

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Dennis McCarty S22388

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State of Pennsylvania Fayette County

On the 6th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of common pleas now sitting Dennis McCarty aged seventy-seven years who being duly sworn dead on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

That he first entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man near Greensbough [Greensburg] Westmoreland County Pennsylvania for two months under Captain Weaver early in April 1781 which tour he served against the Indians in & near a place called Legonier [Ligonier]. Immediately after the expiration of this tour he volunteered in what was called State troops for four months or during the Campaign which was about to march against the Miami [Miami] towns under General Clark [George Rogers Clark] of Virginia, he was attached to Captain Shearer, Lieutenant Isaac Anderson, Colonel Laughery [Archibald Lochry], they marched to Wheeling where they took water and descended the Ohio to near the mouth of the big Miami when they landed and shortly after were attacked by the Indians & the whole party either killed or taken prisoners. This was about the 24th day of August 1781. He was among the number of Persons taken prisoner & he was detained a prisoner until July 1782 when he made his escape and returned to the military stationed from which he marched viz. Hannah's town [Hanna's Town] in Westmoreland County where he was discharged by his Lieutenant Isaac Anderson thirteen months after they marched on the campaign – this was the last service he rendered except short tours against the Indians afterwards of which he cannot specify with certainty the time or officers he was at Hannah's Town when it was attacked, captured & burnt by the savages in the summer of 1782. The time he claims a pension for his two months militia service under Captain Weaver in 1781 and the thirteen months that he served and was prisoner with the Indians during which captivity he was treated with great severity [?] his ears mutilated & cut by the savages &c.

He has no written discharge the one he got from Lieutenant Anderson being lost at the burning of Hannah's town by the Indians. He has the affidavits of two witnesses to wit Judge Orr¹ of Armstrong County Pennsylvania and James Kean² of Westmoreland County Pennsylvania proving his services which are herewith transmitted.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to any other pension or annuity except the pension of

¹ [Robert Orr S4631](#)

² FPA S22342

\$40 from the State of Pennsylvania and declares that his name is on the pension Roll of except Pennsylvania aforesaid.

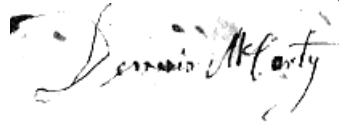
In answer to the Questions required to be put by the court

1. He was born in Middlesex County England the 28th day of April 1756 & came to the United States in April 1775.
2. That he has no record of his age it was recorded in his father's Bible
3. He resided when he entered the service in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania – from whence he removed to Fayette County where he now resides.
4. He has no written discharge.
5. He served under Captain Weaver, Shearer, Colonel Laughrey &c – as set forth in his declaration.
6. He went out as a drafted militia man & also as a volunteer.
7. He can prove his character and his reputation as a revolutionary Soldier by the Reverend John Phillips and George D Stephenson both of Union Town Fayette County Pennsylvania.

Sworn & subscribed in open court 6th September 1833

S/ Rich'd Beeson, Prot.

S/ Dennis McCarty



[John Phillips, a clergyman, and George D Stevenson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Pennsylvania Armstrong County SS

Personally came before me, Frederick Rohrer, a justice of the peace in and for the said County of Armstrong and State aforesaid, Robert Orr, Senior, Esquire, formerly Sheriff of Westmoreland County, and now an associate Judge of Armstrong County, and being sworn, according to law, depose and saith that Dennis McCarty, the bearer of this deposition, was out with Colonel Archibald Lochry or Laughery, in the year 1781, when we were attacked by the Indians and our whole party killed or made prisoners, I, the said deponent, and the said McCarty, being two of them.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 7th day of March A.D. 1832

S/ Fredk Rohrer

S/ Robert Orr



State of Pennsylvania Westmoreland County SS

Personally came before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County as aforesaid James Kean a person of good character and credibility who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he was well acquainted with Dennis McCarty during the Revolutionary War; that he knew him to be a soldier in a company commanded by Captain Shearer. This Deponent further saith that he marched out in the same campaign against the Indians to the Big Miami with the same Dennis McCarty though attached to a different company from the said McCarty – That he knew the said McCarty well on said campaign, that he the said McCarty was taken prisoner by the Indians along with this Deponent about 10 miles below the mouth of the Big Miami. To the best of this deponent's recollection it was on the 24th of August 1781 when the said McCarty was taken prisoner by the Indians. This Deponent when a prisoner

with the said McCarty was separated and taken to different tribes. This Deponent was taken to the Seneca tribe and the said McCarty as he believes to the Delaware tribe. This Deponent further saith that he did not see the said McCarty again until the year 1784 but heard from the Indians when a prisoner at upper Sandusky that the said McCarty had made his escape when at Detroit and wended [wound] his way back to Hannah's Town in Pennsylvania – This Deponent understood after his return that the said McCarty was at the burning of Hannah's town. This Deponent does not know the period of the said McCarty's service.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 29th day of May 1833

S/ Wm McKinney

S/ James Kean, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia.]