

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McPheeters (McPheetrs) S17576

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State of Indiana Washington County: SS

In the Washington Circuit Court April Term 1833

On this 6th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of said Court now sitting it being a Court of Record John McPheters [sic] a resident of said County of Washington, and State of Indiana aged seventy-one 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 stated –

That he entered the service as a drafted militia man on the 18th day of September 1780 in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain Patrick Buchanan, and Lieutenant James Bratton – he marched with said company through Guilford, Hillsborough & Salisbury to Providence in North Carolina where he joined the troops under General Morgan – was with the troops under Colonel Washington that captured and made prisoners of about 330 Tories at Rugeley's Mills (December 4, 1780) – retreated to Providence, crossed the Catawba River as an escort to a far June party – recrossed the River and marched about 60 miles to Pacolet [River] – marched thence to the Cowpens and was engaged in the battle there on the 17th of January 1781, next day marched with the prisoners to Salisbury, was then discharged, and returned home, where he arrived on the 10th day of February 1781, having served as here above stated, four months and twenty-three days.

Under another engagement by draft in the same County of Augusta in the summer of 1781 he served two months in Virginia under the same Captain Buchanan, Colonel Huger he believes commanded the Regiment, he marched to Richmond in pursuit of the enemy, record and ordered near there, towards Williamsburg about the burnt chimneys, Hickory nut Church &c for some time – was in a skirmish with the enemy at Hot Water [June 26, 1781], thence marched to Jamestown [probably a reference to the engagement at Jamestown Ford on July 6, 1781] was in the engagement at that place with the enemy – returned to Richmond, crossed the River at Westham – thence marched some distance south – returned to Richmond, thence towards Williamsburg some distance where he was discharged, having served under this last engagement two months; his whole service as above stated amounting to six months and twenty-three days – he never received any discharge in writing as he recollects; he has no documentary evidence and 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 and year aforesaid,

S/ John Mcpheetrs

John McKinney

[Ebenezer Patrick, a clergyman, and James McKinney gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$21.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 20 days in the Virginia militia.]