

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph McCormick (McCormack) R6648 ½

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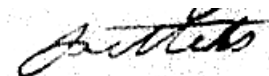
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State of Kentucky County of Lincoln: SS

On this 4th day of May 1835 personally appeared before me one of the Acting Justices in and for the County & State aforesaid Joseph McCormick a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky aged seventy-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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, about the first of February 1781 he volunteered in Captain John Martains [John Martin's?] Company of militia as an Indian spy, at McCormick's Garrison in the Kentucky District State of Virginia (now Lincoln County, Kentucky) and continued in service until the last of May 1782, Thomas Montgomery Lieutenant James Craigg Ensign, Colonel Benjamin Logan commander of the whole South part of the District which formed one Regiment number not recollected and General George Rogers Clark of the Regular troops commander in chief whose headquarters was at the Jefferson Barracks at falls of Ohio, under whose General orders we acted, McCormick's Garrison was situated on the southern frontier of the District & was much exposed to Depredations of Indian Hostility, was continually up Duty either at the Garrison or Spying upon the frontiers of the Settlements of other Garrison in the Country to wit McKinnys, Pettets [?]¹, Briggs, Logans & Carpenters, while at Pettets the Indians killed a man belonging to the Garrison by the name of Smith & took his son prisoner this was in March 1781 & in April following the Indians killed one man by the name of Walker at [indecipherable word or words]² Garrison, he entered the Service of the United States a second time at McCormick Garrison on the first Day of October 1782, under the same Company & field officers as named in the first Engagement with whom he continued to act as a volunteer Spy upon the same Ground & Discharged all Duties in and about the Garrisons & frontiers of the Country as before stated in the first Engagement, In May 1783 the Indians came to the neighborhood of McCormick Station & fired on two men of the Garrison & wounded one of them, he continued in service under all the above named officers until the first of November 1783 & was then Honorably dismissed from service as he was in the first Engagement, making in all two years & five months service for the two Engagements, he has no Documentary evidence of his services but can prove the

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same by Abraham Estes³ one of the subscribing witnesses, he was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1762, he has no record of his age, he was living in Kentucky District a part of Virginia, now Lincoln County State of Kentucky when called into service where he now lives & has ever lived since the Revolution, he was a volunteer never received a written Discharge. The Reverend Walter Ander [sic] & Benjamin Briggs in my Immediate Neighborhood can testify as to my Character for veracity, and their belief of my Services as a soldier of the Revolution. 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, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph McCormick

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph McCormick". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

[Walter Anderson, a clergyman, and Benjamin Briggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky County of Lincoln: SS

Personally appeared before me the under assigned [sic] Justice of the peace for the County & State aforesaid Abraham Estes, who being duly sworn doth upon oath state, that he was well acquainted with the applicant Joseph McCormick who has sworn & subscribed the above Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 at the time of his entering the service of the United States & have been personally acquainted with him ever since – know of my own knowledge he was one of Captain John Martains [John Martin's] Company of Spies & that he acted as he has stated, belonging to the same Company with him, & often acting with him upon Scouts of Spying & Ranging on the frontiers & pursuing after the Indians which frequently came into the settlement of McCormick's Garrison, he has given an accurate detail in part of the Depredations committed by the Indians, much more could be said about the Danger & trouble we experienced with them but suffice it to say, he acted as he has stated served under two Engagements two years & five months was Honorably Dismissed or Discharged from service, Lives in Lincoln County & State of Kentucky in whose statements I should rely upon as much as any other person whatever. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Abraham Estes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abraham Estes". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

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Joseph McCormick's Amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of Kentucky County of Lincoln: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Lincoln County and State aforesaid Joseph McCormick who being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of

³ [Abraham Estes S12878](#)

his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: for the year 1781, I served eleven months as an Indian Spy on the frontiers of the Southern parts of Virginia, now Kentucky and for the year, 1782, I served eight months as an Indian Spy upon the same Boundary as above stated and for the year, 1783, I served ten months as an Indian Spy upon the Boundary as before stated amounting to two years and five months, and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Joseph McCormick

[p 13: On March 21, 1854, in Lincoln County Kentucky, Emmett McCormack of Lincoln County representing himself as one of the children and legal representatives of Joseph McCormack, executed a power of attorney under which he empowers his attorney to pursue the claim of Joseph McCormack and Margaret McCormack.

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