

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McIntosh S1563

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State of Tennessee Stewart County: September Term Circuit Court 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court now sitting Thomas McIntosh aged Seventy Eight a resident of the County of Stewart and State of Tennessee 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 7th, 1832.

That he was drafted in the County of Caswell State of North Carolina about a year before the declaration of Independence, to go after the Cherokee Indians, high upon the Catawba [River] on Silver Creek at Gren [?] Lee's an Indian Trader we marched from Caswell to near the Indian Towns and heard that the Indians had left their Towns, and we returned home.

About two years after the declaration of Independence I volunteered in the Horse and went under the command of Major Dickson [Henry Dixon] and Col. Moore [William Moore] the British under command of Corn Wallace [Cornwallis], were then lying in Hillsboro we joined Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] with his Legion and went upon Hillsborough, when we got within about 10 miles of that place we ascertained that Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] had gone out to meet the Tories of North Carolina we pursued him and came up with him on the Alamance on the other side of Haw River from Hillsboro, there we had a skirmish with Tories who we defeated in that skirmish a British officer was killed, it was said that about 200 was killed in ten minutes one Doctor Piles [sic, Dr. and Col. John Pyle]¹ was the head of the Tories at that place, after this Battle our Horse was sent home. The British after this compelled us to retreat about 2 miles & a half from a place where we were encamped at a Tory blacksmith's. I was also with the Army guarding prisoners at Whitley's mill² on Haw River, the Reedy branch, there was a skirmish at said mill, high delivered the prisoners up safe to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] after keeping him [?] three days & 3 nights. I was then discharged and then returned home having served over 3 months.

I after this volunteered with Capt. Nathaniel Dickerson, Major not recollected, when I first went out in this Campaign I was marched down to Cross Creek after the Tories, I remained there for some time we then marched to a long Bridge about 10 miles of Wilmington, where we heard of the capture of Wallace [Cornwallis at Yorktown, October 19, 1781], General Butler

¹ Pyle's Defeat occurred on February 25, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/pyles.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_haw_river.html

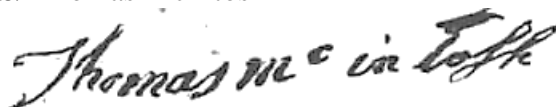
² The applicant is PROBABLY making refer to the action at Weitzell's Mill which occurred on March 6, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/weitzell.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_weitzells_mill.html

[John Butler] was my commander and had been all this Term of service after we left the Bridge we were marched round to Cobowers [?] Bluff about 5 miles above Wilmington, there I was discharged, Col. Edward Douglass who was then adjutant wrote my discharge said Douglass ~~lives now in Sumner County, near stationed Camp I have been informed. I served at this Time 6 months.~~ I was born in Culpeper County Virginia on Rappahannock [River], from this I removed to North Carolina where I entered the service, I remained in North Carolina from the time of the revolution until about 30 years since when I removed to Robertson County State of Tennessee, where I lived until about ten or twelve years since when I removed to the County of Stewart State of Tennessee, where I have lived till now & where I now live.

I have no record of my age but learn I was born in the year fifty-four [1754] on the 4th day of December. I never received but the one written discharge before mentioned & that in removing to this Country I have lost or mislaid so that I cannot now Exhibit it. I know of no person by whom I can prove any part of my services but Col. Edward Douglass before mentioned and my Brothers John, Charles & Nimrod McIntosh who all reside in Robertson County fifty or sixty miles from this place.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present and further states that his name is not on the pension list or Roll of any State or territory in the United States.

S/ Thomas McIntosh



Sworn to in open Court September 25th, 1832

Test: John H. Clements, Clerk

[Alexander Brown than Nelson Crosswell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Tennessee Robertson County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1833

On this the 13th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Henry Frey, Robert Green, William C. Coonyod [?] Justices sitting and presiding and holding said Court of Pleas in and for the County of Robertson and State of Tennessee, Thomas McIntosh a resident of the County of Stewart and State of Tennessee aged Seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he was drafted in the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina about a year before the Declaration of Independence to go after the Cherokee Indians high upon the Catawba River on Silver Creek at Green Lees an Indian trader. We marched from Caswell to near the Indian towns and heard that the Indians had left their towns and we returned home.

In the first or early part of the month of July in the year 1777 I volunteered in the horse and went under the command of Capt. Sanders [Adam Sanders] -- Major's name is not recollected -- William Moore was the Lt. Col. -- ___ Ramsey was the Col. in command -- we had no General along on this Tour -- there being but one Regiment. The British under the command of Cornwallis were then lying in Hillsboro. We joined Lee with his Legion and went upon Hillsborough -- When we got within 10 miles of that place we ascertained that Tarleton had gone out to meet the Tories of North Carolina. We pursued him and came up with him on the Alamance upon the other side of Hall River from Hillsboro. There we had a skirmish with them -- and defeated them in that skirmish. A British officer (whose name is not recollected) was killed in this skirmish. In this battle or skirmish it is said about 200 men were killed in 10 minutes. One Dr. Piles was at the head of the Tories at that place. After this battle our horses

were sent home. The British after this compelled us to retreat about 2 miles and a half from the place where we were encamped at a Tory blacksmith's. I was also with the Army guarding prisoners at Whitsill's mill on Haw River the Reedy branch of said River. We had a skirmish at said Mills. I delivered the prisoners up safe to General Nathanael Greene after keeping them under guard 3 days and 3 nights. I was then discharged and returned home having served nearly 4 months.

He afterwards sometime in the year 1779 (but the exact times is not remembered) I again volunteered under Capt. Nathaniel Dickerson -- Col. not recollected -- when I first went out in this Campaign I was marched down to Cross Creek after the Tories. After remaining there some time we then marched to a long bridge about 10 miles of Wilmington where we heard of the capture of Cornwallis. General Butler was the commanding officer of this Campaign -- Major Shelby was my Major. Edward Douglass (who was our Adjutant) wrote my discharge. We were after leaving the Bridge and before we were discharged marched to Cobowers Bluff about 5 miles above Wilmington. I served at this tour 6 months. I was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on the Rappahannock [River]. From thence I removed to North Carolina Caswell County when I entered the service. I remained in North Carolina from the close of the war until about 30 years since when I removed to the State of Tennessee, Robertson County where I remained until 10 or 12 years since when I removed to the County of Stewart and the State of Tennessee where I have lived ever since and where I still live.

I have no record evidence of my age, but I believe I was born on the 4th day of December in the year 1754. I never received but one written discharge one written by Douglass -- and that he in removing to the State of Tennessee I lost or have so mislaid it that it cannot now be found. I know of no person by whom I can prove any part of my services, but my two Brothers Charles McIntosh and Nimrod McIntosh both of whom are citizens of the County of Robertson. They are both old and too infirm to go to Stewart County and I have on that account to Robertson County where I can procure their affidavits.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity whatever except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State.

S/ Thomas McIntosh

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

Test: S/ W. Teal, Clk

We Charles McIntosh³ & Nimrod McIntosh Citizens of the County of Robertson in the State of Tennessee do swear that we are well acquainted with Thomas McIntosh who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration -- that we knew him during the Revolutionary war -- that we served with him in the Revolutionary war and know he served as he has stated in his declaration. We believe him to be 78 years of age -- that he is a man of good honest Character that he is reputed and esteemed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolutionary War and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to in open Court August 13th day 1833

S/ Charles McIntosh, X his mark

Test: S/ W. Seal, Clerk

S/ Nimrod McIntosh, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the cavalry militia of North Carolina for 9 months.]

³ [Charles McIntosh W3704](#)