

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald McFerrin R6710

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State of Alabama Walker County} SS

On this twenty ninth day of November 1842 Personally appeared before the undersigned John E. Clancey Judge of the County Court of said County Archibald McFerrin a resident of the County of Walker in the State of Alabama, aged Eighty-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law 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: viz. I entered the United States service in the latter part of the year 1775 under the command of Capt. Joseph Carson, Capt. Carson's Company consisted of exactly fifty men besides the Capt. and the Lieut. who was Josiah Patterson. This company to which I belonged was mounted infantry, our implements were a Rifle gun a brace of pistols and broad sword, he cannot state the precise day of which he entered the service, but was the last of October or first of November in 1775. He left the service of the month of January in the year 1778. He was out from the time he first entered until he quit the service under one engagement. He resided near the Block House in Abbeville District South Carolina, when he entered the service, and entered the service at the said Block House, He entered as a volunteer He was in no regular battle, during the period of his Service, he was in two warm skirmishes in Edgefield District, one in Laurence [sic, Laurens], and several in Abbeville District. During his tour of service he marched, Augusta & Ninety Six(now called Cambridge) he got acquainted with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at Ninety Six, He also knew the following Regular officers other than his immediate commanders, viz. Col. McCall, Major Hamilton, General Marion He also knew Sgt. Jasper, Newton and McDonald, and General Greene as aforesaid at Ninety Six. The Col. under whom he served was __ Anderson (the Christian name not recollected) his Major was Samuel Taylor, and General Andrew Pickens when he left the service he received an indent or certificate of Discharge from Col. Anderson he was discharged at the Block House in Abbeville District South Carolina where the town of Abbeville now stands, the certificate of discharge he received of Col. Anderson he had the misfortune to get burned in his house that got burned in the year 1818 in Abbeville District South Carolina, He has no Documentary Evidence now of his Service, nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, 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,

The following questions were propounded to said Archibald McFerrin the applicant

above named & answered as follows viz.

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: At Mecklenburg County North Carolina the year 1759

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

Ans: Has no record of his age has kept his age from the information of his Parents.

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

Ans: He lived in Abbeville District South Carolina He lived in Abbeville District South Carolina until the year 1826 when he moved to Jefferson County in Alabama He now resides in Walker County Alabama

Quest. 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: The state authorities called for soldiers and he volunteered

Quest. 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: Declarant states that he knew the following regular officers during his service viz. Major Samuel Taylor Col. __ Anderson, (who was his immediate commander), General Pickens Col. McCall, Major Hamilton, General Frances Marion, He saw General Greene at Ninety Six Declarant states that he had two brothers in the service at the same time he was in the service viz. James McFerrin who was Capt. of a company of foot militia in Major Farrar's Battalion under the command of General Greene, his brother Andrew McFerrin was a private in James McFerrin's Company of foot militia under Farrar, Declarant states that he entered service at what was then called the Block House in Abbeville district South Carolina where Abbeville Court House now stands.

Quest. 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: Declarant states that he received from Col. __ Anderson what was then called and Indent, Somewhere to a certificate of discharge that said Indent has been consumed by fire in the year 1818 when declarant's house with the most of his household property got burned by fire

Quest. 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: Declarant states that he is known to Jeremiah Shepherd James Davis Henry P. Butcher, Allen J. Smith, William Robbins Senior, Jesse Robbins, Moses Barton James L. Boyd James Cain (the present Representative in the legislature from Walker County) who can testify to the character of Declarant for veracity and their belief declarant's services as a soldier of the Revolution,

Declarant hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John E. Clancey, Judge

S/ Archibald McFerrin, M his mark

[There is no evidence in this file that this application was ever supported by the required certificate from a clergyman and fellow citizens as to the applicant's reputation as a soldier.]