

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCullum (McCullom) S30579

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State of Kentucky County of Hardin: SS

On this the 22 day of March 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Armistead H Churchill, Circuit Judge of the Court of Hardin County, now sitting, James McCullum, resident within the County of Hardin, and state of Kentucky aforesaid, aged 72 years, on the 25th day of August next, 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 herein stated.

The name of the Colonel who commanded the Regiment of Spies into which he entered, was David Williamson – The name of his Captain was Ezekiel Rose – The name of his Lieutenant was Thomas Hill – And his Ensign's name was Benjamin Whetsell or a name so pronounced. He entered the service the first time for nine months, about the first of March in the year 1781 – the precise date he cannot State with certainty. He served out that time, and at the expiration of it, he received a discharge. In the year 1782, and about the same time of the year as before, say the 1st March, he again entered the service, under the same officers, as before; and for the same time – nine months. He served out that term, and again received a discharge. In 1783, he again entered the service under the same Officers, for the like term of nine months, also about the 1st March, and served out that period as his last regular tour; at the close whereof he received his third discharge. This declarant would remark that his officers above named were especially appointed to command the Spies to whom he belonged, and during the years above named performed regularly there tours of nine months in each year, commencing about the periods above named, (the 1st March).

He further states that in each engagement for service he was a volunteer and that when he entered the service he resided within about two miles of Red Stone, since called Brownsville in the State of Pennsylvania, On the road, or near the main road leading to Wheeling. He is impressed with the belief that no County was at that time formed at that place – if so its name cannot recollect. He resided at the same place, at the commencement of each of his aforesaid Terms of service. The Regiment or troop of Spies to which he belonged for the sake of Distribution were called and known by the name of "Williamson's Spies."

He states that during his second term of service, Say in 1782, he was in the battle at the plains of Sandusky, commonly known as Crawford's defeat [also known as the Battle of Sandusky, June 4-6, 1782]. When he first entered the service, the Colonel, divided the troop of Spies into small divisions – and they were stationed at different posts. That himself and three others were stationed during his first term of nine months at Bells Fort, on Bush Creek, in the

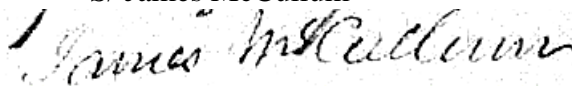
State of Pennsylvania. When he entered the service the second time, he and his three comrades were Stationed at Atkinson's Fort, on the head waters of "ten mile Creek." Once in each month, the different divisions were by order to meet Colonel Williamson at the mouth of Wheeling, to report to him; and during this second tour, the small divisions before spoken of, were concentrated, and marched to the Sandusky plains, where they engaged in the foregoing battle. After the battle, they returned by order of their officers to their respective stations as Spies. He was stationed during his third engagement, at the last mentioned Fort.

He states that he knew General Crawford, Colonel Campbell, Captain Beason – and a Captain Williamson, brother to the Colonel under whom he served – and also a Colonel Hardin, all of whom were officers commanding at Crawford's defeat. He recollects also a Captain Joseph Bean, who was in said battle, and who, together with Captain Rose under whom the Declarant served, was wounded.

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his Services – that his three discharges, with many other papers and considerable of his property was destroyed in his boat, which was unfortunately stove, near the mouth of Wheeling as he was removing to Kentucky. He further states, that from the great lapse of time, and the numerous deaths among his comrades in arms, he knows of no one living by whom he can prove his services. 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 or territory whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James McCullum



[Jacob Enlow, a clergyman, and Jacob Swank gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Declaration of James McCullum as an amendment to his declaration for a pension

In answer to the 7 interrogatories which are to be propounded by the Court – he answers and says –

1st He was born on the Monongahela near Redstone old Fort in Pennsylvania and in the year 1761

2nd He had a record of his age but it was destroyed when his boat was sunk at Wheeling . He was living near Redstone old Fort when he was called into service. He moved from that Country after the revolution to Nelson County Kentucky and from Nelson County he moved to Hardin County Kentucky where he now resides.

4th. He turned out a volunteer and served all the time as such

5th. He states there were no regular officers with the Company. Colonel David Williamson and Captain J Rose were militia officers who commanded the company. He was a spy on Bush Creek at Bell Fort for the first nine months. The next nine months he served as a spy on the head of 10 mile Creek at George Ackerson's Fort – and the next nine months at the same place –

6th. He received a discharge from Colonel David Williamson and he lost it also in the [indcipherable word] of his boat. He never received any commissions.

7th. He states that Jacob Enslow and Jacob Swank are residents in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and also to his reputation as a revolutionary soldier.

S/ James McCullom

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as

a private for one year and 6 months in the Virginia service.]