

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel McCorkle S30956

Transcribed by Will Graves

f19VA

rev'd 4/13/13

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Kentucky Green County

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared before David Campbell a Justice of the Peace in and for Green County Kentucky Samuel McCorkle a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged 72 years February last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain of the provision made by the act of Congress on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832—he states that he entered the service in Augusta County Virginia in October in the year 1777 (at age 16), that he was drafted for three months and served in the militia under the command of Capt. Thomas Smith who was under the command of Col Dickeson, that he marched under the orders of said commanders from Augusta County Virginia to the junction of Kanawha and Ohio Rivers, in pursuit of the Indians, that he served out the three months for which he was drafted as aforesaid and received no written discharge.

The said Samuel McCorkle further states that he again entered the service in October 1780 to the best of his recollection, that he was drafted for three months in Augusta County Virginia, and entered the service under the command of Capt. Patrick Buckhannon [Patrick Buchanan] in Gen. Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Brigade, that he marched under said captain from Augusta County Virginia to Hillsborough in North Carolina, from thence near to Sharlotte [sic, Charlotte?] Courthouse, there he joined the army, and from thence he marched under the command of Capt. P. Buckhannon in Gen. Morgan's Brigade against the Tories near the Catawba River, that he served out the tour of three months fully but had no written discharge.

The said S. McCorkle further states that he entered the service again in the year 1781 in Augusta County Virginia, that he was drafted for two months and served in the militia in Capt. Patrick Buckhannon's Company commanded by Col Huggart [probably Col. Thomas Hughart or Hugart] and Major Wilson, that he was in battle of Hot Water [Battle of Hot Water or Spencer's Tavern or Ordinary, June 26, 1781] under said commanders, that he served the tour of two months fully and had no written discharge – that he has no documentary evidence of his service. He further states that he is unable to attend court by reason of bodily infirmity, 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 any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforementioned.

S/ Samuel McCorkle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel McCorkle". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are somewhat slanted and connected, characteristic of 18th or 19th-century handwriting. There is a small mark at the end of the signature that looks like a flourish or a checkmark.

[On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1832 in Green County Kentucky, Katharine Buckhannon gives testimony that she was well acquainted with Samuel McCorkle during the Revolution and that he served three tours in

said war (the basis for her statements is not given).]

[On September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1832 in Green County Kentucky, John Shoun gives similar testimony and Archibald S. Buckhannon gives testimony that it is generally believed in the neighborhood that Samuel McCorkle was a Revolutionary soldier.]

[p 11]

Amended Declarations

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833 personally appeared before me David Campbell a Justice of the peace in and for Green County Kentucky Samuel McCorkle who being first duly sworn according to law states that he has no record of his age but from the information he has received from his parents and others, he was born in Augusta County State of Virginia and in the year 1759 on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, that he was raised in Augusta County Virginia and resided there until about 32 years last past at which time he moved to Kentucky where he has lived ever since and 30 years of the time in Green County Kentucky where he still resides – the said McCorkle further states that during the tour of two months named in his Original Declaration it being the tour in which he was in the battle at Hot Water and the last tour named in said Declaration, that during said tour of two months he was second Sergeant but had no commission, and that during all the other tours he served as a private soldier, he further states that he is intimately acquainted with Isaac Tate and John Buchanan residents of his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and the general report of the neighborhood – and that he is not certain whether he will be able to procure the testimony of a Clergyman or not there being none in his immediate neighborhood.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and date above written before me.

S/ David Campbell, JP GC

S/ Samuel McCorkle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel McCorkle". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper background.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]