

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Radford McCargo S16955

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State of Kentucky Fayette County: SS

Be it known that on this 20th day of February 1834 personally appeared before William Boone a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County of Fayette and one of the Justices of the Fayette County Court Radford McCargo a resident of said County of Fayette and State of Kentucky aged 72 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits 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 stated that is to say being a resident of the County of Cumberland and State of Virginia he did on the day ___ of August 1779 as well as he remembers entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Martin Austing [Martin Austin?] who had been drafted upon a tour of three months in the Company of Captain Langhorne – that he did serve accordingly in the place and stead of said Austing during said tour – that he rendezvoused with his Company at the Courthouse in said County and was marched from thence to Hillsborough in North Carolina. He does not recollect the name of his Colonel: but he recollects that when he reached North Carolina he came under the command of General Stephens [probably Edward Stevens] – he states he was marched from Hillsboro to Guilford Courthouse where he remained stationed principally until he was discharged which event happened at the expiration of the tour above named and having served out the same he was permitted to return home. He further states and declares that being still a resident of Cumberland County Virginia, he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier in the early part of the month of January 1781 upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Haskins [probably Creede Haskins] – that he rendezvoused with his company at Petersburg Virginia and was marched from thence to Cabin Point, thence to Smithfield – thence to Stoney Mill and thence to Suffolk where he continued till the expiration of his term of engagement as a guard for the place. He states that he was in the tour under an officer of no higher grade than Captain – And at the termination of his said engagement – that is to say in the month of April 1781 without returning home he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Charles Yearby – that he was marched by his said Captain to the Courthouse in Prince Edward County where he was kept stationed under the command of his said Captain as a guard for public Stores deposited at that place during the whole period of his said last engagement and having fully and actually served out the same he was discharged and without leaving the Barracks he again immediately to wit in the month of July 1781 as well as he remembers entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Richard Philips who had been drafted upon a tour of three months, in the company of Captain Alexander Guthrie [probably a mistaken attempt to refer to Capt. Alexander Guttery of the Cumberland County Militia] – that he served

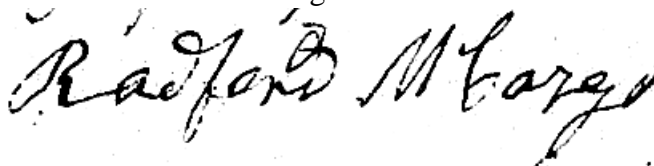
out the whole of the said tour as the substitute of said Philips faithfully – that he was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Holcomb [perhaps John Holcombe] and was marched from Prince Edward County to Amelia County Virginia – And from thence he was marched and joined the Army of General Lafayette and was attached to the Brigade of General Lawson [Robert Lawson] – That he continued with the Army for a short time in its operations against the British under Cornwallis and was then detailed under a Captain Davis as a part of the guard for some public Stores and provisions which were deposited at a Barn belonging to one Henderson near Brooks Bridge in Orange County Virginia where he was kept stationed during the whole of the residue of his said tour. And at the termination thereof a company of militia under Captain James Upshaw came as a guard to the same place and this declarant again immediately entered the service of the United States in the said company of Captain Upshaw as a substitute for one ___ Williams who had been drafted into said company as a private soldier upon a two months tour – this declarant states that he accordingly remained at said place under the command of said Captain Upshaw as the substitute of said Williams during the whole period of the engagement of the said Williams and at the termination of said tour having fully served out the same he was discharged and then went to his father's house in Prince Edward County Virginia to which County his father had removed during the absence of this declarant in the service.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Radford McCargo



Interrogatories put to the above named Applicant by the said Justice

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Cumberland County Virginia in the year 1762

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer I have in my Bible at home

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

Answer I was living in Cumberland County Virginia when I entered the service and when I left the service I went to Prince Edward County Virginia where I continued to live till 1787 and then moved to Kentucky Fayette County and from thence to Clarke County Kentucky & then back again to Fayette County Kentucky where I have been living for 3 years past and where I now live.

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

Answer Upon my first tour I was a substitute for Martin Austing upon my 2 succeeding tours I was a volunteer. Upon my 4th tour I was a substitute for Richard Phillips and upon my 5th tour I was a substitute for ___ Williams.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of

your service.

Answer. I recollect Generals Lafayette Wayne & Steuben who were regular officers and Colonel Overstreet, Holcomb & Skipwith who were Militia officers – Upon my first tour I was marched into North Carolina. Upon my 2nd tour I was marched from Petersburg where I rendezvoused to Cabin Point thence to Smithfield thence to Stoners Mill thence to Suffolk Virginia where I remained and upon my 3rd tour I was marched from Suffolk to Prince Edward Courthouse Virginia where I was stationed during the tour – Upon my 4th tour I was marched from Prince Edward and finally joined the Army of General Lafayette and was afterwards detailed to guard some stores at Henderson's Barn where I remained during the residue of the tour and during the whole of my 5th tour.

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

Answer. I do not recollect to have received any written discharge

7th 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.

Answer. I will name George G Boon & George Proctor.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Radford McCargo

[George G Boon a clergyman and George Proctor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On June 15, 1838 in Boone County Missouri, the veteran applied for transfer of his pension benefit from the Kentucky agency to the Missouri agency having moved there to rely upon the assistance of his son-in-law [not named].]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia militia.]