

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McMillion (McMillon)¹ S16463

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this 11th day of March in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Inferior Court, now sitting as a Court of Ordinary – John McMillion a resident of Captain Smith's District in the County and State aforesaid, aged about seventy-two years, who being 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia as a volunteer under Captain William Dix, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Williams, in the Fall of the year 1776 or 1777 – and was marched into Guilford County in the state of North Carolina after the Tories – thence into Surry County in the last mentioned state, from there we went home, without having any engagement, & thinks he was out about three months this trip. He again volunteered under Captain Williams [perhaps Charles Williams], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wilson, and was marched again into Guilford County after the Tories & was gone about three months – he again in the year 1781 volunteered under Captain Dix in Colonel Williamses Regiment – & was marched into the lower part of Pittsylvania County & in to Caswell County in North Carolina, after Cornwallis, thence up to Guilford Court House, where he was in an engagement [March 15, 1781] with the British Army under Cornwallis & was wounded in the engagement. General Green [Nathanael Greene] commanded the American Army at that time, he was placed under the command of General Stephens [Edward Stevens], and some Regular Colonel but does not remember his name. He pursued Cornwallis near Wilmington, from there he was discharged by Joseph Morton, but has since lost his discharge, He was in service this time as much as 6 months, He was drafted under Captain Williams and served a 2 months tour in the latter part of the same year 1781 & was marched to the lower part of Virginia after Cornwallis, he received 2 or 3 discharges but has lost them all – Served in all 14 months.

1. Was born in Caswell County in the state of North Carolina in 1760 –
2. He has a record of his age with some of his friends in the State of Virginia –
3. When called into service he lived in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia & remained there until 1814 or 15 when he moved to Stokes County in the State of North Carolina, from there he removed to his present residence, where he has lived ever since –
4. He volunteered 3 times & was drafted twice –
5. Has stated the names of the Regular officers in the Body of his declaration & general circumstances of his service except General Lee –

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6. Received discharges from Captains Morton, Dix & Williams, but has lost all of them –
7. Is known to William Ramsey & Lewis Ballard a Preacher of the Gospel who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his having been a soldier of the Revolution – And the said William Ramsey and Jeremiah McMillion knew Declarant in the time of the Revolution.

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 Agency in any State within his knowledge or belief.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year first above written.

S/ Thos. King, C. C. O.

S/ John McMillion, X his mark

[Lewis Ballard, a clergyman, and William Ramsey gave the standard supporting affidavit

State of Georgia Franklin County: SS

On this 15th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Royal Bryan an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County John McMillion who has heretofore subscribed and sworn to the original Declaration to which this is annexed and who being duly sworn on oath saith That he knows of no person now in life by whom he could prove his services more than what proof is attached to his original Declaration.

That from loss of memory consequent upon old age he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

He first served for 3 months under Captain Dix & Colonel Williams

He next served for 3 months under Captain Williams & Colonel Wilson

He next served 6 months under Captain Dix & Colonel Williams

He next served for 2 months under Captain Williams

at the times and places stated in his original declaration.

He served altogether he is certain fully 14 months, as a private soldier as above, and is equally certain that he served much longer but cannot recollect the time sufficiently well to claim a pension for more than the 14 months.

S/ John McMillion, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 15th day of July 1833

S/ Royal Bryan, JP

State of Georgia County of Habersham: SS

On this 16th day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before a Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid John McMillon aged 94 years a resident of Habersham County in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical John McMillon who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph Morton in the No. Regiment not recollected Infantry commanded by Colonel __ not recollected in the Revolutionary war and that he was drafted in Pittsylvania County State of Virginia on or about the (day nor month not recollected) A.D. (not recollected) for the term of 3 months and continued in actual service in said war for the term of 14 days and longer and was honorably discharged at the place day and date not recollected. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress nor made any other application therefore.

S/ John McMillon, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service.]