

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Francis McCormick

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

State of Ohio

County of Hamilton

On this 14 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and State aforesaid now sitting came before me Richard Copeland a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid now sitting Francis McCormick a resident of Anderson Township in the County and State aforesaid aged sixty eight 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 some time in the Winter of the years 1780&1781 in Frederick County in the State of Virginia as a drafted Militia man and that his officers were Capt Aaron Mercer [also spelled Aaron Merser] and Lieutenant _____ Jenkins the field officers of the Regiment if any to which his Company belonged he does not now recollect. The company to which he belonged marched to within four miles of Winchester in the county and state aforesaid and there was employed in Building the Barracks in which British prisoners, especially sailors and marines and some American Tories, were confined after their completion and were guarded by the Company under Captain Mercer. Early in the spring of the year 1781 the British prisoners sailors & marines were sent on under a Guard of a part of the Company under Lieutenant Jenkins to Philadelphia as this deponent believes to be exchanged. After this service this applicant returned to Frederick County the place of his residence where the company was discharged and tho he was drafted out for a term of three months only deponent thinks he served five months before he was discharged. And again in the autumn of the year 1781 he was drafted into Capt George Bells [George Bell's] company of Militia from Frederick County in the State of Virginia from which Harry Catlett was Lieutenant and Richard Brierly Ensign and Col. Dark [William Darke] commanded the Regiment, our company joined Col. Darks Regiment before York Town about the commencement of the seige. In this Regiment deponent served during the seige, and after it was over, his company assisted in guarding the British prisoners up to Winchester Virginia where they were detained and some time after his company was discharged The term of his service in Bells company was about two months and the two tours of service together he is confident was upwards of six months
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 and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid.

Danl. Gano Clerk P.J.

s/ Francis Mc Cormick



[Usual supporting testimony by Oliver M. Spencer, a clergyman, and Ezekiel Thorp]

before me in open court
Aug. 14th 1832 Danl. Gano Clerk

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Interrogatories propounded by the court to the applicant Frances McCormick being under oath.

1 Quest W[h]ere and what year was you born
Ans In Frederick County Va in the year 1764

2nd Quest Have you any record of your age and if so where is it
Ans I have the family bible wherein my age is regeristered at my residence 10 miles from this place

3^d Quest Where were you living when called in to service were have you lived since the revolutionary war
and were do you now live
Answer When called into the service I lived in Frederick County Va I lived in Frederick County about 13
years after I was discharged and removed to this County where I have resided since

4 Quest How were you called in to service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute &
if a substitute for whom
Ans. I was drafted in both terms of service

5th Quest State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops were you served such
Continental and militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service
Ans. I recollect the names of none of the regular officers except Genl Washington and Col Dark and Majr
Southall of the Va line a detailed account of the general circumstances of my service are stated in my
declaration

6th Quest Did you ever receive a discharge from the service from the service [sic] & if so by whom was it
given & what has become of it
Ans I never received a written discharge for it was not customary to give written discharge to militia men
serving as I did

7th Quest State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can
testify as to your character for varacity and their belief of yr services as a soldier of the revolution
Ans J B Miller Jonathan Garrard Isaac Mears George Vail and many others.

Cincinnati Aug 14th 1832 Danl. Gano Clerk P.J.