

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph McCune S16465

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State of Indiana

Jefferson County -- On this fifth day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Circuit Court of the County aforesaid now sitting Joseph McCune a resident of said County and State. aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benifit of the act of congress passed June 7. 1832. _viz_

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. _ He entered the service of the United States in December 1776 as a substitute for his brother Alexander McCune who had been drafted for two months, under one Captain Ross, He entered the service in Lancaster County, State of Pennsylvania, and was marched directly to Philadelphia through Downingstown [Downingtown] and across the Delaware into New Jersey. He was in the Battle of Trentown [Trenton], at the taking of the Hessians [Dec. 26, 1776]. After the battle, the company of Captain Ross, with two or three other companies, was left by Gen. Washington to keep up the fires, while he retreated to Princeton. Owing to this circumstance he was not in the battle of Princeton [Jan. 3, 1777]; but arrived at Princeton shortly after the battle was over. From Princeton he was marched to Morristown, and was there discharged at the end of the two months, and returned home to Lancaster County aforesaid.

The next Summer, (the Summer of 1777) he again entered the service as a substitute for his brother Alexander above named, (who had been drafted for another term of two months,) under the same Captain Ross, at Lancaster County aforesaid and was marched to the town of Lancaster and employed in guarding British prisoners. At the end of the two months he was again discharged and returned home. _

A year or two after, (he cannot recollect the time) [1780 from the battles reported] he was sent by his father into South Carolina on private business, and there, in the County of Craven, he volunteered for no definite time, in a company commanded by one Capt. McClure [John McClure], under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] . He was marched about from place to place in the County of Craven aforesaid and sometimes perhaps going out of the County; but not to any place of any note. He was in the service under Genl. Sumpter for not less than five months_ the principal part of the summer season _ and was in the battle at a place called the Hanging Rock [Aug. 6, 1780] , where Capt. McClure was killed: shortly afterwards he was in an engagement at a place called the Rocky Mount [Aug. 1, 1780] , after five or six months service he was discharged and returned home to Pennsylvania. _ He has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes an claim to a pension or annuity whatsoever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. _

And in answer to interrogatories, He says that he was born the 11th day of January 1760 in Colerain Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He has no record of his age. Since the Revolution, he has lived in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana and is now living in Jefferson County Indiana aforesaid. He went into the service twice as a substitute and once as a volunteer as before stated. He recollects nothing further of the names of his officers or the circumstances of services than is before stated, He received discharged[sic], while serving as a substitute; but not from Genl. Sumpter; but what has become of his discharges he does not know[.] He is acquainted with Rev. Thomas Jones, Richard Wasson, Richard C. Talbott and Andrew Maiden in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution

Sworn to & subscribed
the day & year aforesaid
R. C. Talbott clk[?]

Joseph McCune
his mark