

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McNees (McNeese) R6802

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Georgia, Jackson County: SS

On the fifth day of October, 1832, personally appeared before Us two of the Judges of the inferior Court of Said County James McNees of the County of Jackson & State of Georgia, Aged eighty two years who being duly Sworn according to law Doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the act of congress passed Seventh June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the Following named officers and Served as herein stated. That he volunteered in Lawrence County [Laurens County] South Carolina under Capt John Rogers as a first Lieutenant under the Command of Col. James Williams, & Genl. Andrew Pickens¹ against the Tories and Indians year not recollected but continued in that Service until the treaty was concluded with the Indians. He was [at the] battle of chewee [? Keowee?], Tomassy [Tomassee, August 12, 1776] & the Ring fight [August 12, 1776] and at the battle where Salvador [Francis Salvador was killed at the Battle of Tugaloo, August 10, 1776] was killed & after that treaty Joined Capt. Josiah Greer's company Again as Lieut. Served under Col. Hayes [Joseph Hayes] and Genl. Pickens and Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 18, 1781] under Genl. Greene [sic, Nathanael Greene] Piloted Greene's wagons to the fish dam ford in the Night was in the battle of Blackstocks [November 20, 1780], Musgrove's mills [August 19, 1780] on Enoree [river] in the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] under Genl. Greene as Substitute and many other engagements owing To the infirm State of both body and mind it is impossible To Get anything like a connected Statement of circumstances As they occurred he knows he was two years in the Service but How much more he does not Recollect but thinks In all was five or six years he Served as a Mounted Militiaman Furnished his own horse and arms was often engaged. He was engaged in carrying expresses and other dangerous Services.

To the following interrogatories propounded he answers As follows to viz
1st where and in what year was you born?

¹ Sic, James Williams was never under the command of Andrew Pickens. Williams did serve under Andrew Williamson in the Indian campaigns of 1776 and thereafter up until Williamson took protection from the British after the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780. Pickens took protection with Williamson at the same time but unlike Williamson who never thereafter held an active command, Pickens broke parole and rejoined the Whigs sometime in late November or early December 1780 after the British plundered his plantation thereby releasing him from his parole.

Ans, I was born in Charlotte County Virginia in the year Seventeen Hundred and fifty.
2nd have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans, I had a record in my family bible which was Destroyed by the Tories
3rd where ware you living when you entered in to Service where have you lived Since the revolutionary war And whare do you live now?

Ans, I lived in Lawrence County South Carolina from Whence I moved to York County S. C. thence I moved to Georgia in 1806 in Jackson County where I now live.

4th How ware you called to Service?

Ans, I first volunteered my Services and continued To Except Some tours I substituted for my brother R. McNees of Lawrence C.[sic, Laurens County] S. Carolina.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who ware with the Troops where you Served Such Continentals and militia regiment as you recollect and General Circumstances of your Service.

Ans, Genl. Greene & Sumpter & Williamson Col. McCrary I have mentioned all the circumstances of my Services Recollected in my General declaration.

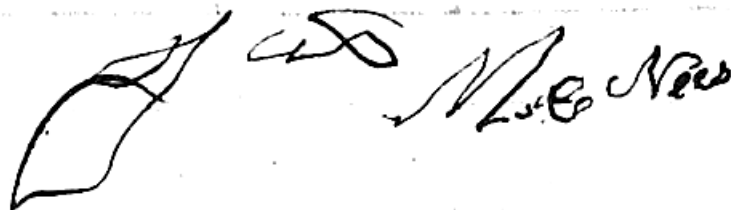
6th did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was It Given and what has become of it?

Ans, I Received one form Genl. Greene after the battle of Guilford And others not recollected all of which has been with my commission Lost or destroyed.

7th State the names of persons to whom you known is Your neighborhood and who will testify as to your character Veracity and Good behavior as to Services as a revolution Soldier.

Ans, Beverly Allen, W. L. Bryant, Jackson Trout T. Doster I Served two years and upwards and has no documentary Evidence to establish my Claim nor do I know any Persons Whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my Services I have no claims whatever accept the present to any Pension or annuity and my name is not upon the Pension Role of any State agency.

S/ Jas. McNees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jas. McNees', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the typed name 'S/ Jas. McNees'.

Sworn to Subscribed before us the day and year aforesaid

S/ Aug. J. Brown, JIC

S/ Robt Smithwick, JIC

S/ Jos. Hamilton, JIC

[John Harrison, a clergyman, and Joseph T. Cunningham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace of said District Capt. John Calhoun² of the said District who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he was acquainted with James McNees in the War of the revolution, that he served with him, that he was Lieut. under Capt. John Rodgers [sic] against the Tories & Indians and to the best of his knowledge & recollection he was in actual service not less than 2 years.

² [John Calhoun W8579](#)

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 13 November 1833
S/ Wiley Yeargin, JP

S/ John Calhoun



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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the said District Robert McNeese³ who being sworn deposed and saith that James McNeese and himself joined a volunteer Company under the Command of Capt. John Rogers the said James McNeese served as a Lieut. in said Company and that they were engaged in several battles against the Tories Indians and British during the war and to the best of his knowledge & recollection, James McNeese served as Lieut. not less than 2 years.

Sworn to & subscribed before me.

This the 13th of November 1833

S/ Wiley Yeargin, JP

S/ Robert McNeese



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State of South Carolina Laurens District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of the district aforesaid, Robert Long⁴ a resident of said district who being duly sworn on his oath saith that he was well acquainted with James McNeese in the revolutionary war, that in the year 1775 in the month of December in what was called the Snow or Col. Richardson's [Richard Richardson's] camp, against the Tories he saw him then acting as a Lieut. under Capt. John Rodger [sic] who was his Brother-in-law, this deponent being then under age did not serve with him until early in the April in the year 1778 this deponent volunteered under Capt. Joseph Greer of the Little River Regiment of the Militia commanded by Col. James Williams four companies of twenty-five each were to be detached from the Regiment to assist the State of Georgia against East Florida and to reduce St. Augustine – J. Greer's company had 20 in it who volunteered of whom the deponent was one and to complete the company Col. Williams attached Lieut. James McNeese and 5 men who with their Lieut. joined Capt. J. Greer's Company through the Expedition which lasted 4 months they crossed the Saluda, Savannah, Ogeechee, Altamaha, Satilla & St. Mary's rivers -- Lieut. Col. Robert McCrery [Robert McCreary] commanded the 4 companies of Williams' Regiment viz. Captains J. Greer, Thomas Dugan, Benjamin Kilgore & Robert Richey the whole Brigade commanded by Brig. General Andrew Williamson. This being the first of this deponents Service he recollects it more particularly than any of his, or any other persons after service; but he has no manner of doubt but that James McNeese must have served at least 2 years as a Lieut. in the revolutionary war; from the early active & steady service he did -- He kept a store in about 4 miles from

³ [Robert McNeese S7192](#)

⁴ [Robert Long S7157](#)

where this deponent lived then & does yet: in the militia it was called the Little River Regiment of militia, afterwards Laurens County; and lately Laurens District.

Sworn to & subscribed the 27th day of November before me in the year 1833

S/ Henry S. Neele, JP

S/ Robt Long

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robt Long".

[Facts in file: Veteran died in May 1833 in Jackson County, Ga.; survived by his widow, Rachel; letter from the SC Comptroller General stating that the papers relating to payments made to James McNees have been lost or mislaid and cannot be found in his office. On page 2, there is a letter dated July 7, 18 \$34 from Jefferson, Jackson County Georgia to the Commissioner of Pensions by S. B. McNees whose relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. B. McNees." followed by a closing bracket "]" on the line below.