

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Matthew McGlasson S15530

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State of Kentucky Adair County Sct.

October Term 1832

On this first day of October in the year 1832, Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Adair County Court now sitting Matthew McGlasson a resident of County & State aforesaid 77 years of age, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated.

That in October 1778 then a citizen of Buckingham County Virginia he was drafted for and did serve three months under the command of Colonel Charles May, Captain Hardin Perkins Lieutenant Anthony Murry [perhaps Abraham Murray?], most of the time as one of the guard to the Hessian prisoners in Albemarle County Virginia near Charlottesville and was discharged and sent home in January 1779. That he then removed to Amelia County Virginia and again as a drafted militia man in February 1780 entered the service under Captain William Ford, Lieutenant John Gills, was then marched to high Rock ford on Haw River in North Carolina where they were attached to Colonel John Calloway's Regiment he remained under that command until after the defeat of General Gates [August 15-16, 1780 at the Battle of Camden] in which unfortunate Battle, he McGlasson was one of the sufferers. Then in a short time after said defeat were rallied at Hillsboro Orange County North Carolina then ordered to Ninety Six, but marched no further than the high Hills of Santee River still under the same Officers. From the high Hills of Santee were marched to Cabin Point Virginia under the command of Major ___ McClumer [?] and said Ford & Gills, the company officers at Cabin Point was put under the command of General Mulenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg], was then marched to a place called the Mobbin hills [Malvern Hills] in Virginia and was there discharged, having been in several skirmishes at Cabin Point, after the British had burned down the merchant Mills by some called Mackey's Mills, by some called Cooper's Mills, serving at this time eighteen months commencing February 1780 and ending 1781, he then removed back to Buckingham County Virginia and was under drafted under the command of Captain Robert Cary Lieutenant John Skrugs and about the 4th day of September 1781 furnished a substitute by the name of Jonathan Branch, (he was received by Captain Cary[]), he paid said Branch two suits of clothes, a knapsack and half of a cow & calf and \$500 Continental money and in about nine days after Branch started another call was made by draft as it then was the law that if any man was served by a substitute and if in the absence of the substitute a draft happened and the substitute was drafted the man hiring him was to fill his place which he McGlasson was taken to fill up Jonathan Branch's new division, he under John Crouch Capt. James Akers Lieut. was by said John Crouch appointed orderly Sergeant for the company,

and was forced marched to and joined the Army at the siege of York and when we arrived said Branch had enlisted in the State Legion during the war, then by motion of Captain Crouch a court martial was held and they discharged me from the service (as my substitute had listed) three days before Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1791] to General Washington. He served in said two tours four months by his Substitute and by himself 25 or perhaps 27 days. He further states that he received a discharge for every Tour but he doth not know what has become of them, and that he has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove them, he has lately been informed that a Mr. James Agey [?], and John Garrett were living some years ago near Knoxville Tennessee, if they be now living by them he could establish his services in full, but his indigent circumstances and worn out old age renders him incapable of searching for proof, Soon after the war he removed to Carroll County Virginia there [paper damaged and word indecipherable] in the employ of Major John Ward, Henry & John Ward his sons 18 years and now lives and has lived in the State of Kentucky in Cumberland County two years of their County for the last 17 years and now states that he was born in Buckingham County Virginia on the 3rd January 1756. He has a record of his age at his residence in Adair County. 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 or territory

S/ Matthew McGlasson, X his mark

[Joseph Turner, a clergyman, and William Mosby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Adair County: SS

Be it remembered that on this 14th day of October 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Adair aforesaid State of Kentucky Matthew McGlasson a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged now 78 years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he on the first day of October 1832 he filed and made his declaration in the worshipful County Court of Adair County State of Kentucky for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 to which Declaration he offers this as an amendment he states that by way of addition and amendment & explanation of his former declaration that in the year 1778 in the County of Buckingham State of Virginia he was drafted as a private militia man for three months and entered the service of the United States as a drafted private militia man in Captain Hardin Perkins Company Anthony Murry Lieutenant he was attached to Colonel Charles Mays Regiment and was marched to Albemarle Barracks to guard prisoners where he remained until his term of service expired and was honorably discharged by his Captain & returned home. He then moved to Amelia County aged Virginia and in the month of February 1780 was again drafted as a private militia man for 3 months and entered the service of the United States as a drafted private militia man in Captain William Ford's Company, John Gill Lieutenant, he now recollects the Ensign was by the name of Claiborne whether the time for which he was drafted was three months he was immediately marched on to the High rock Ford of Haw River North Carolina where he was joined to Colonel Calloway's Regiment he continued in service marching about to various places scouting after the British and Tories until his term of service expired and was again honorably discharged by his Captain the Country was then in great distress and a requisition was made by the officers for men to remain in service he then volunteered to go with his Captain but the time for which he volunteered was not specified he however continued in service as a volunteer from May 1780 that being the time his 2nd drafted tour expired until August 1781 having been in the Battle of Camden and many

other skirmishes with the enemy as stated in his original declaration he then moved back to Buckingham and was immediately drafted for three months and entered the service as a drafted militia man in Captain Robert Cary's Company John [indecipherable name]¹ Lieutenant was attached to Colonel Cabell's Regiment, he was in service ten days and his wife was sick he hired a substitute & returned home soon thereafter his substitute was called for as drafted and this declarant was ordered to take his place which he done and again entered the service under Captain John Crouch James Akers Lieutenant Ensign Burnett was attached to Colonel Dugits [?]² Regiment and was marched on to little York where he was until a few days before the siege and the surrender of Cornwallis when he was discharged for the reasons stated in his original Declaration he charges in the last two terms he served at least thirty days all of which services was done and performed in the war of the revolution by this Declarant as a private militia man in the war of the Revolution in the state of Virginia North and South Carolina in an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority that he was either in the field or in garrison and for the time during which the services was performed he was not employed in any Civil pursuit and for which services he claims a pension and he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State he further states that since the filing his original Declaration he has found out that Jane Cunningham a resident of the County of Russell can prove substantially his services whose deposition he has procured taken on the 12th day of October 1833 before William Law Esquire a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Russell and is hereto annexed.

1 Quest where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Virginia Buckingham County on the 3rd of January 1756 agreeable to the information of my parents and the Register of my age made by my father which I have often seen all of which I believe to be true

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

Ans. I have a record of my age at home which I took from the record of my father and agreeable to that I am the age before stated.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans. I resided in the State of Virginia in Buckingham and Amelia Counties while I was in service sometime after the Close of the war I moved to Charlotte County Virginia from there to Campbell where I remained until the year 1813 when I moved to Kentucky Cumberland County where I lived until about three years ago when I moved to Adair County Kentucky where I now live

4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom

Ans. The first tour of three months I served that I was called out I was drafted the second time I was called out I was likewise drafted for three months I entered the service in that character and faithfully served out my term I then continued in service as a volunteer fifteen months and this forms the tour of eighteen months as mentioned in my original Declaration though at that time I

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was told it was not necessary to distinguish the several tours by description or length of each which I believed and that was the cause the statement was made of a tour of eighteen months, the two last mentioned short periods I served I was drafted as I understood but have heretofore stated the manner which I was called out.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general Circumstances of your service

Ans. General Muhlenberg was the commander most of the time I was in service the second tour that is the second three months tour as a drafted militia man that is in Virginia Gates was the commander at Camden I was commanded by Muhlenberg & others after the battle of Camden as a volunteer in the last short tour General Washington was the commander I have given the names of my respective colonels the first command the first tour at the Barracks I do not recollect any particular regiments at this time that was after with other regiments, the general Circumstances of my service I have given heretofore.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from service if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it

Ans. I received written discharges for each of my tours signed by my respective captains all of which I have lost but how when or where I know not nor have I any Documentary Evidence 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 of your services as a soldier of the revolution

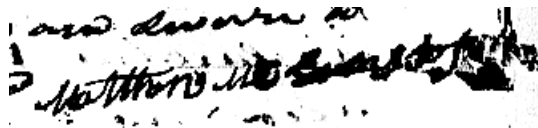
Ans. I am acquainted with the Reverend Joseph Turner and William Mosby who has certified for me in my original declaration I am also acquainted with many others all of whom I believe was certify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution if they were here. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Matthew McGlasson, X his mark

State of Kentucky Adair County: SS

On this 11th day of January 1834 personally came before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Matthew McGlasson and made the following amended declaration and was legally and duly sworn to the same before me according to law deposed and saith that he volunteered under Captain Ford as stated in his other amended Declaration for no definite time according to his present recollection and whether the whole term for which he served can be considered as one tour or several of three months each so it is he positively states that he as a volunteer served the period there stated and if it was considered as several tours he as a volunteer served five tours of three months each in addition to the drafted tours as mentioned in his former declarations and he again states that the whole of the services was done and performed in a Corps called into service by competent authority and that he was not employed in any civil pursuit that in the five tours in this declaration mentioned he was in the Country & Battles mentioned in his former annexed declaration. Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Matthew McGlasson

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Matthew McGlasson", written over a light-colored background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as

a private for one year and 6 months in the Virginia service.]