

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McQuie (McQuay) S16952

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State of Missouri County of Pike: SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1833 personally appeared before Thomas Kerr one of the Justices of the County Court within and for the County of Pike aforesaid in the State aforesaid William McQuie a resident citizen of the County of Pike aforesaid aged seventy-five years in the month of May last past, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in a company of Virginia troops in the month of March or April in the year 1775 in the County of Mecklenburg in the state of Virginia commanded by Captain Anderson (he thinks James Anderson) the Lieutenant's name was William Basketfield the name of the Ensign was John Holmes, at the same time and place there was another company of troops raised which was commanded by a Captain Ballard in a few days both those companies commanded by Anderson and Ballard were marched off to Williamsburg at this period of service he does not remember the name of the Colonel or Major in command owing to the great length of time, when those companies reached Williamsburg, there was a great many troops there who as he then understood formed a part of the Virginia line, but who had command he does not recollect. In a short time, he does not remember how many days after reaching Williamsburg those troops were marched to Hampton with a view to intercept the movements of Governor Dunmore but a short time before those troops reached Hampton Dunmore had taken refuge on a vessel. In a few days after the troops reached Hampton this declarant was taken sick and with the permission of Captain Anderson was removed to the house of an acquaintance distant about eight miles from Hampton where he remained several months during which time the troops under command of Captains Anderson and Ballard and other troops not recollected remained at Hampton what those troops were engaged at during that time he does not know after recovering his health he was regained by Captain Anderson to return to the service, which he did. Soon afterwards the troops were marched from Hampton to Portsmouth where those troops commanded by Anderson and Ballard and the other troops were engaged building a breastwork on the bank of the River on which some cannon were placed. He does not remember who had command of that place. The Companies commanded by Captains Anderson and Ballard was there on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1776 when the news of the Declaration of Independence reached that place, those Companies in a short time afterwards were discharged and permitted to return home. This service occupied the space of eighteen months or two years.

Afterwards in the month of August or September in the year 1780 he again enrolled himself in a company of militia commanded by Captain \_\_ Oliver in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia as a substitute for William Davis who was drafted for the Term of one year, there was an officer he thinks a Lieutenant in said Company by the name of John Finch.

This Company of militia drafts were marched by the said Captain Oliver to the dismal swamp where they were joined by other militia from the different Counties in Virginia who were commanded by Colonel Bearis Jones<sup>1</sup> whose militia remained in that place for some time he does not recollect how long watching the movements of the British Army who were encamped on the opposite side of the swamp during which time the militia had some skirmishing with the British foraging parties and succeeded in capturing some of the party – those militia were marched by the said Colonel Bearis Jones to a place called Cabin Point and were there attached to the command of General Lafayette and the troops under the command of General Lafayette were soon marched off in the direction of Little York to intercept the British troops under command of Cornwallis. Before reaching York the Term of service of the company of Captain Oliver had expired and they were discharged and permitted to return home he thinks in the month of August or September at any rate it was but a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis – this service occupied the space of one year.

He states that he has no written or other Evidence of the services set forth by him in this declaration, and in answer to the questions propounded to him by the Justice of the County Court for Pike County he says that – He was born in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the month of May 1758. He has a record of his age in a book kept for that purpose – He was living in the County of Mecklenburg in Virginia when he entered the service at both the periods mentioned in the foregoing Declaration. He continued to reside in said County of Mecklenburg until the year 1790 when he removed to Kentucky where he has lived since the war until the year 1830 when he removed to Pike County Missouri where he now lives – the first time he went into service under an enlistment – the second term he was a substitute for William Davis who was drafted. He does not recollect the names of the Regular officers whom he served except Lafayette nor does he remember the names of any of the Continental or militia Regiments except the command of Colonel Bearis Jones the general circumstances of his services as far as he is able to recollect them are set forth in this Declaration. He never received a discharge that he now recollects of if he did he has long since lost it. He says that he is known to the Reverend Timothy Ford and Nathaniel Montgomery who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He states that he is known also to Honorable Robert P Letcher of Kentucky and Honorable William L Barry who can also testify to his character for veracity and truth.

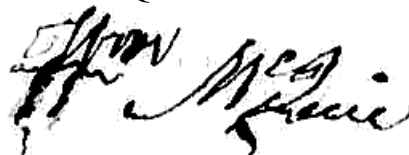
He states that for many years a great many persons with whom he has transacted business have been in the habit of spelling his name McQuay instead of McQuie as it should be spelled.

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 Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1833

S/ Thos. Kerr, Justice of the County Court of Pike County Missouri

S/ Wm McQuie

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm McQuie". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

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<sup>1</sup> The War Department interpreted this name as Binns Jones

[Nathaniel Montgomery and Timothy Ford, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church, gave separate standard supporting affidavits.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]