

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Peter McAnelly S16467

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State of Indiana } SS.

County of Knox } On this 7th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Honbl Amory Kinny, President Judge of the circuit court of said county, now sitting, Peter McAnelly, who being duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration: That he has been informed by his parents of his age, and he verily believes he is now aged seventy four years: That he was born in Louisa County, Virginia, and resided there from his childhood, untill about the year 1790: That in said county of Louisa he joined a company of Militia, as a substitute for Antony Thompson who was drafted for three months, and he served under Capt'n James Watson in a Regiment commanded by Col'l. [William] White, Lt. Colonel [Richard] Anderson, and Major Armstead, and was marched to Richmond under the chief orders of Gen'l Neilson [sic: Thomas Nelson], when the british under Cornwallis he believes, had possession of Manchester [late April 1781] That after some time the said Regiment under Col'l. White was ordered from Richmond to York and he was kept almost in constant motion for some weeks, until the british landed and the americans retreated to Albemarle [early June] That Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne took command in Albemarle and this Regiment was ordered to pursue the british to Little York: That the Regiment with other troops was stationed near York and he was then doing duty in a company under captain Anderson, Captain Watson having returned home when the three months had expired. after a tour in said company under Capt'n. Anderson he served a tour in a company under Capt'n. Johnson, all belonging to the same Regiment, and he belonged to Capt'n. Johnsons company when Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781], after which he was discharged: That he received his discharge and certificate for nine months services as related, signed by Col'l. White, and retained the same until he was taken prisoner by the indians when travelling near to the falls of the Ohio [present Louisville KY], some years after peace, and it was lost during his captivity: That he was kept a prisoner by the Indians in the North Western Territory for about eight months and finally he was enabled to obtain his release from them, by the friendship and liberality of the Late Col'l. John Small, of Virginia, who was their gunsmith, and used his influence as well as money, for that purpose. That he knew Dan'l. Strother [Daniel Strother, pension application R10275] during the seige at Little York to belong to the American service, and said Daniel is now an inhabitant of Knox county in which county he has continued to reside since Col'l. Small procured his release from the Indians as before stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

Peter hisXmark McAnelly

Circuit court of Knox county – Indiana September Term 1832

Personally appeared in open court, Daniel Strother, a resident of said county, who, being duly sworn declares, that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, he became personally acquainted with Peter McAnelly, near Little York, Virginia; that he believes said McAnelly, who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, to be seventy four years of age: that he was in the service with Col'l. Strother originally of So. Carolina, at York, when said McAnelly was in the service, and belonged to some Virginia Regiment. That said McAnelly has always been known to him as a soldier in the American ranks, at the surrender of Cornwallis. Dan'l hisXmark Strother

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County of Knox }

On this 6th day of March 1833, personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable Amory Kinney, President Judge of the circuit court of said county Peter McAnelly, who being duly sworn states on his oath, That he is now, and has been for upwards of twenty years past, an inhabitant of said county

of Knox, residing therein, that the three tours of duty set forth and specified in his original declaration, were performed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, that he joined the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col'l. White as therein mentioned, in the spring of the said year and remained in said Regiment until the approach of winter, altogether embracing nine months faithful services, as a private soldier, that the distant residence of the cumberland Presbyterian clergyman who officiates in the only church he visits, and the fatigue consequent upon his attendance at court, are the reasons why he did not join in certifying to the belief of age, and revolutionary services of this applicant.

Peter hisXmark McAnally

NOTE: In the 1840 federal census for Knox County IN, Peter McNelly, 85, is listed as a "Free Colored Person" and Revolutionary-War pensioner.