

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John McCutchan S13886

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State of Virginia,

Augusta County, to wit,

On this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court, before Jacob Leas, William J. Eskridge, William Young and Washington Swope the Court of Augusta County, now sitting, John McCutchan, a resident of the Little Calf Pasture, in the county & state aforesaid, aged Eighty two years the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August last, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated.

That in the early part, or beginning of September 1777, or 1778, (he thinks the former year) he was drafted to perform a three months tour of duty against the Indians; That he accordingly marched to Clover Lick, on the frontier of the then County of Augusta, in the State of Virginia [now Pocahontas County WV], & remained until the latter part of the month of November the next following, when he was discharged, together with the rest of the Troops; The following are the names of the officers who commanded the company in which he performed this tour of duty, Viz. Andrew Lockridge, Cap.

Andrew Kinkead, Lieut.

James Gay, Ensign.

He has no recollection of there being any Field officers with the troops during this time, or if there were, he does not remember them now. there were no regular troops with them on this occasion.

About the first of June 1779, on the claim being spread that Donnally's Fort [near present Frankford in Greenbrier County WV] was attacked by the Indians, this affiant was again drafted, & marched immediately to the Warm Springs, then in the said County of Augusta (now in Bath) where he was left, with about 20 or 30 others, under the command of John Wachub [sometimes spelled Wauchub or Vachol] (who was either Ensign or Lieutenant) to guard that place; after remaining there about twelve or fifteen days, the danger being considered over, he was discharged. There were no other officers, except Wachub, with the detachment during that term

In the beginning of the month of January 1781, he was again drafted for a Term of duty of three months, & rendezvoused at Staunton, in the County of Augusta aforesaid, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of that months. From there he was marched by the way of Charlottesville, New Kent, & Suffolk to Portsmouth in Virginia, where he remained until about the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of April 1781, where he was discharged. during this time, he was commanded by

Sampson Mathews, Col.

William Bowyer, Lieut. Col.

William Kinkead, Cap.

Jacob Warwick, Lieut

Jonathan Humphreys, Ensign.

He does not recollect the name of the Major, or whether there was one to the regiment. There were no regular troops stationed at this place during this time, but he recollects that Col. Muhlenburgh [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] & Col. [Alexander] Dick visited the troops at least once. He was in no engagement or Battle, except one skirmish with the picket guard.

In the month of June 1781, he was drafted again for a tour of twenty days; His wagon & team was impressed at the same time, & he was permitted to drive it; He proceeded from Staunton, under the command of Maj. Alexander Robertson & joined the main army in New Kent County, & remained there until his time had fully & more than, expired, which was shortly after the Battle of JamesTown [Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul], when he was discharged, & returned home. In consequence of his being engaged in attending to his wagon & team during this tour, he does not recollect the names of the Company or Field officer, nor of the officers of

the regular army; - but he believes Gen LaFayette & Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne were among the regular officers.

During all this time, this affiant was a citizen & resident of the County of Augusta in the state of Virginia, in which county he has ever since resided.

This affiant has no documentary evidence to establish his services, having never received any written discharge. All the officers under whom he served are dead, as he believes, & the same fate has attended very nearly all his companions in arms. He has been able to find but one man who served with him at Clover Lick, in the tour first above mentioned; this man, whose name is James Stuart [sic: James Steuart, pension application S6159], is so old & infirm, as to be unable to attend Court. This affiant has, however, procured his affidavit, (taken before a magistrate of the County of Bath in the State of Virginia) & which is hereto annexed. In the affidavit, Mr. Stuart fixes the time of this tour in or about the year 1778, but this affiant has since been induced to believe, by inquiries in his family, that it took place in the year 1777.

The only witness that time has spared from the other services of this affiant, is William Graham [pension application S16135], whose testimony is hereto annexed.

This affiant 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 & subscribed, the day & year first aforesaid. [signed] John McCutchan

Interrogatories propounded by the Court.

1<sup>st</sup>. Where, & in what year, were you born?

Ans'r. I was born on the Little Calf Pasture, in the County of Augusta in the year 1750.

2<sup>d</sup>. Have you any record of your age? and if so, where is it?

Ans'r. I have no record of my age, but obtained the knowledge I have about it, from the information of my parents.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war? And where do you now live?

Ans'r. At the same place where I was born, or within about a mile of it, when I was called into the service, & where I have ever since lived, & where I still live.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into the service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And, if a substitute, for whom?

Ans'r. I was drafted each time, as before stated & served as a private each time. I was not a substitute.

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your service.

Ans'r. I have stated all I recollect on those points, in my preceding declaration.

6<sup>th</sup>. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? And if so, by whom was it given, & what has become of it?

Ans'r. I never received any discharge, as I have before stated.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, & who can testify as to your character for veracity, & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I believe I might safely name all my neighbours. I will, however, mention Joseph Henderson, William Armstrong, William Yorrells[?], Joseph Bell, and the Rev'd. James Kerr, who is the pastor of the congregation in which I reside; The absence of the Rev'd. W. Kerr, at this time, from the state, puts it out of my power to produce his evidence.

[signed] John McCutchan Sen'r

[William Graham deposed that he served with McCutchan at Warm Springs, Portsmouth, and in the 20-days tour.]