Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel McCoy S4195 Transcribed by Will Graves f16VA 4/15/13

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State of Tennessee Franklin County:

On this 6th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Order Sessions of said County (being a court of record) now sitting Daniel McCoy a resident of the town of Winchester in the County of Franklin & State of Tennessee, aged eighty-two years in the month of July last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. In the year 1779 this applicant served under or in the company of Captain Charles Goodman in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Burgess, guarding the British prisoners in Albemarle County Virginia for about two months. In the fall of the year 1780 this applicant again entered the service & served a tour of three months principally at Petersburg, Cabin Point & Richmond Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Fox & the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richardson [probably Holt Richardson]. In the year month of August 1781 this applicant again entered the service of the United States & served a three months tour of duty under Captain John Miller in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Reuben Lindsay – that while performing this last tour of duty he was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at York Town. This applicant does not recollect of receiving any discharges at the expiration of his services in the year 1779 & 1781. He believes he did get a discharge at the expiration of his service in 1780 which he destroyed about 18 or 19 years ago with other papers that he supposed would be of no use to him. This applicant has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Daniel McCoy, X his mark

Whereupon the court propounded to said Daniel McCoy the following questions

1. Where & in what year were you born?

He answers He was born in the Shire of Sutherland in the northern part of Scotland about July 1750 as he believes.

2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

He answers – He has no record of his age nor does he know any ever existed.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live?

He answers – He lived in Albemarle County Virginia during the revolution & was living there at

each time when called into service as above stated – Sometime after the revolution he moved to Amherst County Virginia & lived there till he moved to Franklin County Tennessee which was about 19 years ago where he has lived ever since.

4. How were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute?

He answers – He was allotted to & placed in the 3rd class of the militia in Albemarle County & went whenever his term came. He is advised this would be considered a draft though he went voluntarily each time & served out his tours.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers with whom you served who were with the troops where you served such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service?

He answers – He does not recollect the names of any regular officers that he was with Gwen performing his first & 2^{nd} tours of duty as above stated – & as to other matters contained in the question he refers to his previous declaration.

Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

He answers – That his discharge that was given him in 1780 was signed by Captain Miller & for further answer refers to his previous declaration.

7. State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a revolutionary soldier?

He answered that John Faris whose statement is hereto annexed has known him for upwards of 40 years.

S/ Daniel McCoy, X his mark

[John Faris of Franklin County Tennessee gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]