

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McClung R6628

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State of Tennessee Blount County: Blount County Court March Sessions 1836

The Declaration of William McClung citizen of Blount County in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-six years, who now makes application for a pension under the provisions of the Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided, states on oath, that in 1778, when the Indians invaded the County of Greenbrier in the State of Virginia he was ordered out under Captain Andrew More [Andrew Moore] and served two months[;] that in 1779 when General Mathews invaded Virginia he was again ordered out and served two months under Captain Charles Campbell; that in 1781 early in May he together with about two hundred others volunteered our services mounted their horses and joined General Lafayette at the nated [?] creek Machunk [Mechunk Creek near Boyds Tavern in Albemarle County?]¹ and stayed with the Army until the British Army entered Richmond and was out about two months in the several campaigns I was a private's Soldier in the service of my Country in the Revolutionary War, – In September 1781 I was ordered out again, was under Captain Gray; at this time I was a Lieutenant and remained in Army [?] about two months I was present when the British Army under Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781]. At this time and at the several times of which I have spoken I lived in Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia, I now reside in the County of Blount in the State of Tennessee – I am now an aged man being 76 years old and from the lapse of time and the fact of age I cannot recollect my field officers – I never have applied heretofore for a pension nor [one or more indecipherable words] rec'd a cents [sic] for my services. The different vouchers and papers I held at the several times of service herein before mentioned I have lost. I hope nevertheless, as the services I mentioned were in good faith performed I will be rewarded according to the generous provisions made by said national Legislature –

Sworn to in open Court the 29th day of March 1836

S/ Nathaniel Ragan, Clerk

S/ Wm McClung



[Sam Henry, James Upton and Robert Houston, old justices of the peace, gave what appears to be an attempt at giving a standard supporting affidavit.]

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[Darius Hoyt, a clergyman, also gave a supporting affidavit.]