

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles McKenney S16477

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State of Georgia County of Jackson

Personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 Charles McKenny [sic] a resident of said County aged 79 years who being duly sworn in open Court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That about the years 1776 or 1777 a call was made by the State of Virginia for Troops to march to the relief of the citizens of Kentucky, he then volunteered his services in the County of Bedford Virginia under Captain Henry Paulding of Bedford County Samuel Campbell was first Lieutenant. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Bowman of Botetourt County Virginia. The Regiment was marched to Boonesborough Kentucky on the Kentucky River – it remained seven months in Kentucky. During this period he was in no battle of any importance but had many skirmishes with the Indians in endeavoring to procure corn & subsistence for those in the Fort. The only means of procuring Corn was together it from the fields in which it had been raised the preceding year – in doing this we had many skirmishes with the Indians who were continually lying in ambush & firing upon such of our men as attempted to gather up the Corn. He was at Logan's Fort a part of the seven months he was in Kentucky. There being but three stations in Kentucky at that time – viz. – Boonesborough, Logan's Fort & Harrod's Fort – the Regiment was divided so as to aid all of them, & after remaining a while at Boonesborough he was removed to Logan's Fort; he never was at Harrod's Fort at all. He never received any discharge for the above service but was paid for it. During his stay Boonesborough he often saw the celebrated Daniel Boone the first settler of Kentucky.

After the expiration of the above tour, he was appointed by Colonel William Trigg of Bedford County Virginia with seven others as minute man to parole the Country & seize the Tories & pick up deserters wherever found, in this capacity he aided in taking a good many Tories all of whom were delivered to the Colonel & by him sent to the seat of government or to Head Quarters – at one time particularly, after taking eight Tories who had shut themselves up in a house for Defense, he was ordered by the Colonel to help carry them 120 miles to head Quarters, at Westham Virginia for which he received no pay. He served as a minute man about two years which occupied so much of his time as to prevent him from joining the main Army during that period.

In 1781 about the first of the year he volunteered under Captain David Beard, & Major John Calloway & Colonel Charles Lynch & joined General Greene's Army in North Carolina just before the battle of Guilford. He was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] under the command of the above named officers. He had volunteered for three months at that time, but

was taken sick after the battle & compelled to return home before the three months expired. The company to which he was attached under the command of Captain Baird [sic, another reference to David Beard?] was a rifle Company. He performed no other service during the war. He never received any discharges from any of the above services. He has no documentary proof by which to establish his services, nor does he know of any man living in Georgia who can testify to it. He was born in Buckingham County Virginia was living in Bedford during the war, & 2 or 3 years thereafter, afterwards removed to Wilkes County Georgia & from there to he removed to Jackson County where [he] now resides & has resided for the last 30 years. He does not know what year he was born & knows his age only from tradition & circumstances. Has no record of his age. Never was drafted in his life – nor was ever a substitute for any person, nor did he ever substitute anybody in his place.

He has never received any pension nor has he any claim to any other but this, nor is his name on the roll of any State agency in the Union.

S/ Charles McKenney, C his mark

[Reuben Thornton, a clergyman, and Levi Lowery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 15: Veteran filed another application dated June 3, 1833 substantially identical to his earlier application without adding any details regarding his military services.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died February 27, 1834; the file contains no references to a wife or any children of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]