

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCorkel R6647

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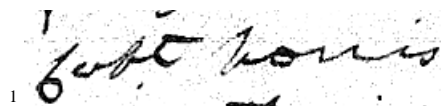
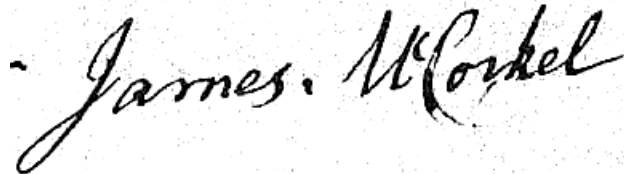
State of Alabama Monroe County: Circuit Court Fall Term 1832

On this first day of November 1832 appeared before me Horatio G. Perry Judge of said Court, James McKorkea [sic] a resident citizen of Monroe County State of Alabama, who being duly sworn deposes and says that he was born in the State of Pennsylvania, and is now in the 70th year of his age and makes the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress allowing pensions to the surviving soldiers of the revolution passed the 7th of June 1832. He further states that he removed to North Carolina during his infancy and remained there until the year that Charleston was captured by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] about which time (in the summer of that year) he was drafted into service of the United States under Capt. Norris [?]¹ and set out on his march to Ramsour's mill on the River Yadkin in North Carolina, for the purpose of dislodging a body of Tories who were assembled and fortified at that place. That before the company to which he was attached reached that place they were ordered not to advance further as an engagement had already taken place [June 20, 1780].² That he was at this period about 2 weeks in the service. That afterwards he was drafted (in the same year) and placed under the command of General in the upper part of Carolina then occupied by the Indians -- that he was taken prisoner by the British and Tories and carried to Camden, and remained there five weeks and two days, when he made his escape. He states further that he was in the service in all between two and three months and never received any compensation whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first November 1832

S/ Horatio G. Perry, Judge

S/ James McCorkel



¹ Morris? Harris?

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

Questions propounded to and answered by James McKorkle in my presence

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania, on the waters of the Schuylkill [River], but in what County, I do not recollect in June or July 1763,

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

Answer. I kept a record of my age, but it has been destroyed by time.

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

Answer I have lived the greater part of the time in Washington Lincoln and Columbia counties in Georgia -- thirteen years ago I removed to Monroe County Alabama where I now reside

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

Answer. I was drafted.

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.

Answer. I refer to my declaration for an answer to the foregoing

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

Answer. I never did -- at the time I escaped from Camden my company was discharged and I never was in the same afterward, during the revolutionary war.

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.

Answer. I refer particularly to J. H. Schroebeil, a minister of the Gospel, and John Powell Esquire

S/ James McCorkel

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Horatio G. Perry, Judge

[J. H. Schroebeil, a clergyman, and John Powell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]