Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George McNemar (McMernar, McVernars) R6807 f5VA Transcribed by Will Graves 5/15/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

Lewis County

George McNernar aged 70 Serv'd 1 yr. & 1 mo.

John Mitchel of Lewis Cty aged 71 years—has known McNernar for a long time. Says he is between fifty & Sixty Years old. Cant possibly exceed Sixty—cant have been a Soldier in the R. War.

Henry Fletcher of Harrison County has known McNernar many years says that he is between fifty & Sixty yrs. of age, cant exceed Sixty.

Nicholas Carpenter has known McNernar from the first of his recollection, that he is several years younger than himself, he is 65 yrs old.

Jno. Neely aged 74 yrs. has known McNernar for many years, says he is between fifty & Sixty years of age.

Wm Powers aged 70 says that McNernar is too young by many years to have been a Soldier in the R. War—and that he Neely has left the Country

Respectfully Reported W. G. Singleton Special Agent

July 1834

[Note: the above is the only document in this file other than administrative notes indicating that the claim was rejected based on Singleton's report. The application itself is not in the file. This appears to be yet another case in the fraud investigation undertaken by Singleton, about which C. Leon Harris has compiled an excellent paper contained in his transcription of the application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

[Note: C. Leon Harris reviewed this transcript before posting and offered the following suggestion:

I was just looking at this file, and it appears that Singleton spelled the name "McNemar." That is also the way it is spelled in the 1830 census (where his age is given as 50-59). On <u>ancestry.com</u> someone has suggested the spelling McNamar, which may be the current spelling. I would recommend listing McNemar first in the list of spellings.

Based on Leon's suggestion decided to double entry this veteran's name in the site's index so that folks looking for the actual file will find it under the name as read by the pension office as "McNernar" as well as "McNernar." Teamwork in this enterprise is fantastic! Thanks, Leon.]