

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCrary (McCravey) S16947

f32VA[sic NC]

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State of Tennessee Franklin County:

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court (being a court of record) before the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions of said County now sitting John McCrary [sic] a resident of Franklin County Tennessee aged eighty years on Monday last who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: In the winter of 1775-6 this applicant being then a citizen of Mecklenburg County North Carolina, was drafted for a tour of three months, & in pursuance thereof went into the service of the United States. That he belonged to a company commanded by Captain James Houston, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Polk [probably Thomas Polk]. That he was the first Sergeant in the company. That the Regiment went into the upper parts of South Carolina for the purpose of suppressing a party of Tories that had assembled & were about to march to join the British standard. That they pursued the party of Tories & by a forced march after night came up with them a little before day where they were assembled fired on & disperse them. He cannot recollect whether he served out the three months tour of duty or not but he remained in service until duly discharged which he believes was upwards of two months. That he does not recollect of receiving any written discharge at the expiration of this service but if he ever did it is lost or mislaid or destroyed & he does not know what has become of it. Sometime after this the year not recollected this applicant was again called into service in a company commanded by Captain Wm Haggin [William Hagan, Hagens??] to march against the Cherokees who had broken out in hostilities against the Western settlements of the Carolinas. This company with other forces rendezvoused on the head of the Catawba [River] & were there placed under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] – from there they marched against the Indian towns, but when they arrived there the Indians had all fled. The forces were ultimately marched back to the head of the Catawba & were discharged. This applicant received no written discharge for this service which he believes lasted for three months. In the latter part of the year 1780 or beginning of the year 1781 this applicant was again called into service on a three months tour of duty in a company commanded by Captain James Huggins, in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lock [Francis Locke]. This applicant was then a citizen of Rowan County North Carolina. The Regiment joined the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] in Orange County North Carolina & this applicant & Regiment remained with the Army until that two of service which was three months expired & they were then discharged. The discharge took place shortly before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]. This applicant was in no battle during this service. This applicant served no regular tours of duty except these three but he frequently volunteered his services

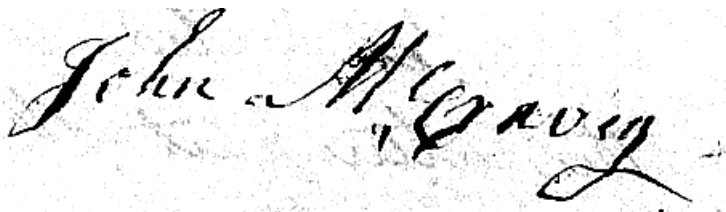
without orders to put down different nests of Tories that had collected in different parts of the Carolinas. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 7<sup>th</sup> September 1832

S/ E. Russell, Clerk

S/ John McCravey

By S/ W. B. Wagner, DC

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John McCravey". The ink is dark and the paper shows some texture and slight discoloration.

Whereupon the Court propounded the following interrogatories, to wit –

1 Where and in what year were you born

2<sup>h</sup>ave you any record of your age and if so where is it

3 where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

4 How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution

To these questions he answered as stated in his preceding declaration & states he was born in September 1752, that he has no record of his age & refers to Doctor Alex S. Acklen, John Dougherty & James Robinson Esquires as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a revolutionary soldier.

S/ John McCravey

[Alex S. Acklen and James Robinson and John Dougherty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Robert Dougan, a clergyman, gave a separate standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5: On May 28, 1839, the veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit from the Tennessee agency to the Alabama agency stating that he had moved from West Tennessee to Alabama "That he is Extremely old and lived with his daughter and that she moved to Jackson County Alabama and he moved with her and wishes to remain with her." This document was signed with his mark. The name of his daughter is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 2 months and a private for 6 months in the Virginia service.]