

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McKinney R6764

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[State of Illinois, Madison County]

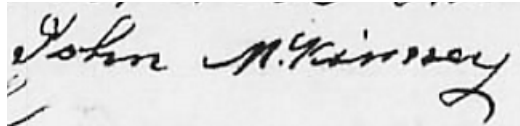
On this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Madison County and State of Illinois John McKinney [sic] a resident of Madison County and State of Illinois and on his oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was born on the 2nd day of September 1760 according to his Father's Record and entered the service of the United States under one Capt. Thomas Ballard he does not recollect the day or month on which he entered the Service but it was he thinks in the Spring he entered the service and he thinks it was in 1780 and served from that until the end of the war some time in service sometimes at home for they were not Regularly organized but when there was fighting to be done they went and done it and then went home until another opportunity occurred & he was born in South Carolina but raised in North Carolina from about 10 years old in Rutherford County North Carolina and was living there when he entered the service which he did in said County and State they were immediately marched to South Carolina through Spartanburg and Camden Districts was only in one battle and that was under Capt. Ballard at that time it took place as we were going to join General Marion [Francis Marion] who was lying between Camden and Georgetown on the way we fell in with some British and had a fight we were drove back there were about 100 Americans thinks this was in the spring and took place eight or ten miles below Camden. He was a volunteer volunteered for during the war he served off and on more than two years was never regularly discharged and has no Record Evidence of his service. He was part of his time under Col. Henderson [possibly William Henderson of the South Carolina Continental line] thinks he joined Henderson on the waters [of the] Edisto River and thinks he served under him 6 months and laid for the principal part of the time at an old [indecipherable word, may be "wast"¹] field. He further states that he only served as a private that he knows of no person who knows of his service in the Revolutionary He has been in this State since 1808 up to then in North Carolina except one year in Kentucky. He 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm T. Brown, Clerk

S/ John McKinney

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[William Hadley, a clergyman, and Irvin B. Randall [signed his name Irwin B. Randle] gave the standard supporting affidavit. Also, John Reynolds, member of Congress, signed the supporting affidavit.]

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born I believe in Camden District State of South Carolina on the 2nd day of September in the year of our Lord 1760.

2nd 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 Rutherford County North Carolina & have lived the part of the time in North Carolina one year in the State of Kentucky in the County of Christian and from there to the State of Illinois in the year 1808 and settled in the neighborhood where he now lives this was then a Territory and it was then called St. Clare and now Madison County

3rd How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I volunteered never was drafted nor was he ever a Substitute for any Person

[There was no question numbered "4th"]

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: Capt. Thomas Ballard was part of the time my Capt. & was under several others but do not recollect their names & was part of the time under Col. Henderson General Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] was our General.

We had no regular way of fighting but fought with the first Officer or company we met when anything to do

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 never received any discharge nor do I know of any of those who were with me receiving any discharge I served until the end of 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.

Ans: I am known to most of the old citizens of the County I would refer to William Hadley a clergyman William Otwell, Mathew Gilesie and Colier Brown

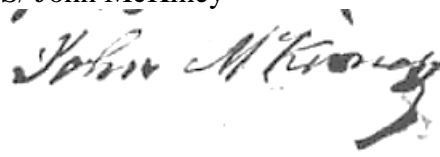
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Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Madison County and State of Illinois John McKiney [sic] who being duly sworn Deposeth and Saith that By reason of old age and loss of Memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise time or length of time of his service but according to the best of his Recollection he served not less than two years and for which he claims a pension.

Sworn & subscribed before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for Madison County State of Illinois this 6th day of October A.D. 1841

S/ Samuel G Bailey, JP

S/ John McKinney

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McKinney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ John McKinney".