Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel McAllester (McCalister) S31245 f20VA Transcribed by Will Graves 4/3/13

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: On this __ day of April in the year 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Shelby County aforesaid Daniel McCalister now a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, providing for certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution: said McCalister saith that he will be 73 years old the 13th day of November next according to the family record kept by his father Alexander McCalister showing the ages of all his children. This Declarant states that he was born in King William County in the State of Virginia but when he was quite young his father moved to Hanover County: That in the summer of 1776 being then in his sixteenth year he volunteered his services in the Revolutionary Army under Captain White in the County of Hanover aforesaid in the State of Virginia. By Lieutenant was named Tully I think his Christian name I do not recollect. I recollect that General Nelson commanded the Troops to which I belonged. We were marched from Hanover County to Williamsburg, where we were stationed at least one month, and from thence we were marched to Little York, where we remained the balance of the Term which lasted two months and we were then discharged. The year following about the month of __ I was drafted in Hanover County, and was marched as a drafted militia private to Williamsburg, and was stationed there in the Barracks two months. I do not recollect the names of any of the offices of my company on this tour. I recollect that Doctor Honeyman of Caroline County was the surgeon who attended upon us whilst I was sick in the Hospital. I was discharged at the end of two months from the time I entered upon service. The next year I again entered the military service as a drafted private in the Militia from the same County. I was marched to Williamsburg and was stationed there in the Governors Palace two months, at the end of which time I was discharged. I do not recollect the names of the officers of my Company or the risible officers by whom we were commanded on this tour. The particular times when I entered said service, and when discharged I cannot recollect. I was again drafted in King William County and marched as a private in the militia – from said County to Rich Neck where we remained until we were discharged having served two months. I afterwards volunteered in Hanover County under Captain Henry Timberlake, Tom Richardson [Thomas Richardson] was the Lieutenant, with both of whom I was personally acquainted. I think this was in January 1780 & this tour I served two months. We were marched from Hanover County to Richmond where the British had been and had burnt the public property there. We were marched from Richmond to the Maubin Hills [Malvern Hills] and from thence to Williamsburg, where we were discharged. I cannot owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory state more precisely then I have the particular periods of the war when I rendered the aforesaid services or the commencement or conclusion of the different Tours of duty performed

by me. I was ordered into service under Colonel John Starke from Hanover County, for the purpose of preventing the British from coming over the Chickahominy swamp to destroy the public property which was placed in Hanover. I do not know how long this last service continued, but from the best of my recollection it was one month. It was in the year 1781. I state that from the best of my recollection I served eleven months as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution, and in manner as before stated.

I came to Kentucky in the fall of 1785, and have lived here ever since when I proposed my declaration before ¹ I was a resident of Oldham County in this State, but by an act of legislature since made I am now a resident of Shelby County.

I know of no person by whom I can prove the aforesaid services to have been rendered by me nor have I any documentary evidence by which I can prove the same. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of the United States or any State, or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Daniel McAllester

[Joel Hulsey, a clergyman, Stephen H. Meddey, and Samuel Ellis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 21, 1846. Although he signed his name Daniel McAllester, he was entered on the pension rolls under the name McCalister. This file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia militia.]

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¹ This file does not contain an earlier declaration.