

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCoullough (McCulloch) S30570

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State of Kentucky Montgomery County

On this 3rd day of September 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Montgomery Circuit Court now sitting James McCulloch a resident of said County and State aged 72 years who being first 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 June 1832.

I James McCulloch on my oath declare that I am now in the 72nd year of my age and I was born in the County of Rowan North Carolina where I lived when the revolutionary war commenced and I was called into the service of my country. In the fall 1775 or early in December I enlisted in Capt. William Knox Company of Col. Alexander Martin's Regiment of the North Carolina State line in the County of Rowan when I was about sixteen years old, and rendezvoused at Salisbury in an enlistment of six months and marched to Wilmington against a Regiment of Scotch Tories which we dispersed and then marched to Charlestown in South Carolina in June 1776 and was placed under the command of General Lee [Charles Lee] (our time expired at Charleston but our officers insisted upon our continuing three months longer until reinforcements could arrive and I stayed three months longer). We had a hard march to get to Charleston before the Battle of Sullivan's Island [June 28, 1776]<sup>1</sup> and I was in view the whole time; after this event my company marched to a Light house on an Island below Charleston in boats and took it, but we were soon driven off and we after the expiration of nine months, I was honorably discharged near Monks corner [sic, Moncks Corner] by Lieut. Richard Grimes Capt. Lenoir's Lieut. as Capt. Knox had been accidentally killed. After this I returned home & in the spring of 1777 I volunteered in the militia of North Carolina on a tour of three months in a company commanded by Capt. Cathy [sic, Cathey?, perhaps William Cathey] to guard the Frontiers on Broad River where I performed my duty as a faithful soldier and was honorably discharged and again in the summer 1777, I volunteered in Capt. Peter Headrick's [Peter Hedrick's?] company for the three months in the militia of North Carolina and marched against the Tories near Camden, and after suppressing them we continued at that place to protect the Inhabitants till our time expired -- and I was honorably discharged -- and in the spring 1778 I moved to Kentucky and on my way on Holston River I volunteered in Capt. William Smith's company to guard some families to move to Kentucky and in this service I was employed about one month until we arrived at Harrodsburgh [Harrodsburg] where Capt. Smith was promoted to

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_ft\\_moultrie\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html)

be a Major and Lieut. John Holder was appointed Capt. and I continued as a soldier in said Holder's company and on my way from Harrodsburg to Logan's station (or St. Asaph's) near where Stanford now stands as an Express in July 1778 I was wounded by the Indians their ball passing through my body and for some time my life was in danger. When I got well I was employed as an Indian spy until I was ordered into service in the militia of the State of Virginia at Harrodsburg as a Lieut. in Capt. McGary's company of Col. John Bowman's Regiment in the month of May 1779 on an expedition against the Indians at old Cheathe [sic, Chillicothe?, June 1, 1779]<sup>2</sup> on the Little Miami [River], we attacked the town before day and were repulsed after firing on the place for some time, and we retreated about 10 or 12 miles where the Indians followed us and made an attack on our Army when we repulsed them after a severe conflict, and soon after my return I again volunteered in Capt. McGary's Company of Col. Clark's [George Rogers Clark's] Regiment and marched to Vincennes in the latter part of the summer 1779 on both of which tours we were engaged six months viz three months each of actual service. We were stationed as a guard at Vincennes and we were employed in protecting that place against the Indians -- and again in the spring 1780 I was sent as an Express by Col. Bowman to Richmond Virginia and performed an arduous tour and dangerous in the extreme I stayed in the Richmond about one week and then returned with dispatches from Gov. Patrick Henry and again reached Col. Bowman after an absence of six weeks having been detained on Holston nearly two weeks in order to procure some ammunition and a guard -- and in July I marched as a Lieut. under Capt. Thomas Benton in Col. Clark's Regiment against the Indians on the Miami and at Piqua and on Mud River this was in July 1780 and on this duty I served as a Lieut. on a tour of three months, and in the fall of 1780 after my return I was ordered on a tour of three months as Lieut. to guard Bryant's Station [Bryan's Station] where I commanded the company and faithfully performed my duty and again in the fall 1781, I acted as a Lieut. of my company in laying up Provisions for the guards at Lee's [?] town where I was actually [one or more indecipherable words] for a tour of three months. In the year 1780 I marched to the relief of Riddles Station and pursued the British and Indians under Col. Byrd until we ascertained they took water. 1782 In this year in August I was in a battle at the blue licks Ky<sup>3</sup> where we were defeated with great slaughter. Also in 1782 when General Clark took Piqua he took a number of Prisoners and in the year 1783 in the summer I was sent by Col. George R. Clark to take the Prisoners back to Piqua for which I was promised high wages. In this duty I was engaged three months in the capacity of Indian spy and [indecipherable word interlined]<sup>4</sup> during which time the Indians held a council and promised to be at peace which they afterwards refused to observe, I further state that from the time I came to Kentucky in the spring 1778 until the close of the revolutionary war I considered myself as being in constant service the greater part of the time as a Lieut. as I was continually engaged in preparation or actual service during the whole time. The actual duties are faithfully described as above. I hereby relinquish all claim which I may have to any pension except the Present and I am not a Pensioner of the United States or any state. I further declare that for all the services I performed in the Western country I never received one cent of pay and the greater part of the time we found our own provisions (except when at the forts and stations when hunters were selected to supply the troops). I further declare that I do not know of any person by whom I can

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<sup>2</sup> [http://publications.ohiohistory.org/ohj/browse/displaypages.php?display\[\]=0019&display\[\]=446&display\[\]=459](http://publications.ohiohistory.org/ohj/browse/displaypages.php?display[]=0019&display[]=446&display[]=459)

<sup>3</sup> The Battle of Blue Licks was fought on August 19, 1782. See <http://www.earlyamerica.com/review/winter2000/bluelick.html>.

<sup>4</sup> *and after*

prove my services while in North Carolina except a man by the name of Benjamin Robertson<sup>5</sup> who was on the campaign against the Scotch Tories near Wilmington who can speak of the events of that campaign. Witness my hand the 3rd day of September 1832.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James McCoullough



[John Craig, a clergyman, and Henry Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

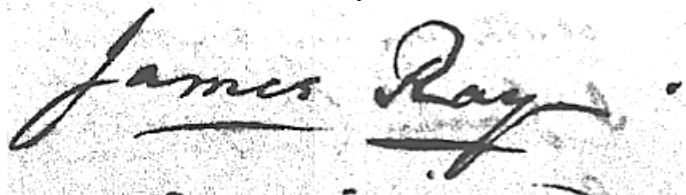
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Mercer County

This day General James Ray<sup>6</sup> came before me a justice and one of the Judges of the County Court of Mercer County and being sworn according to law he does on his oath make the following Declaration viz

I James Ray a resident of said County declare that I became acquainted with the above named James McCulloch soon after he came to Kentucky in the year 1778, and I have heard his statement aforesaid read and I know that the services he has detailed were performed by him after he came to Kentucky we both lived in and near Harrodsburg I knew of all the services he has spoken of since that time I was not on the campaign of 1780 myself but I knew of the expedition & that said McCulloch was a Lieut. in Capt. McGary's company on the campaign of 1779, and also a Lieut. in Capt. Denton's company and I have no doubt of his being on the campaign of 1780, he was also a Lieut. at Bryant's Station as he has stated and was there part of the time I served there as he relieved me at said station, I further state that our services were in fact he continued state of warfare with the Indians from the time said McCulloch came to Kentucky until the revolutionary war closed said McCulloch was always ready and engaged either as a spy, express or Lieut. as he has detailed and I further state that I have often heard said McCulloch state various services soon after they were performed, and he has always been considered a man of truth and now has given the same account of his services. Witness my hand this 17th day of August 1832.

S/ James Ray



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Montgomery County & Circuit viz. }

On this third day of September 1832 Henry Wilson<sup>7</sup> aged 72 years came into open court and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare as follows viz. -- I Henry Wilson do hereby declare that I have been well acquainted with James McCulloch who has subscribed

<sup>5</sup> [Benjamin Robison \(Robertson\) S14361](#)

<sup>6</sup> [James Ray S31314](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Henry Wilson S30795](#)

the aforesaid declaration above, since I came to Kentucky in 1779 and I recollect of seeing said McCulloch soon after he came off Bowman's campaign in 1779 and his services were then related by said McCulloch was then a Lieut. and I know that said McCulloch was a Lieut. in Capt. Denton's company and Clark's campaign in the year 1780 as he has stated as I was with him I also know that sd. McCulloch was a Lieutenant at Bryant's Station, where I served with him as a sergeant at that place all of the above were three months service, I also know that he was at the Battle of the Blue Licks as Lieut. in Capt. McBride's company indeed sd. McCulloch Continued to act as a Lieutenant after his first appointment and was a faithful officer I know that all the services sd McCulloch has detailed were performed and in those I have specified I was with him and his other services I have often heard him speak of them at an early day after he came to Kentucky, we were constantly employed either as Indian spies –guards or on actual duty in expeditions or at the different stations until the Revolutionary war was ended , and indeed then we had no peace, I farther Certify that sd McCulloch is a man of truth and a respectable citizen.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of September 1832

S/ Henry Wilson



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State of Kentucky Montgomery County: SS

On this 3rd day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court before the honorable Silas W. Robbins the sole and presiding judge in and for the County and circuit of Montgomery now sitting James McCulloch aged 72 years (as stated in his original) who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

He states by way of supplement that he has no record of his age having long since lost it. But he well remembers his age from the circumstance of his having [sic, being] 16 years old in the year 1776. And also what he has been informed by his ancestors. -- And as to the officers both regular & militia, he states he served under Capt. William Knox & Col. A. Mortain [sic, Alexander Martin] and at Wilmington we joined General Lee. He also remembers Capt. J. Armstrong Capt. Davidson & Davidson who was our adjutant (afterwards promoted). He also remembers Col. Boman [sic, Bowman] from Virginia. He also remembers Col. Trigg A. Todd (who fell at the Battle of blue licks). He also knew George R. Clark, Logan Magary and several others but thinks this sufficient. He states for his Southern services he received his discharge from Richard Grimes a Lieut. in his company. And as to his Northern services he received his discharge from different officers whose particular names he has forgotten. But states he was regularly discharged from every tour but have long since lost or mislaid them so that he is now altogether without documentary evidence and relies entirely on the testimony he has procured together with his own statement. He would also state that he feels much inconvenience from the wound named in his original declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Howard, Clk

S/ James McCoullough

James McLoughlin

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$200 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and as a Lieutenant for one year in the North Carolina service.]