

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCartney S31847

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State of Alabama Madison County: SS: Circuit Court

On this 29 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William J. Adair Judge presiding in said Circuit Court John McCartney a resident of said County of Madison seventy-three years of age, 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States in the fall of the year 1771 [sic 1777?] as a militia man being drafted from Washington County North Carolina now part of East Tennessee to go [to] the defense of Charleston in the State of South Carolina. Affiant states that this draft was for six months, that he was mustered into Service, and some short time after this, the expedition to Charleston was given over and instead of it he was marched against the Chegemauga [sic, Chickamauga] Indians the Army to which he belonged was stationed at Chickamauga Creek near what is called the big Suck a part of the Tennessee River, there he assisted in sacking and destroying Chickamauga towns and in killing several Indians in a battle that was fought there he states his commanding officers were P. Wilson [sic, probably Joseph Wilson], Capt., Robeson Col. [Lt. Col. Charles Robertson] and believes that Jas Shelby [sic, Isaac Shelby] was commander in chief but cannot distinctly remember. He further states that the whole of this expedition was in the time of the draft of the six months and that when they returned to their homes the time of service had just expired. About two years after this expedition having removed into Greene County in Tennessee affiant volunteered under one James Stenson [sic, James Stinson] his Capt., Sevier [John Sevier] his Col. and Campbell [William Campbell] his General, this Army after he joined it was stationed a short time at Long Creek Nolichucky. Thence marched into the Cherokee nation Choaty [? Chota?] town the Army consisting of two regiments was divided out into scouting parties of from 50 to 200 men each. In this expedition affiant by order of his commanding officer [acted] as an Indian spy, being selected as one fit for that dangerous and responsible duty, declarant states that he was engaged in this uneasy service throughout the campaign and in that capacity he ranged over almost the whole nation, being in active service in this campaign six weeks, there were many Indians killed and many taken prisoner by this scouting Army. After this expedition affiant frequently volunteered to defend the frontier from the invasion of the Indians, who frequently made inroads into the settlement and would kill all the families they could until retail by the soldiers. Affiant has no doubt but that during the Revolution he was actively engaged in this kind of service eight

months after deducting the above described campaigns previously described, shortly after this affiant moved to the state of Georgia and volunteered under Capt. Ellsboro in said State in Wilkes County the Army consisted of about 100 men Col. Freeman and General Clark [Elijah Clarke?] commanded with this Army affiant went into the country of the Creek Indians the Warriors of this nation were then on their march to the settlement of the whites, being met by this Army at a place called Beaver River Affiant was in this battle occurred immediately the Indians being much more numerous than the whites fought desperately for a short time but after several had been killed (supposed to be about 40 in number) they entered [?]¹ into the Beaver River, affiant was in this battle there were about six or seven whites killed there and among the number slain was affiant's brother. Shortly after this a Treaty was affected with this tribe of Indians in the City of Washington

In the second expedition above described we had a battle with the Indians on Boyd's Creek² which he forgot to mention in his narrative

Affiant was born in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina, he has no record of his age, but from the best information he can get believes he was born about the year of 1759 his age was set down in a family Bible which was lost after his Mother's death. He further states he never got a written discharge that he recollects of. Since the Revolutionary War affiant lived some years in the State of Georgia then moved to this County of Madison where he has lived ever since. He further states he knows of no one living by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court 29 October 1832.

S/ John McCartney, Senior, X his mark

S/ L. Mead, Clerk

[George H. Kelly, a clergyman, and David Brinton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months and 12 days in the North Carolina militia.]

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² December 16, 1780 <http://www.tngenweb.org/revwar/boydscreek.html>