Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McEntire S38935
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State of Tennessee Anderson County: Silent April Sessions 1818

Be it remembered that on the 18th of April 1818 personally appeared in open Court (the Court being one of record) John McEntire a Citizen of said County aged sixty-six years and being first duly sworn upon the holy evangelists of Almighty God saith that on the 11th of October 1777 he enlisted in the Continental service of the United States for three years in the third Virginia Regiment in Captain Adam Wallace's Company William Heath [William Heth] Colonel Charles Scott the General under whose command he was. That he served faithfully against the common enemy from the date of his enlistment until May 1780 when he was at Charleston [Charleston South Carolina, May 12, 1780] taken Prisoner and was kept on board an English War vessel fourteen months and then at James Town Virginia he was released and from his Enlistment to the time he got home including his service and imprisonment he was nearly five years from home. That in Service he was a while under Captain Mallory and at the Siege of Charleston he was wounded in the leg, arm and side exhibits to Court the marks of his wounds and further proving the same but by his own oath and states he never was a Pensioner of the United States nor of the State of Virginia and hereby releases to the United States all claim to a pension except under the act of Congress of 1818 and states he is poor and has a Family and has no way to support but by daily labor and needs the aid of his Government.

S/ John McEntire

Schedule

State of Tennessee Anderson County: SS July Sessions 1820

On this 13th day of July 1820, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record, (having the power of fine and imprisonment and also having been made a court of record by the laws of said state,) for the said County, John McEntire age 68 years, resident in the County of Anderson aforesaid, who, being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

That on the 19th day of [word written over and illegible] 1777 he enlisted in the Continental service of the United States of America for 3 years in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in Captain Adam Wallace's Company William Heath Colonel Charles Scott General under whose command he was that he is now a Pensioner under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818. That his original Declaration is dated April the 18th 1818. That his pension certificate is of No. 5291 And I 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 in any manner whatever 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 to wit

1 Bible of the value of one dollar	\$1.00
Harveys meditations ¹ of the value of one dollar	1.00
1 Hymn and Psalm Book of the value of \$2	2.00
Dodridge's Sermons ² of the value of 75 cents	.75
Allen's Allarm to the uncounted [?] ³ value 50 cents	.50
1 small pot value 75 cents	.75
2 Small pails Value 50 cents	50
-	\$6=50

That he is a farmer and owing to a [indecipherable word] and [indecipherable word] he is not very able to work that he has no family but a wife who is about 78 years of age and very infirm. Sworn to in open Court the 13th of July 1820

S/ John McEntire

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per annum commencing April 18th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ Probably James Harvey's *Meditations and Contemplations*

Alarm to the unconnected?

² Probably Rev. Philip Doddridge, DD (1702-1751), an English Nonconformist minister