

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McCullers S16469

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State of Georgia Newton County

On this 24th day of December 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting William McCullers Senior a resident of Newton County and State of Georgia 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated to wit in Capt. John Whitley's Company, in Col. William Caswell's Regiment, that deponent entered the service in the year 1778 the month & day of the month of said year, the deponent does not now recollect that deponent left the service some time in 1779 having served the space of nine months & twenty-one days, that deponent resided in the County of Johnston in the State of North Carolina when he entered the service, that he entered the service as a drafted soldier, that he was engaged in the battle known as Ashe's defeat at the mouth of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]<sup>1</sup> in the State of Georgia in said engagement deponent lost sight of his left eye, that deponent marched from Johnston Court house to Kingston [sic, Kinston] from thence either to White or Brown Marsh from thence near Charlestown in South Carolina from thence to Augusta, crossed the Savannah River near Augusta from thence down the country to the mouth of Briar Creek, deponent served in Company with Col. Phillip Alston's Regiment that deponent has no documentary evidence neither does he know of any person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service other than the affidavits hereto annexed that deponent was born on the 11th day of October 1754 as the deponent believes in the County of Johnston North Carolina, that he has no record of his age, there was a record of his age, and deponent thinks the same was burnt in the dwelling house of deponent's father, deponent lived in North Carolina 3 or 4 years after the close of the Revolutionary war and since that time in the State of Georgia, & deponent now lives in the County of Newton & State of Georgia that deponent received a discharge but the same has been destroyed he thinks at the same time the record of his age was burnt -- deponent says that he served a three months tour as a volunteer in the course Company under Col. Wood in the State of North Carolina against the Tories deponent says that he also served a tour in a company of militia commanded by Capt. John McCullers that he marched from Johnston County in North Carolina to Wilmington in said State the term of said service deponent does not recollect but thinks three months & that Samuel Patillo & John Loyall are persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood & who can testify as

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

to his character for veracity & belief of his service. 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 the Agency of any State or if any, only on that of the agency of the State of North Carolina Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
S/ McCormick Neal, JIC

S/ William McCullers, Senior, X his mark

[Samuel Patillo, a clergyman and John Loyall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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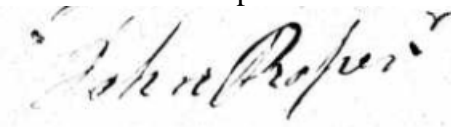
Georgia Gwinnett County

Personally appeared before me Richard B. Robinson a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Roper<sup>2</sup> and after being duly sworn deposes and says on oath that he was well acquainted with William McCullers in Johnston County North Carolina and that he John Roper and said William McCullers was in the Revolutionary War together and in Ashe's defeat where the said McCullers got his eye nearly put out by the firing of a cannon -- which still remains in that situation until now and after that time saw him in the service of his country in a company of Cavalry under Col. Wood and Capt. Sanders and has not been acquainted with said McCullers since that time until some time lately.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th of July 1833

S/ R. B. Robinson, JP

S/ John Roper



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Georgia Gwinnett County

Personally appeared before me Richard B. Robinson a Justice of the Peace for said County Abel Gower<sup>3</sup> and after being duly sworn deposeth and saith on oath that he Abel Gower and William McCullers was raised neighbors in the same neighborhood in Johnston County North Carolina and this deponent further saith that during the Revolutionary War he was personally acquainted with him the said William McCullers and that he was out in the service of his Country sundry times as a militia soldier and this deponent further saith he the said McCullers at all times through said war bore the title of a Revolutionary Character and to the best of his recollection and belief he the said McCullers was in the actual service of his Country particularly [?] at the time of Ashe's defeat and was one of the sufferers in said defeat and this deponent further saith that he moved to the State of Georgia in some short time thereafter and since that time I have had no intimate acquaintance with said McCullers. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th July 1833

S/ R. B. Robinson, JP

S/ Abel Gower, X his mark

State of Georgia Newton County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Superior Court in & for

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<sup>2</sup> [John Roper S31945](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Abel Gower W7552](#)

said County William McCullers who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his term of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below -- I served as a drafted militia Soldier for nine months and twenty-one days I served three months as a private in a Cavalry volunteer Company -- I served three months as a private volunteer militia man and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to & subscribed before me July 27<sup>th</sup> 1833

S/ Jos. S. Anderson, JIC

S/ William McCullers, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$54.83 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months and 21 days in the North Carolina militia.]