

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Robert McCoy S16197

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State of Indiana } SS.
Knox County }

On this 7th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Hon'ble Amory Kinney, President Judge of the circuit court of said county now sitting. Robert McCoy, a resident of said county, aged upwards of seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration. That he was according to family record, born in Augusta county, Virginia, on the 26th day of November 1761: That in the year 1777, he volunteered, in said county and state, to serve in a company under the command of Captain Andrew Lockridge, Lieut. Kincaid and Ensign Wright, on an expedition against hostile Indians, and intended to scout, and to visit forts on the head waters of Greenbrier: That said company performed a tour of duty, and on his return home, he was, with the other members of said company, verbally discharged: That in 1778 he again volunteered to serve in a company under the command of the said Capt'n Lockridge, for the relief of Donally's fort on Greenbrier [at present Frankford WV, attacked by Indians 28 May 1778 according to John Patterson, pension application R8003], towards which place the company marched with other troops, under the command of Colo. [John] Dickenson; but on approaching the fort, information was received of the departure of the Indians, and the different companies were detailed in squads, to visit and garrison different forts; and after some time, Capt'n Lockridge visited his men, dismissed them verbally, and all returned home: That in 1779, he was called into service by Colonel Abraham Smith, the commandant of said county of Augusta, and was ordered to proceed as an express bearer of orders to the West fork of the Monongahalia river [now West Fork River, a tributary of Monongahela River], where his father Capt'n. John McCoy was then stationed with his company, which duty he performed and returned home with his father and the men of said company: That in 1781, he volunteered in a riddle company raised in said county of Augusta, under Captain David Grimm [sic: David Gwin], and marched with other state troops and joined the army commanded by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], near Guilford court House, North Carolina; That he served in said riddle company, sationed on the left flank of said army [in Col. William Campbell's Rifle Corps] in the battle of Guilford [15 Mar 1781], and said company lost many in killed and wounded, and was the last portion of said army to quit the field of battle: That in a short time after said battle the said company returned home and was dismissed: That he cannot state the precise time of his various services during the revolutionary war; but he is concious he rendered upwards of six months service altogether: That he never had a written discharge, and all his services commenced in said county, Virg'a. That he will forward this declaration to said state to be corroborated by testimony of some of his old associates; and that the evidence that may be transmitted with it, from thence, is the only testimony he can now procure; That he removed from Pendleton county Virginia [now West Virginia], formerly a part of Augusta county aforesaid, to Knox county, Indiana, in the year 1806 and has up to the present time resided in said county of Knox; That 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 any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed] Robert McCoy

On this 13th day of October 1832 Gen'l. Wm. M'Coy [William McCoy] came before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace for Pendleton County Virginia, & made oath to the following statement in relation to the services of Robert M'Coy of Knox County Indiana, In the Revolutionary war.

he states that the declaration of said Robert M'Coy who is brother to this deponent, & that he has enclosed to him his declaration made in the Superior Court of Knox County in the state of Indiana, that he has read with attention the statement & Declaration made by said Robert M'Coy, who at the time of the services of which he speaks was a Citizen of Augusta County Virginia; this deponant well recollects al the Tours of Duty of which he speaks, that he

went out & returned home on each of them. but as to the length of time he served, he is not so certain. the Two first Tours of Duty of which he speaks, this deponat recollection is that they were for three months each; that to North Carolina when in the battle at Gilford court house, deponant thinck was between six & seven weeks & that while under orders of Col. Smith an Express or bearer of orders to Deponats father Capt. John M'Coy [John McCoy]. on the waters of Monongahela was for a short time, I think not more than fifteen days; deponant has repeatedly heard the applicant & others who lived with him talk over these campaigns & has no reason to doubt but he performed all the services of which he speaks faithfully nor has he any reason to doubt but in these different Tours of Duty he served upwards of Eight months

[signed] Wm. M'Coy

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th day of October 1832 before me Wm. M'Coy Jr. a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Pendleton (& State of Virginia).

Wm. M'Coy Jr.