Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Richard McCary S38187

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State of South Carolina District of Edgefield

On the 3rd day of May 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Ordinary for said District personally appeared Richard McCary aged fifty six years resident in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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, that he the said Richard McCary enlisted in Amhers [Amherst] County in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Charles Yarborough of the Cavalry under the command of Lieut. Col. Thornton that the company was attached to the regament commanded by Col. Washington [William Washington] but that he this deponent was mostly under the command of Col Thornton A pressing & collecting horses. That he Enlisted in the year 1778 or 1779 that he continued to serve in said Corps until some time in the winter 1781 when he was discharged from service at Richmond in the State of Virginia by Col. Davis and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for its support and that he has no other evidence now in his power to produce of his said service

Sworn to and declared before me this day and year aforesaid

John Simpkins[?] O.J.D.

Richard McCary

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[p. 7] State of South Carolina District of Edgefield

On the second day of June 1823 personally appeared in Open Court the Circuit Court of Equity for said State & District it being a court of record for said District

Richard McCary aged sixty years in resident in said District who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare That he served in the revolutionary war as follows: In Colonel William Washington's Regiment of Cavalry and in the Company commanded by Major Sleeth of Virginia [line] Continental establishment. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resedent Citizen of the United States of the 18th day March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent to diminish it as to being myself within the provisions of an act 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 now 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 subscribed by me viz. no personal or real Estate with the exception of thirty or forty fowls worth_____\$850

His only avocation that of a farmer Has five children living with him Viz two daughters & three sons Leoueasa about sixteen years of age William fifteen years of age Kitty aged thirteen years Richard eleven

years of age and Benjamin nine years of age also a wife who is still living but who is afflicted with the Rheumetism. Declarant is very infirm from extreame illness for the two last years. Sworn to and declared on the second day of June before me

Whitfield Brooks CEED Richard McCary

I Whitfield Brooks Commissioner of Edgefield District do hereby certify that the foregoing oath and schedule are truly copied from the record of the said Court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid schedule is – three dollars and fifty cents. ------

In testamony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court on this fourth day of August 1823.

[signed] Whitfield Brooks Commr. in Equity Edgf. Dist.

South Carolina Edgefield District

Be it remembered that on the 7th day of October 1823 personally appeared Richard McCary late a pensioner under the act of Congress passed the 18th day of March 1818 --- who being duly sworn upon the holy evangelist of almighty God deposeth and sayeth that the following is a Just and true disposition of his property since the passage of the act aforesaid, viz.

One Horse	at \$40
Two Cows and yearling	_ 25
One sow and pigs	6
Two feather beds and furniture	30
One pine slab and furniture	20
& Ketchen furniture	5
	\$126

Deponent further declares that he has expended the above amt. in discharging Doctors bills for medical aid to him & his family from 1820 to 1822. Deponent further swearing the reason he did not exhibit a schedule of his property before the passage of the act of the 1st March 1823 was that he entertained doubts whether he would be continued on the pension list and wished not to be burdensome to his country.

[signed] Richard McCary

Sworn to
South Carolina
Edgefield District
[signed] Daniel Bird Clerk of
the Court of Common
please [sic] it being a court of

Record in the aforesaid Dist. do certify that Richard McCary has been duly sworn in open Court on the 7th day of Octr1823 to the above schedule and disposition of his property

Given under my hand & Seal of office this 7th day of October 1823

[signed] Danl. Bird C.C.PS

[Veteran applied on April 28, 1827, in Bibb County, Alabama for a transfer of his pension benefit to the Alabama agency, giving as his reason for moving that he had 'lost his companion' [presumably, his wife

had died] and his children had moved to Alabama. Richard McCary and Sinkler McCary gave supporting affidavits as to the identity of the applicant. Their relationship, if any, to the veteran is not shown.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 3, 1819, for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]