Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCallister (McAllister) S36111
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State of Kentucky Logan County

This day came John McAlister [sic] before me Benjamin Shackelford Judge of the Circuit Court for the 7th Judicial Circuit for the State aforesaid and made oath that he was born in the United States Pennsylvania State Landcaster [sic, Lancaster] County, & that he has continued a Citizen of the United States ever since his birth.

That about the month of September of the year 1777 he enlisted as a private Soldier in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War against the Common Enemy in Capt. James Wilson's Company for the term of twelve months, and said Capt. Wilson's company belonged to the 10th North Carolina Regiment of the Continental establishment commanded at one time as well as he recollects by a Col. Clark [Lt. Col. Thomas Clark]. That on the __ day of September 1778 he was regularly discharged at the White Plains in the State of New York by the said Col. Clark. But that believing after the War was concluded that the said discharge would be of no further service to him he has negligently lost or mislaid his said discharge so that he cannot find it. That from his reduced Circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for Support -- Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 21st day of July 1818.

By John McCallister to hereby release all former Pensions heretofore granted me.

S/ John McCallister

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 24th of February 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify, that, it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental Line of this State for the revolutionary war, that John McCallister a private soldier in said line, enlisted on the 8th of August 1777 for 12 months in Capt. Wilson's Company of the 10th Regiment in was omitted in August 1778. Given under my hand the date above

S/Wm Hill

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At a Circuit Court Continued & held for the County of Todd State of Kentucky at the Courthouse in Elkton on Friday the 27th day of October in the year 1820

John McCallister on this 27th day of October in the year 1820 personally appeared in open court being a Court of Record, for the said Circuit made a Court of record by act of the general Assembly of the State, aged 63 years, resident within the County of Todd, within said Circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as a private Soldier as follows.

That he enlisted for the term of twelve months, in the Summer of the year 1777 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. James Wilson, in the Regiment commanded by Col. Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard], in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental Establishment in the Army of the Revolutionary War.

That he Continued to serve in said Corps until the fall of the year 1778, when he was honorably discharged from said Service at the White Plains in the State of New York.

That he again enlisted as a private Soldier for the term of 18 months, in the year 1779 or 1780 in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Capt. Sanders [perhaps Capt. William Saunders], in the Regiment commanded by Col. Litell [sic, Lt. Col. Archibald Lytle] in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental Establishment in the Army of the Revolutionary War.

That he continued to serve in said Corps until after the Capitulation of Lord Cornwallis at York Town in the State of Virginia in the year 1781 [October 19, 1781] when he was honorably discharged.

That he was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778].

That he is now placed on the pension list of the United States, as a private Soldier, Roll of the Kentucky agency, by pension Certificate number two at the rate of \$8 per month to commence on the 21st day of July 1818 in virtue of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818.

That the original declaration made by him under the Act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 bears date July 21 1818.

His occupation is a farmer but that he is too old & infirm to Work for his support.

That he has a wife of the age of 50 years who resides with him, but who is also too old and infirm to Work for his or her own Support.

That he has also residing with him 2 children viz.: a Son of about the age of 14 years, and a Daughter of about the age of 12 years.

S/ John McCallister October 27, 1820

The foregoing declaration was sworn to and Open Court.

And the said John McCallister also produced, subscribed and took in Open Court the following oath:

I, John McCallister, do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or otherwise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

October 27th 1820

S/ John McCallister

A true Schedule of all my real and personal state, as follows: "One Bay mare taken up by me and posted before John McLean Esquire to \$12, one Cow for which I gave \$11 when purchased, also one 2-year-old heifer, worth \$8 and 2 Sows and pigs, worth \$6, and 11 Shoats worth a dollar the peace, besides what necessary household furniture I have in my possession at this time: with no other income than here described in the above schedule.["] October 27, 1820

S/ John McCallister

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 21, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]