

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McDearman S32401

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The State of Alabama Pickens County: County Court 2nd Monday in December 1833

Declaration of Thomas McDearman made in open court to obtain the benefit of the pension act of 7th of June 1832

he states in substance as follows (viz.) that he was drafted at the commencement of the war for a Tour of 3 months under Captain Council [Henry Council] at this time this applicant resided in the State of South Carolina near the Cheraw Hills at which latter place the said Captain Council was stationed. This was the first Tour & continued 3 months. The 2nd Time this applicant was called into the service was by draft & not long after the first Tour as above mentioned, this Tour continued 3 months under the command of Colonel William Davis & Captain Goodbolt [James Godboldt]. The 3rd Tour this applicant took was under Captain Foxworth [Samuel Foxworth] which continued 3 months during which time they joined Colonel Baxter [either Jacob Baxter or John Baxter, both of whom served in the Upper Craven County Regiment of Militia] & his forces they marched to Black Lake on the Large Pedee [River] & there had a skirmish with a party of Tories who were employed in transporting munitions of war to the Enemy. – Took their vessel together with their cargoes & from thence marched & joined General Marion [Francis Marion] at a place called Brittney Neck between the two Pedees near their junction and from there their forces united & marched to Bowling Green from thence they marched a Southwest direction to a place called Beauford [Beaufort] near which place they had a skirmish with a party of mounted Dragoons consisting of Negroes and Tories they were commanded by one John Ray who was killed in the skirmish together with 7 of his men the Whigs lost no lives from this place they returned to Beaufort during all this Service (after they joined Marion) this applicant served under one Captain Joseph Hudson, at Beaufort this applicant states that he was discharged having served 3 months, the 4th time this applicant was in the Service, he volunteered under Colonel Baxter & Captain Hudson their whole business was to reconnoiter the country in search of the Enemy, this Tour continued only 40 days & this applicant was discharged. The 5th Tour this applicant volunteered under Captain Lewis Harrol & Colonel Hugh Giles – was absent 10 days in search of a party of Tories had a skirmish with a party of Tories returned home & was discharged. This finishes the narrative of my service so near as my memory serves me but it has been so long since together with the loss of memory I cannot give an accurate statement of all the circumstances together with the time &c but to the best of his recollection he was in active service of his country 9 months a private & drafted – and fifty days as a volunteer for which he claims a pension.

To the 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th & 7th Interrogatories propounded to this applicant by the court he answers in substance as follows, that he was born in North Carolina Anson County A.D. 1752 12th day of June has nor [sic] record of his age – has only traditionary knowledge of his age – was living in South Carolina near the Cheraw Hills when called into the Service, since the

revolution he has lived in the State of Tennessee & Mississippi & Alabama, he states that he was 3 times drafted & volunteered twice the officers he served under were General Marion, Colonel Baxter, Captain Goodbolt & Hudson does not recollect the name of the Regiment he served in., Has detailed his service in his declaration, the first 4 Tours this applicant served he received discharges from Captain[s] Council Hudson & Elliott (the latter being aid to General Marion) which discharges this applicant states that he got wet in a box where he had carefully place them & rubbed so that they were considered by him as ruined & throwed away together with other papers which were injured at the same time never received any commission knows of no person living that can testify to his services, States that William Morris and Jacob Holland were well acquainted with him & can testify to his character for truth & veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution . He hereby relinquishes Every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 11th day of December 1833

S/ Thos. McDearman, X his mark

[William Harris, a clergyman, and Jacob Holland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service of 11 months and 11 days in the South Carolina militia.]