

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCollum R6636

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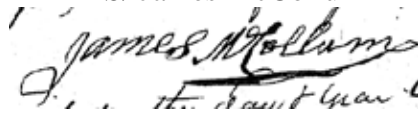
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North Carolina Iredell County

On this 19th day of August 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Iredell James McCollum a resident of North Carolina, in the County of Iredell, and State aforesaid -- aged eighty-three 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 (the month not recollected) and was under the Command of Capt. James Morrison principally employed in the counties of Lincoln and Mecklenburg, as a volunteer in the Cavalry, for the purpose of keeping the Tories and disaffected to the American cause in check, that during this tour your declarant was not in any skirmish or engagement -- the detachment was under general direction of Col. Francis Locke and no general organization of the Army could be said to have taken place: and which service continued for three months. The second tour of service was a continuation of the same general service, as a volunteer and a Cavalry private and we were transferred pretty much in detachments in performing what was then known as minute men, whose duty it was to perform promptly whatever service we were called on to perform, and part of this service was performed in the forks of the Yadkin [River] in Rowan County North Carolina, under, or with Capt. David Caldwell and Capt. James Morrison. In the forks of the Yadkin we met with General Griffith Rutherford, who turned us back, and directed us to go home -- this tour embraced three months -- I received a discharge, but have long since lost it or send it by some person for pavement, but now unknown to me & not recollected.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

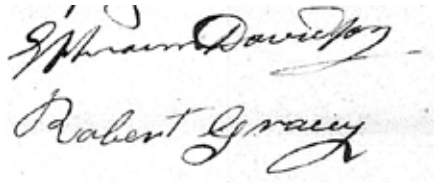
S/ James McCollum

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James McCollum". Below the signature, there is some faint, illegible handwriting that appears to be "J. McCollum" and "Iredell County".

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day & year aforesaid

[Ephraim Davidson and Robert Gracey gave the standard supporting affidavit: in addition "The latter deponent Robert Gracey,¹ says that he can further state that he saw the aforesaid James McCollum in the service of the United States in the County of Mecklenburg (as he recollects in the year 1780): and recollects that on that occasion the said McCollum obtained a gun from one of the Tories, which Gun was given to him for safe keeping."

¹ [Robert Gracey S8635](#)



Ephraim Davidson
Robert Gracey]

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1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Lancaster County, Paxton Township State of Pennsylvania -- the year not recollected; but from the time my apprenticeship expired, and the time I came to North Carolina, most of them about the year 1749 or 1750.

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

Ans: I have no record of my age.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans: I was living in North Carolina, Rowan County when I was called into service (now Iredell County) where I now reside: and where I have uniformly resided.

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

Ans: I was a volunteer throughout.

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

Ans: I was in the Army near Charlotte, when Col. William R. Davey [William Richardson Davie] was the highest in command in the regular service: and other field officers that I now recollect were in the militia line -- viz. General Griffith Rutherford and Col. Francis Locke

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans: I received the discharge, and as well as I recollect it was signed by Capt. William Stewart; but which discharge is long since lost or mislaid.

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

Ans: I am personally known to General Ephraim Davidson, General George Lee Davidson, James Campbell, James Thompson and Samuel King Esquire

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North Carolina Iredell County

This day personally appeared before me Samuel King one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, Robert Gracey aged seventy years in December 1833, and after being duly sworn says that he is well acquainted with James McCollum of the aforesaid State and County, that he has known him intimately for fifty years past having lived in the same County for that period, first in Rowan, and then in the County of Iredell after it was stricken off and that in the year 1780 or 1781 as well as he recollects, he saw the said James McCollum in the American Army of the United States during the revolutionary war as a private soldier in a company commanded by Capt. William Stewart, then called a Horse Company, and which Company was previously commanded by Capt. James Morrison, that during the period of the American war, the

service we were called on to perform in the militia line, was generally for three months tours, and we were placed under different officers, that I distinctly recollect Col. Davie, was amongst the officers, also General Will L. Davidson [William Lee Davidson], Col. Francis Locke & Col. Hugh Brevard, that during this period of the American service, we were generally confined to the Counties of Lincoln & Mecklenburg -- principally near Charlotte, this deponent further says, that during this service, the said James McCollum obtained a gun by some means from the Tories, which gun he the said deponent obtained from the said McCollum, and used it in the service of the United States and in the same company, and that he entertains no doubt of the fact that the said James McCollum was a private soldier in the American Army of the revolutionary war, as then organized by the militia code of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn & subscribed before made this 15th day of October 1834

S/ Robert Gracey

S/ Samuel King JP

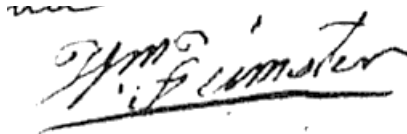
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North Carolina Iredell County

Personally appeared before me Samuel King one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, William Feemster² of the aforesaid State and County, aged about seventy-five years in February last and after being duly sworn, says that he is well acquainted with James McCallum and has intimately known him for fifty years having lived most of that time within eight miles of him and that in the year 1780 or 1781, he saw the said James McCollum in the American Army during the revolutionary war in the Brigade or Regiment commanded by Col. Francis Locke of North Carolina Rowan County, and Col. William R. Davie during the time the aforesaid Brigade or Regiment were encamped near Charlotte Mecklenburg County State aforesaid, that the said James McCollum was in the same Company that he was, commanded by Capt. James Morrison and subsequently commanded by Capt. William Stewart, which Company was called a Horse Company: and that he believes the said McCallum was in the Army as a soldier of the revolution aforesaid, and in the service of the United States.

Sworn & subscribed or me October 7th, 1834.

S/ Wm Feimster

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Feimster", written in dark ink on a light background.

S/ Samuel King, JP

[p 34 appears to be note in the handwriting of McCollum relating some of his service. The following is a literal, line-by-line transcription of that document:

Memori

When in the Armeey under Cornel Lock
which lay at Romsours Lincon county
report come into campt that Sam Brion
and aparty of torey's had rose in the forkes of
the Yadkin and Cpt. David Calwell with aparty
of Whigs had made astand on brir creek in the

² [William Feimster W1745](#)

(forks of the Yadkin). As the army had to go round by Solberry & as I formerly lived in the forks and knowing a good way where Capt Calwell had a party got liberty to go and aid Calwell As we went on our way our company in large'd in the course of time it was thought prudent to pay Brion and his company part advise we set out and as we went on we were informed that Brion & his company had taken to their heels we pursued and as we went on We met General Rutherford and Colonel Lock with his regiment.

A council was held and it was considered that Brion and his company was to overtake Rutherford Dismiss the farmers to go to their plows which he & Colonel Lockes army returned to their camps in McLingburgh I was not long there till I was sent on with Capt. Morison to Broad river with Colonel Brevard &c &c

I further say Captain Stuart commanded a party along horses company the same as Captain Morison and when Morrisons tour expired I fell in with Stuart had give me a discharge when the drafted men employed Lieutenant Purviance³ to draw their pay he asked me if I had a discharge I produced to him my discharge & he brought me my pay this I mind after reflection.

~~This after reflection this I mind Lieutenant Purviance give me a call and informed me that the drafted men in the bounds of the company I resided in employ'd him to draw their wages he said or proposed to act for me I give him my Dis charge & he brought me my pay which I unexpectedly got Not being Drafted.~~

³ PERHAPS a reference to Lt. John Purviance of the Rowan County militia