

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Micajah McElroy S2785

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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this the 19th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County and State now sitting Micajah McElroy Senior a resident of said County & State aged 72 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 hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) He entered the service of the United States in the fall of the year in the State of North Carolina under Capt. Bryant (his given name he thinks was Cato). The field officers of the Regiment were Major Sharp & Col. Collier = the officers of the company in which he served, under the grade of Capt. were Lieut. Joseph Peoples and Ensign Henry Pope. That he lived in Wake County North Carolina, and was drafted there. He went from thence to Hillsboro and thence to Salisbury = at which place he remained 3 months, the time for which he was drafted -- sometime after our company arrived at Salisbury our Capt. & Ensign were both taken sick and were discharged & went home, = after this event our company being a large one, it was divided and Joseph Peoples was appointed Capt. of one Company – and __ Scesen [?] of the other = after the time for which [we] were drafted had expired, being 3 months. I returned home. He entered the service a few weeks after Gates defeat he thinks in the year 1780. The General who commanded the militia, was named Butler, -- who had command of the Troops at Salisbury at the time he remained there = General Greene arrived in Salisbury with his Army some short time before he was discharged and was there at the time he was discharged = He cannot recollect the day he entered the service or the day on which he was discharged =, but he was discharged a few days either before or after Christmas =, he thinks he entered the service in 1780. In a short time after this, he thinks in the summer or fall of 1781 -- he volunteered under Capt. Matthew Colours [sic, Capt. Matthew McCullers¹] in Wake County North Carolina for the term of 2 months, in a light horse company, this company was attached to Col. Sanders Regiment, this Regiment was raised for the purposes of suppressing the Tories, Fanning & Blalock's gang of Tories had been doing much injury in the Country, they had robbed the public store in Wake County and had taken a great many horses, during our excursions this trip we caught Blalock, and recovered some horses, which had been stolen, Col. Sanders was Col. of Wake County as well as he recollects, his given name was Hardy = some short time after this he thinks not very long he volunteered under Capt. Lewis Bledsoe in Wake County, who went with his company under Col. John Humphreys. He was out this 2 months and was engaged in protecting the country from the depredations of the Tories, during the time of this excursion the battle at Lindley's Mill with the Tories was fought, he thinks Col. Mabin [Mebane] was the principal commander or head man in this fight with the Tories -- he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no

¹ [Matthew McCullers W7415](#)

person living by whom he can prove any of the service aforesaid. The applicant well recollects of having 2 discharges one he thinks by Capt. Scism [?] & one by Mathew Colours [?] -- these discharges he had until a few years since, when he lost them with many others of his papers and thinks he had a discharge from Capt. Bledsoe, was born in the year 1760 on the 30th of September, he has no record of his age, the family Bible in which it was recorded was burned some years since, was born in Wake County North Carolina & thence he removed to Lincoln County Tennessee in which County he has resided about 23 or 4 years, he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatever except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state in the union. Sworn to in open court the day & year above stated.

S/ Robt. J. Inge, Clk

S/ M. McElroy

[Aaron Alexander, a clergyman, and Alexander Meek gave the standard supporting affidavit.]