

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCullough S32404

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State of Indiana, Owen County: Probate Court: August Term 1834

On the thirteenth day of August 1834 personally appeared before the Hon. John Dunn sole Judge of the Owen Probate Court in and for said county, John McCullough, a resident of said County and State, aged seventy nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: to wit, That he volunteered at the county of York in Chanceford Township in the State of Pennsylvania where he then resided, in the company of volunteers commanded by Captain Ross, Joseph Morrison, Lieutenant, Francis Holton [?]¹ Lieutenant Colonel of the 4th Battalion of York County aforesaid was the commander of said company. The Colonel's name the applicant cannot now remember, the date of the volunteering the applicant cannot say, but they left the house of Captain Ross where they rendezvoused on the 25th day of July 1776, from thence we marched to Philadelphia; thence Trenttown [Trenton?] Barracks in the State of New Jersey; thence to Brook [?]² Bridge below Amboy, thence to Bargaintown, where we joined the main army under Genl Washington; thence to Long Island [August 27, 1776] where we remained a short time and had a battle with the British which lasted for some days when we were driven by the enemy and we retreated through a corn field in the direction of the lake, here we remained a few days burying our dead and taking care of the wounded; thence we marched to Kingsbridge leaving the wounded at Bargaintown in the Hospital; thence back to Bargaintown and thence were marched to Newark where we were discharged. The company were given a discharge by the Captain on the 6th day of Novr 1776. Applicant's discharge of that date is herewith forwarded as evidence of his service in the tour, which was from July 25, 1776 till 6th November 1776.

Second—Having removed to North Carolina he at the County of Mecklenburg in said State in April 1776 [sic, 1777?], he again entered into the minute service in the company of Captain Osborn [probably James Osborne] in the Regiment commanded by: Adam Alexander, Colonel; that about the middle of September 1777 Captain Osborn with his company of which this applicant was one marched across Broad River in pursuit of the Tories but they having scattered from that quarter on our approach, we commenced our march back and returned in six weeks from the time we left

1 *Francis Holton*

2 *Brook*

home which was about the first of November 1777. From loss of memory applicant cannot be more positive as to the dates.

Third—In the year 1778 he having removed to the Rock river [?]³ country of said County, he joined the company of Captain James Reese; George Alexander, Colonel; James White, Major and Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], General in the month of March in said year. The first of September following in the company of foresaid we marched across Catawba River across the Brushy Mountain to the Quaker Meadow in pursuit of the Tories. They having dispersed, we had no engagement with them and we marched back home again. In this tour, applicant was out with this company six weeks.

Fourth—On 1st of February 1779 said company was again called out. We were marched to the Cheraw Hills under the command above last named officers; thence down the Pedee [River] to Georgetown; here we remained near a month; provisions scarce; thence through the Santee Swamps to the Catawba River below the old Nation Ford; here we remained till October. The Tories in this region were numerous; thence back home again and were verbally discharged. In this trip we were out nine months. We had no engagement during this tour.

Fifth—In the company and under the command of the last above written, in the month of August 1780 ~~Lord Cornwallis with the British Army came into Charlotte~~ January 1780 we were again called out in said service and were marched near to the Eutaw Springs⁴ where we served as a guard to prevent the Tories from joining the British at the time of battle at Eutaw Springs; thence in the direction of what was called the Hanging Rock where we still were kept on to prevent the union of the Tories and British; then the direction of Camden and were near the battle at the time of Blewford's defeat [sic, Abraham Buford's defeat, May 29, 1780, also called the Battle of the Waxhaws], thence to Charlotte in the month of August 1780 our County town. Here at the Sassafras field the dragoons drove our Light Horse. In the month of September, Lord Cornwallis was at this time in Charlotte, he arrived in said town shortly after ~~the~~ our company at Sassafras hills aforesaid. George Locke, son of Col. Locke, was killed in this battle. The company to which applicant belonged was stationed on Mallard Creek near to the battle so much so that they could see the whole of it. In October, the British having marched to the Catawba [River], we followed on in pursuit and at Baties Ford [sic, Beatties' Ford] and gave battle and we ^{were} compelled to retreat; thence home to guard our families to a place of safety from the Tories; thence to the King's Mountain [October 7, 1780], which we captured. The British under Tarleton [Banastre Tarleton] thence to Guilford about the __ day of December 1780, where we again gave battle to Cornwallis. Here the Virginia troops met with us, here we were driven [?]; thence back to our places of residence and were discharged verbally.

Applicant with his family removed to Barkley [sic, Berkeley] County Virginia [later, West Virginia] on account of the Tories and here applicant ^{joined} Captain Jackson's company in Bartley County. In the last of July or first of August a company was drafted and marched out, as this applicant is informed, but did not reach Yorktown till after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781].

He was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. He has record of his age in his family bible at his house which was made by his Father.



³ road? or river?

⁴ The declarant clearly has confused the timing of the Siege of Charleston by the British under Sir Henry Clinton in the winter and early spring of 1780 with the Battle of Eutaw Springs that did not occur until September 1781. It may well be, however, that declarant's company was stationed at Eutaw Springs early in the winter of 1780 in an effort to prevent the backcountry Tories from joining Clinton's army in its efforts to take Charleston.

He lived in the counties heretofore named when he entered the service, since he lived in the County of Cabarrus North Carolina 11 years. Thence to Cox [Knox?] County Tennessee lived here 3 years. Thence to Pulaski County Kentucky lived here thirty years & thence to Owen County Indiana his present place of residence.

He entered the service in each of the foresaid tours, first as a volunteer and in each of the others as a minute man.

His immediate officers' names he has stated as far as he can now recollect. He recollects to have seen Genl Morgan [Daniel Morgan], Col Davis [William Lee Davidson] who was killed at Baties Ford [sic, Davidson was killed at Cowan's Ford, February 1, 1781] on the Catawba [River]. He saw Genl Gates [Horatio Gates] and some others whose names he cannot now state, they at the time being strangers to him.

He received but one written discharge which is herewith forwarded.

He is acquainted with Thomas C Johnson, a Clergyman, and James M H. Allison, Merchant who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he heretofore forwarded a declaration to the department which was returned and is now, as this applicant believes, in the hands of Thomas T. G. Adams who refuses to give the same to applicant to forward on to the department herewith and he cannot therefore send it.

That he has not documentary evidence of his service other than that herewith forwarded nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services but that he served as herein stated not less than two years and three months as a private in the war of the Revolution and for which he claims a pension.

He hereby relinquishes every claim except for the present to a pension or annuity and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the Agency of any state of this union.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ John McCullough



Test: T. C. Johnson, Clk

[Thomas C Johnson, a clergyman, and James M. H. Allison gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Indiana Owen County: SS: Owen Circuit Court October Term 1834

John McCullough a resident of said County aged Seventy nine years on this 13th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. Judges of our Owen County Circuit Court at their October Term in the year 1834 now sitting, and being first duly sworn on his oath makes the following declarations amendatory of his pension declaration made in the Probate Court of said County on the 13th day of August 1834 "in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832" to wit,

That in the first tour of service in his declaration (and to which this is attached and made a part) mentioned in the Company of Captain Ross, being on the 25th day of July 1776 and ending on the 6th day of November in the same year, that said tour was undertaken and entered upon for three months only; and that applicant with his company and under the command as in said declaration named served out said tour which expired on the 25th day of October 1776 at Newark when and where the Company

was disbanded, and returned home; and that on the 6th day of November 1776 he received the document of that date enclosed in his former declaration, on the eve of his starting to Carolina. That the time he served from the time he left the Captain's house as in said declaration mentioned till they were discharged from the company was only three months, which applicant served faithfully and further he saith not.

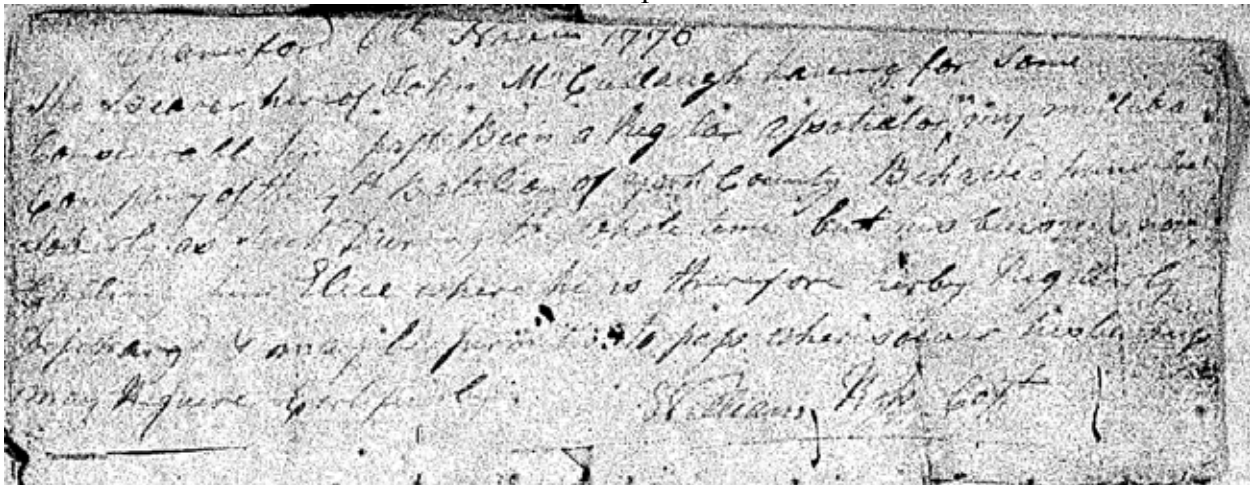
S/ John McCullough, X his mark

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Chanceford 6th Novr. 1776

The Bearer [?] herof [hereof] John McCullough having for Some Considerable time past Been a Regular Assotiator [?] in my militia Company of the 4th Batalion [Battalion] of York County Behaved himself SO [too faint to discern] AS Such During the whole time but his business now Calling him Elice where [elsewhere] he is therfor [therefor] herby Regularly Discharg'd [discharged] & may be permitted to pass wheresoever his business may Require Certified by

S/ William Ross Capt.



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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State, that John McCullough a private in Captain Cole's Company enlisted on the 8th of February 1777 in the 4th Regiment for the term of three years, that he was a prisoner on the 14th of April 1779, and was mustered again on February 1779. 1779

Given under my hand this 13th day of April 1835

S/ Wm Hill

[Note: the above clearly appears to a veteran other than the veteran who is the subject of this file since this John McCullough never claimed to have been in the NC Continental Line.]

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State of Indiana Owen County Sct. Owing Probate Court November Term 1835

Shadrach Pierson⁵ aged 80 years and first duly sworn in open court upon his oath saith, that he is personally acquainted with John McCullough of said County who has applied to the war Department for a pension under the act of June 7, 1832. That sometime in the year 1780 he was with the American Militia at the battle of the Sassafras fields in Mecklenburg County in North Carolina, and seen George Lock, son of Matthew Lock , and seen said Lock's head was cut off and seen two soldiers place them on a bay horse with black mane and tail, to be carried from the field and believed that said John McCullough was one of said men, from the best knowledge information and belief which he has upon the subject, and that ever since his acquaintance with said John he has heard him spoken of as having been a soldier in the revolution and further he saith not.

S/ Shadrach Pierson, X his mark

Andrew Evans aged 76 years who being first duly sworn upon his oath, saith, that he was well acquainted with George Moderill of said County of Owen, who is since deceased, and heard said Moderill state repeatedly during a period of the last 30 years, that he was one of the militia in the battle of the Sassafras fields in North Carolina, and knew, that John McCullough now of Owen County Indiana was in the militia who were engaged in said battle and that said McCullough was in the service in said engagement, and deponent saith that said Moderill was a man of truth, and his statement entitled to credit – and deponent saith that he is also acquainted with said John McCullough and has no hesitation in saying that he believes that he was in the revolutionary war and served as he states. And further he saith not.

S/ Andrew Evans, Senior, X his mark

[Note: Beginning on page 28 and running through page 34, there appears to be another application filed by the veteran, but the images of that document as posted on Fold3.com are completely illegible. The images are so faint that not even the occasional word on them can be discerned until page 34 which is a standard certificate by the court that they believe the application to establish that the veteran was a soldier in the Revolution. If anyone has a transcript of this application, please let us post it in this database.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 9 months in the Pennsylvania and North Carolina militia as. The initial pension of \$20 per annum was increased to \$30 per annum.]

⁵ This MAY be the same man as [Shadrach Pearson \(Pierson\) S35551](#) who based his claim on service in the Continental Army.