

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McCormack S31857

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State of Georgia Taliaferro County

On the 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared the Justices of the Inferior Court of this County Thomas McCormack Late of the Revolutionary Army resident of Taliaferro County Georgia aged Seventy-Two years was born sometime in 1760 the date not known who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

I Thomas McCormack do most solemnly declare that I entered the Service of the United States in 1778 January in Georgia a volunteer under Col. Benjamin Few was placed under the command of Lieut. Mackafee [McAfee, perhaps Robert McAfee] was marched to Burke Jail and there guarded the Magazine for 5 weeks was in a battle they are lost 5 men killed and 15 wounded we then returned home under the same officers and hence 1779 in September was marched by the same officers together with Major Greenberry Lee to Savannah and was placed under General John McIntosh and remained there 3 months and after the siege was over,¹ I returned home and moved into Wilkes County in Georgia and then volunteered under Col. Elijah Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] and went in a great hurry to the siege of Augusta² and there was placed under Col. Alexander after the siege of Augusta was over I again joined Col. E. Clark and went over the mountains after the Cherokees and also to recruit our force 2 months we then returned to Georgia and I was placed under Capt. Autery [John Autrey? or Awtry? or Autry?] and went in pursuit of the Cherokees of Georgia under Col. Clark in constant service for 18 months we then returned home and I still remained in Capt. Autery's Company guarding forts or on scouting parties for a year, From first to Last I was a volunteer and held as a minute man, and actually served three years and one month [could be week, the word is written over] service during the revolutionary war all in Georgia and in the mountains I was in a battle at Burke Jail lost 5 killed and got 15 wounded was at the siege of Savannah and the siege of Augusta, was acquainted with Col. (Euger) [sic, Isaac Huger?], General Moultrie [William Moultrie], General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] and General Marion [Francis Marion] and General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. I can't prove the service by any living witness but am known by the Inferior Court of my County I never got any Discharge because I was a volunteer. During the war -- I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th day of September 1832

S/ R. Q. Dickinson, JIC

¹ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

² Siege of Augusta (first/Clarke) [September 12-18, 1780] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800914-augusta/>

S/ Thomas McCormick, X his mark

S/ William Darden, JIC

S/ Malcom Johnston, JIC

[Malcom Johnston and William L. Tucker, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia, Taliaferro County

In person appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Taliaferro Georgia Thomas McCormack who being duly sworn deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of time of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades (viz.) As a private soldier under Lieut. McAfee of Georgia to Burke Jail in 1778 five weeks then under the same Capt. in Major Lee's Battalion in 1779 three months at Savannah in Georgia and in the same year under Col. Clarke over the mountains 2 months and then under Capt. Artery and Col. Clarke 18 months against the Cherokees and then 12 months under Capt. Artery on guarding of forts and on scouting parties making in the hold a term of 3 years and one week. And this deponent further states that he was called into the service of the United States a legal authority and that he was always with an embodied force and was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the time above specified and for this service he claims a pension and this deponent further states that the words interlined in his declaration is the truth to the best of his belief (viz.) January September Lee 2 months and one week and also the you racing the words (viz.) Early, in a short time, and almost most of my time, more than, more than, I could not attend when the company was discharged and which make the declaration more decisive and correct -- as to Interrogatory No. 2 he says he has had a record of his age but it was lost in the Revolutionary War and now is only Kept in the recollection of himself and friends.

Sworn to and subscribed this 6th day of March 1834 in presence of

S/ William Peek, JP

S/ Thomas McCormack, X his mark

[supporting affidavit by Absalom Jones, Leonidas B. Mercer, Henry B. Thompson]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Georgia militia.]