

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles McKinney S31852

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The State of Alabama County Court of Limestone County: SS

On this seventh day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of said County Court in & for the County of Limestone in the State of Alabama, now sitting, Charles McKinney a resident of said County of Limestone, aged seventy years, 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 & served as herein stated, that on the first day of October 1780, being then a resident of the County of Brunswick State of Virginia, he was drafted as a private into a company of the militia of the State of Virginia commanded by William Collier as Captain, Ephraim Parham Lieutenant & Ferguson as Ensign that said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by James Lucas Colonel. That immediately on being drafted as aforesaid he was marched with said Troops together with the militia from Lunenburg & Mecklenburg Counties under Colonel Glen [probably Lieutenant Colonel John Glenn] to Hillsboro North Carolina where said Troop came under the command of General Stevens [Edward Stevens] – That while at Hillsboro his said Captain Collier & Lieutenant were discharged & they had no other Captain afterwards what Captain Thomas Threadkild [Thomas Threadgill or Threadkill??]. From Hillsboro he was marched to Salisbury & from thence to Cheraw Hills on Pedee [River] where he came under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. That he was at this place when Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] was defeated by Morgan at the Cowpens in January 1781 [January 17, 1781] – & that he was marched back to Virginia with the Prisoners taken at the Cowpens and was discharged at Pytsylvania [Pittsylvania] Courthouse in February 1781. That he served as a private in the infantry drafted as aforesaid 4 months in said Campaign – That again as well as he recollects on the 20th of February 1781 – he went as a substitute in the place of his brother Thomas McKinney who had been drafted into the militia of said County of Brunswick Virginia & who was taken sick while stationed on Nansemond River above Suffolk. That affiant as a substitute as aforesaid, joined the Company of said militia commanded by Howel Eldridge [Howell Eldridge] as Captain in the Regiment commanded by Raleigh Downman [also spelled Rawleigh Downman] as Colonel & that said Troops were under the command of General Muhlenberg [Peter Muhlenberg], that whilst with said Troops he was marched to Suffolk & Portsmouth Virginia, & finally discharged at Babb's old fields – there he served as a private, in the infantry as a substitute as aforesaid, six weeks on this campaign – That on his return home to the County of Brunswick in the summer of the year 1781 but he cannot now specify the month, he was marched as a substitute for one William Hammonds in the Campaign of Militia Infantry, of Brunswick County, commanded by Peter Jones as Captain, Buckner Stith as Lieutenant in the

Regiment commanded by Colonel Tucker [perhaps St. George Tucker]. That he was marched with said Troops under the command of General Lawson [Robert Lawson] for the Point of Forks on James River to prevent the enemy from destroying our magazines there, but failed in the object, that he joined the Baron Steuben retreating from the Point of Forks just before he reached there & learned that the enemy had destroyed the magazines he was then marched to Prince Edward Court house where he was placed in the Artillery served under the command of Captain Williams & Major Holcombe he was then marched to Charlotte County & there discharged. That he served on this campaign as a substitute as aforesaid in the infantry, two weeks & in the Artillery four weeks, as a private – That again on the 20th of August 1781, he was marched as a substitute for his brother Thomas McKinney in the Company of Drafted Militia from Brunswick commanded by William Vaughan as Captain Howel Harris [Howell Harris] as Lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Edmunds to Swans Point on James River where he was stationed under the command of said Colonel Edmunds until a little before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] when he was discharged – That he served on this campaign as a private six weeks – that he was in actual service as aforesaid during the war eight months & two weeks & never received any written discharge – that he remembers to have seen & known whilst on the campaign to the Carolinas General Green, General Morgan & Colonel Washington of the regular service & afterwards in Virginia he saw all the Baron Steuben – he has already stated the militia officers that he knew – that he was born in Brunswick County State of Virginia on the 7th of March 1783 – That his age was entered by his father in a record kept by his father & after his death left with his Brother – That after the revolutionary war, he continued (with the exception of 3 years that he lived in the State of North Carolina) to live in said County of Brunswick Virginia until the year 1826 when he removed to Limestone County State of Alabama where he has lived ever since & still resides – That he has no documentary evidence of his said Service & that he knows of no one, whose testimony he is now able to procure, to prove his Service. 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, that he refers to ___ to prove his character.

S/ Charles McKinney, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

Test: S/ Robert Austin, Jr. Clk

[Sampson Lane, a clergyman, William Mason & Thomas Maclin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$27.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 6 days in the Virginia service.]