

Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of James McKamy S2811

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The State of Tennessee } Sct.
Blount County } Circuit Court July Term thereof A D 1832.

On this 8 day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Edward Scott Judge of Circuit Court now sitting for the County of Blount aforesaid James McKamy Resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 79 years, who being first duely sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated - First, Applicant Drafted in Rockbridge County [formed from Augusta County in 1778] State of Virginia on the first day of August 1776 under the Command of John Lille [sic: John Lyle] Capt. [blank] Major and Col. Christy [William Christian] of the first Redgment of Virginia Malitia, & marched thro Carolina to the frontier on the Holston River to the Big Island [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] - thence to the Tennessee River to guard the frontier, and on the 4th day of the succeeding November left the Tennessee and marched back to Rockbridge County Va. being a four months tour -

The on the day of June 1779 applicant volunteered in Rockbridge Cty Va. under the command of Capt Alexander Tilford [sic: Alexander Tedford] and marched to Donleys Fort [sic: Fort Donnally near present Frankford WV] in Greenbrier County Virginia applicant's Company were the first that went to that fort as a guard to relieve said fort and remained until a drafted company came to their assistance commanded by Capt [blank] Wallace there were no officers in higher command than Captains of vol. & draft'd. companies Applicant does not recollect the lenght of the Term of his service in that tour returned home - and on the [blank] day of september 1779 voluntee'd under the command of Capt Charles Campbell and marched to Richmond Va. where they were joined by Capt [David] Gray, & Cap [James] Hall & was command by Capt Gray as major & marched to Cabin point on the south side of James River [in Surry County] & remained there some time. Then joined about 5 or 6000 regulars and was subjected to the command of their officers and marched to Petersburg, where Malitia was detached to Richmond where they were discharged in the winter say about the last of Dec'r.

And on the 1st of June 1781 applicant was drafted under the Command of Capt [blank] Elliot [James Elliott] and marched down to a place called the 12 mile run in Rich'd County where he joined the army of of General [William] Campbell Cols. Huggart [sic: Thomas Huggart] & McCrairy [sic: John McCreery] and marched on to Richmond thence to Bottom Bridge this was the army of the Virginia Troops and then marched to Don Castle [Doncastle's Tavern 12 mi W of Williamsburg] to rendezvouse and remained between two & three weeks - Then marched to Hot Water [6 mi NW of Williamsburg] where the fought the bloody Battle on the 26 June where the Brittish put us to flight - and went back to Doncastle then marched to Jamestown where we joined Genl [Anthony] Wayne's army of Continental or Regular trop & on the 6th of July '81 fought the Battle of Jamestown [AKA Green Springs Plantation] where we were again Defeated altho we pushed them pretty close - We the then retreated to Doncastle - then marched to Bottom Bridge on the ninth day of august 1781. were discharged. The whole term of applicants service was about twelve months. Applicant 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 or if any only on that agency of the State of Tennessee

James hisXmark McKamy

In addition to the foregoing applicant states he never had an written discharge nor has he any Documentary evidence whereby he can prove the services herein above mentioned nor any living which can authenticate the same only in part-

He has resided in Blount County about 40 years - or 45 -

Sworn to as above

James hisXmark McKamy

The State of Tennessee } Sct.
Blount County }

Be it known that on this thirteenth day of May in the year of Our Lord 1833 personally appeared before me William Toole one of the Acting Justices of the peace duely commissioned and sworn to hold the Court of pleas and quarter sessions in and for Blount County (it being a court of record) James McKamy aged 80 years who being first duely sworn according to Law doth, on his oath, make the following amendatory declaration (amending the one made out, and dated the 8th day of August 1832 - forwarded on to, and returned from the War Department Numbered in the office of Pension Claims 10.619 for further proof or explanation, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This the amendment of the Declaration of the application of James McKamy for a pension amending the one of date 8th August 1832 and No. 10.619 Shews that he was born in Augusta County State of Virginia on the 19th day of January in the year 1753. Some time after that the County being divided he was thrown in Rockbridge County where he resided at the time he was called into service. He now has in his possession the record of his age.

He was first drafted in Rockbridge County State of Virginia on the 1st day of August 1776 as a private and was mustered into service under the command of John Lisle Regiment of Colonel Christy it being the first regiment of Virginia Militia and served four months. For the nature of his service the Deptment is refered to his original Declaration, but rec'd no written discharge

He, then on the [blank] day of June 1779, volunteered for no deffinate length of time, under the command of Captain Alexander Tilford and served for one month as a private - when he was discharged, but got no written discharge

He then on the — day of September 1779 in the said County of Rockbridge volunteered again for no deffinate period under the command of Capt Charles Campbell. There was no officer of a higher grade than Majr Gray and served three months - discharged but got no written discharge

Then on the 1st day of June 1781 He was drafted for three months, under the command of Captain Elliott. Regiment of Col Hoggart & Col. McCrary and General Campbell the Malitia Genl. Our commander-in-chief was Genl. LaFayette he being the only regular General or regular officer under whom he served he served the three months for which he was drafted and was discharged, but rec'd. no written discharge

As to the different grades in which he served all his services were performed as a private in the Malitia. And was all together for eleven months - for which he claims a pension. The persons in my present Neighbor'd James Caruthers, Rev Isaac Anderson Dec Col Jno Wilson Wm B Martin and Joseph Wilson Esqr. James hisXmark McKamy

NOTE: A letter in the file states that McKamy's claims were prepared by his son.