

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh McNary (McNarey) S33067

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State of Illinois Morgan County

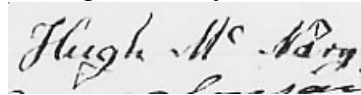
On this Fifth day of September in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open court before James Green, William Gillham and William Wood Judges of the County Commissioners court of said County of Morgan now sitting Hugh McNary resident of said County and state aged Seventy years, who being 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the fall of the year 1779, he was drafted to serve a tour of duty of three months in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, as a Militia man in the service of the United States, not being in a situation to serve in person, he furnished a substitute, his brother William McNary who was accepted & was mustered into service at Salisbury, and served the tour of duty, but deponent does not know the name of any of the officers with, or under whom he served. Shortly after the defeat of General Gates [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] the deponent volunteered and entered the service as a private in a company commanded by Capt. Todd [John Todd], the company marched from Rowan County, where it was organized, to Charlotte in Macklenberg [sic, Mecklenburg] County North Carolina, and there joined other companies of Militia, the whole of the companies encamped about six miles below Charlotte. If these companies were organized into a Regiment or Battalion, deponent does not recollect the name of the Commandant, there was about 3 or 4 hundred men and they entered the service to protect the people from injury from the incursions of the British soldiers, the British Army at that time being at Campden [sic, Camden, SC] deponent was in service on this expedition about one month; In the year 1780, deponent volunteered to serve a tour of duty as a mounted militia man to joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] in the South, he entered the service in a company commanded by Capt. William Wilson, the company was formed in Rowan County North Carolina, and was attached to a Battalion commanded by Major Joseph McDowell, whose name was generally pronounced 'McDolle.'" The Battalion joined the Army under General Morgan between 10 and 20 days before the Battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781], deponent was in the Battle of the Cowpens, where the Enemy first gave way the Americans pursued them deponent was in front and got far enough ahead of his company to stop a British officer, the officer surrendered, deponent dismounted and took from the officer his Holsters and pistols, and after getting them, he discovered, that his company had stopped pursuit and were retreating back, he mounted his horse and returned leaving the British officer, but took

the Holsters and pistols which he afterwards sold, shortly after this Battle, the Battalion commanded by Major McDowell was disbanded -- This declarant served in this Tour about six weeks, but received a discharge for a Tour of three months. -- and always 1781 deponent was drafted to serve a regular Tour of duty of three months in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, he was attached to a company under the command of Capt. Hugh Robinson the company marched from Rowan County towards Wilmington, and on the march joined a Regiment commanded by Col. Lofton [William Lofton], The Regiment was afterwards commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], not far from Wilmington the Regiment joined another Regiment commanded by General Butler [John Butler]. The two regiments marched to Cape Fear [River]. They encamped one night on the farm of one Clayton on the waters of Cape Fear, after the sentinels were posted out, news arrived in Camp, that the British forces were advancing towards the Encampment, an order for a march was immediately issued, and such was the Haste and confusion, occasioned by the news, that the Army took up the line of march without calling in or relieving the sentinels. The deponent was on guard and one of the sentinels that night, when the Army had proceeded about a mile, the sentinels pursued and overtook it, the Army marched that night about 15 miles, and encamped not far from Cape Fear, having joined other companies of Militia 3 or 400 in number, the Army remained on Fear until the British left Wilmington and was then discharged, deponent served on this expedition about twelve weeks. The deponent further states, that during the years 1780 and 1781 he was involved as a minute man subject to be called out into Service whenever the service of the Militia should be required. The country was then infested with British and Tories, and it was necessary to keep them in subjection. That the militia should always be ready to pursue them and the deponent belonged to a company of what was called minute men, a part of the time the company was under the command of Capt. Wilson, and a part Capt. Todd, and during those two years deponent was frequently in the field and in the service in addition to the services herein before stated, deponent does not know, whether under any regulations, he could be considered in service the whole of years 1780 and 1781 for a part of the time he was at home, but he was always ready to march when called on, and the officers, claimed the right to require his services whenever they thought proper, but whether the company to which he belonged was organized under the authority of the United States, or the State of North Carolina he cannot state, he was then young and able and willing to serve, and when called on never stopped to inquire about the legality or regularity of orders. The deponent never received one cent of pay from the Government for his services, owing to the loss of his discharges and to his removal from North Carolina shortly after the close of the war, he never obtained the small pittance that would have been paid to him, if he could have been present at the proper times with his discharges. He knows of no person in the State of Illinois by whom he can prove his services, he has lost all the discharges and certificates of service which he obtained. He was in Kentucky in October 1829 where his brother John McNary then resided, and thinking it proper, that at some time the United States would make some provision for the Militia who served in the Revolutionary war, he requested his brother to make an affidavit of the fact, that deponent had served, his brother made the affidavit hereto attached, since that time his brother has departed this life, -- The deponent being interrogated by the court states, that he was born in Baskenridge [?] Township Morris County New Jersey, on the 21st of August 1762 he has a Record of his age, which he copied from a Record made by his father, he saw the Original Record made by his father, at his Brother's in Kentucky three years ago, he has already stated where he was living when called into service. He removed from Rowan County North Carolina to Fayette County Kentucky in 1783, remained there until 1811

he then removed to Harrison County Indiana remained there until 1823 when he removed to Greene County Illinois. In 1825 he removed to Morgan County Illinois where he now lives. He has already stated how he was called into service. He did not become personally acquainted with any of the officers of the Regular Army except General Morgan and Col. Washington [William Washington], as he now recollects. He received a discharge for a tour of duty of three months for the services rendered in Capt. William Wilson's company attached to the Battalion commanded by Major McDowell but he does not remember who signed the discharge, that discharge he lost, he also received discharges or certificates for the other tours of duty herein stated, but they are all lost, at that time he did not consider a discharge of any value, he served his country to aid in obtaining Independence and not for pay. 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Hugh McNary



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Dennis Rockwell, clerk

The Commonwealth of Kentucky Muhlenberg County

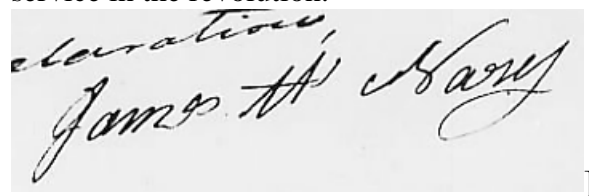
Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John McNary who being sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he is a brother of Hugh McNary Jr.¹ now of Morgan County and State of Illinois, that the said Hugh McNary Jr. entered the Service of the United States during the revolutionary War with Great Britain in the year 1779 and that he was in the service at the battle of the Cowpens.

Given under my hand the first day of October 1829

S/ J. Langley, JP

[John Green, a clergyman, and Elam Brown gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: James McNairy, 42, gave an affidavit in support of his father's application for a pension. He states that he recalls hearing his uncles John and William McNary talk about his father's service in the revolution.



State of Illinois Morgan County


Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid Hugh McNary who has heretofore subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, in who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and consequent loss of

¹ There is some mark following "McNary" I'm not sure it is "Jr." but I think that it is.

memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served on the first tour mentioned in his declaration at the least one month; as a private in Capt. Todd's company, he served on the 2nd tour of duty under Capt. William Wilson at least 6 weeks, and received a discharge certifying that he had performed a full tour of duty of 3 months, he served on the 3rd tour of duty under Capt. Hugh Robinson at the least 12 weeks and he believes longer, but fixes the time at 12 weeks after the service under Capt. Robinson he was enrolled as a minute man and hailed bound to serve during the year 1781 from the time of General Gates defeat to the termination of the war, he was in service not all the time in the field or in camp but by voluntarily joining a company of minute men, he became and was the bound by the laws of honor, and patriotism as a soldier in the service of the country, and when he was not in the field or in camp, he was at home merely by permission of the officers, he was never discharged from service until the end of the war, he cannot state how long he was thus bound to service, except by reference to the time of General Gates defeat and the end of the war, having served after Gates defeat twelve weeks under Capt. Robinson, he thinks that he can safely say that he was bound to serve [several words obliterated] 1780 the close of the war, and in this service provided his own horses, arms and equipment, this service consisted as has before stated in defending the inhabitants & the country and keeping the Tories in subjection. It appears from the History of the Revolution that Cornwallis surrendered on the 19th of October 1781. The Deponent was discharged from service some time after this event. He is willing that the department as to make this part of his service as a minute man at 10 months though he is satisfied he served longer.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 8th day of May 1833

S/ Hugh McNary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh McNary". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Hugh McNary".

S/ Geo. Rearick, JP

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Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid Hugh McNary who is the same person who heretofore subscribed the foregoing declaration and affidavit and who being duly sworn states that since making the said declaration and affidavit, he has made inquiry as to the dates and periods of his service in the Revolutionary War, and has aided his memory five memorandums in his possession of the places of his residence, and also by reference the Historical facts, and although he is not now able to state positively the length of time that he was in the service, yet his best recollection is, that he served under Captain Todd as before stated at least one month, he served under Captain William Wilson at least six weeks, – he served under Captain Hugh Robinson at least twelve weeks, after his service expired under Captain Robinson, he has already stated, that he joined a company of minute men, this company was first formed and organized by Captain Wilson shortly after General Gates' defeat, for the purpose of defending the Inhabitants against attacks of the Tories. It was composed of mounted Volunteers the company was armed and mounted and mustered as other troops were in the service of the United States, this applicant has already stated, that he was bound to service in this company or in the minute service more than two months, but that a part of this two months he was at home, he cannot swear to the time, that he was in the line or

garrison with an embodied Corps, but he states his best recollection and his belief, that he served with the company in the field at least 5 months he was bound to service as he has heretofore stated, and the time of service now stated in braces the time, that he was actually in the field, on duty, he supposes that the officers had competent authority to organize the company & keep the men in Service, but he does not know, whether they acted under orders from officers of the United States Army, or officers of the State. It was understood at the time of the service that these officers had authority for doing what they did.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 18th day of November 1833

S/ Geo. Rearick, JP

S/ Hugh Mc nary

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]