his twelve months service. After he was first enlisted he was marched to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina at which place he was joined by other recruits or enlisted man, they remained some short time at Wilmington from which place they were marched as applicant understood to join the Main Army under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina in marching from Wilmington to General Greene's Army in South Carolina, they were kept near the sea shore, sometimes on the beach, because of the swamps in the immediate neighborhood as applicant was informed. On the 3rd of March following his enlistment the company to which he was attached reached head quarters. General Greene at this time kept his headquarters at a place called Pawn Pawn [sic, Pon Pon, or South Edisto River] as applicant understood, not far from Edisto River in South Carolina. The Army was moved some short time after we joined them, from Pawn, to a place called Stono Church. The distance not recollected, applicant recollects the Army reached yet in one day's march from Stono Church. The Army was marched to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River in South Carolina, at this latter place we remained some time, and then marched to Ashley Hill about 7 miles below on said River, here we stayed until fall, and went from this place to James Island, 3 miles South East of Charleston; Applicant remained in Service on James Island until he was furloughed to go home and hold himself in readiness whenever called for by his country. Applicant states that after he was first enlisted under Capt. Joshua Hadley as above stated and was sent to Wilmington, he was commanded by Major McKee until he joined the Main Army at Pawn Pawn at which place Capt. Hadley joined the Army and he or Lieut. Mills took command of the company to which applicant was attached. He also states his 12 months tour expired whilst the Army was stationed at Ashley Hill, at which time and place he reenlisted

during the war. His Capt. at this time and ever after until he left the Army was Joshua Hadley. After his second enlistment he served seven months making in all that he served nineteen months. At the expiration of which time he was furloughed as above stated, but never was afterwards called into service.

Applicant further states he belonged to the North Carolina Regulars: the name of the Regiment he does not recollect. The Regiment was commanded by Archibald Lytle as Col. Commandant. He cannot say now who was his Major. He recollects the following Officers belonged to the North Carolina Regiment to which he belonged but does not now recollect what particular Companies, viz. Captains Hall, Raiford, Sharp, Hadley, Coleman and I believe Capt. Dixon -- Lieutenants, Mills, Finny and Alexander, Adjutants Bush & Ivy. Applicant states after he was furloughed he was notified to attend at Fayetteville North Carolina in order to receive part of his pay. He then produced his furlough, received some pay, and left the furlough through mistake either on the bed of the pay master or among the papers of the office. He has never seen it since. He does not now recollect by whom his furlough was signed but believes it was by Col. Lytle. He recollects after the war was Closed he showed it to Col. Lytle in Fayetteville, who observed so soon as he saw it, that he knew that paper. He has seen Joshua Hadley since applicant resided in this State and recollected him well. He is advised that Hadley is now dead. He does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove the facts above stated or any of them. Applicant moved to Wilkes County Georgia from North Carolina, now by division called Elbert County. From thence he moved to Williamson County State of Tennessee, and from Williamson County to Lincoln County Tennessee where he has ever since and now resides. He 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 or Territory in the United States. Sworn to and subscribed the day first above written in open court.

S/ Francis L. Kincannon, Clerk

S/ William McKenzie

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[Albert Gibson, a Presbyterian clergyman, John H. Morgan and Abner Steed gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary war, that William McKensey a private in Capt. Hadley's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the 20th day of August 1782 for the War, that he was mustered in December 1782, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1834 S/W. Hill