

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac McBee R6587

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County and Circuit October Term 1840

On this fifteenth day of October 1840 being the fourth day of the Term of Cumberland Circuit Court personally appeared in open Court now in Session in the Town of Burksville Isaac McBee a resident of the County of Cumberland aforesaid age Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he was drafted as a militia man for three months in the Army of the United States in the war of the Revolution in the County of Greene in the State of North Carolina in Capt. Newman's [John Newman's] company, Neely Newman Lieut., he does not recollect the name of the Ensign he was put in the Regiment of Col. John Sevier and was marched on in various parts of the Cherokee country took and burnt several Indian villages ranged about the country constantly engaged in the service of the Country until his term expired and was then Honorably Discharged by his Capt. This was in the year 1780 and as well as he recollects he was drafted in the month of September in that year he well recollects it was cold weather before he returned home they had a few small skirmishes with the Indians in which a few Indians was killed but had no general engagement the Indians generally fled as they approached near to their towns. He was again drafted in the year 1781 still living in the same County and under the same Capt. and when they met at the place of rendezvous a call was made for volunteers as mounted Rangers for six months and my Capt. to wit Capt. Newman turned out and so did this declarant and continued in actual service for the full term for which he volunteered to wit six months and was ranging in various parts of the frontier and was mostly in the vicinity of Litsord [?]¹ & Newman's forts in this tour they had many skirmishes with the Indians but no general engagement his Capt. was the Commander, the said Neely Newman was Lieut., there was no other troops with them, at any time during the whole of this service sometimes the company was divided for the purpose of ranging in different directions at the same time he does not now recollect the name of his Ensign and at the end of his service he was Honorably Discharged by his Capt.

In the month of April 1783 I was ordered out or drafted by Capt. Benjamin Clark whose company I was at that time attached or belonged for two all months as a spy and immediately entered the service with Robert Bean another spy and we continued in actual service ranging

¹ *Litsord*

through the mountains and places where we were ordered to wit Bays mountain the chimney Top mountain buck Creek &c &c the balance was designated by our Capt. at the [time?] we entered service and fouth [?] fully served out the full term and was Honorably discharged by Capt. Clark. He further states that he was called into service in the aforesaid several tours by legal & competent of Authority During the War of the revolution and faithfully served out the full terms and as before stated was Honorably discharged, he states that from the nature of his discharges he surrendered up some time thereafter, at Hillsboro as he understood the register of the land office, he will explain the nature of his discharges (as they got no pay for their service at the time of his discharge the amount due was inserted in each Discharge and they were receivable for land and as before stated were surrendered up when an entry was made &c. He states that he would have made his declaration for a pension sooner but it was several years after the law passed before he was apprised of the law and when he did hear of law he spoke to a gentleman to draw his declaration, but from sickness and other causes he has been delayed until the present. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Halifax County State of Virginia on the 13th day of February 1764

2nd Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Answer I have a record of my age now at home as made out by my father

3rd Where were you living when you were called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer I lived in Greene County North Carolina when called into service and remained there for some time after I quit service I then moved to Washington County same State where I stayed a few years and then moved to Hawkins County where I remained in the same neighborhood until the year 1803 when I moved to Kentucky and settled in Cumberland County in which County I now live & have ever since I came to Kentucky

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Answer I was drafted as stated in the body of my declaration but consider the 6 months tour as a volunteer as before stated

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

Answer I was with no Continental troops and I have given as full a history of the militia officers and general circumstances in the body of this declaration as I can recollect

6th Did you ever receive discharges from service if so by whom were they given and what has become of them

Answer I received from my Captains' Discharges for each tour and they were disposed of as stated in the body of this declaration

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

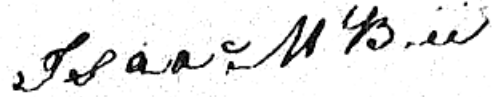
Answer I am acquainted with Capt. John Carter Capt. John C. Smith Col. L. Williams, Reuben Alexander Esquire Rev. Dr. Owsley and indeed all the old settlers of my neighborhood and if there is one man of my acquaintance who will not speak well of my character for veracity & their belief that I served as I have stated I do not know whom he is nor do I believe there is one to be

found

He further states that his officers are all dead and there is no witness by whom he can prove his service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Isaac McBee

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Isaac McBee". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some loops and flourishes.

[Joel Owsley, clergyman, John C. Smith, John Carter and John M. Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]