

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph McReynolds S33070

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State of Indiana County of Posey: SS

On this the twenty Sixth day of February A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Posey County Circuit Court, now sitting -- Joseph McReynolds, a resident of Smith Township, in the County of Posey, and State of Indiana: aged Seventy years, on the 12th day of December last past who first being 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. -- That on the sixteenth day of December A.D. 1779 -- when living in the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina, he was drafted in a company of Militia of the State commanded by Captain Porter -- attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Harrison [Thomas Harrison] in a Major Dixson [sic, Henry Dixon], marched from Caswell County through Guilford to Pedee [River], had two skirmishes with the Tories at Pedee -- Marched from there to Fishing Ford, on Broad River, ranged there two or three weeks, and was then discharged by Col. Harrison on the 16th of March 1779 -- having served the time for which he was drafted -- in the month of November 1780, he volunteered for three months in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Coleman [Spillsby Coleman] attached to Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Murphey and a Major Lawson, marched from Caswell County through Salisbury to the Catawba River at Beatties Ford, the 3rd morning after the Regiment reached the Ford, the British approached opposite bank of the River, and commenced cannonading the camp, a short time, but without doing any injury -- they then moved down the River, about 6 or 7 miles, to Cowan's Ford, crossed, and attacked a detachment of militia, under command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson],¹ who was killed during the engagement -- were driven from the Ford, to Torrance Lane [Tarrant's Tavern, February 1, 1781], was there overtaken by the Enemy, under the command of Col. Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton], were again put to flight and retreated to Salisbury -- seven miles below Salisbury they joined a branch of the Continental Army under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] -- marched with Morgan to Guilford Court House, where General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] took command from there he marched through Caswell County, to Dan River, with the Enemy in close pursuit, General Greene [Nathanael Greene] crossed the River with his troops, the Enemy then abandoned the pursuit and marched to Hillsboro. General Greene then recrossed the River and discharged the militia. This was in the month of February 1781 -- says that three days after his

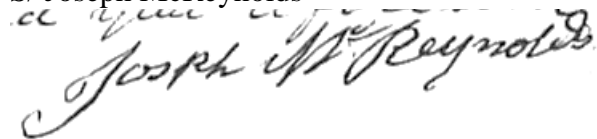
¹ February 1, 1781.

discharge he again volunteered in a company of militia commanded by Capt. William Sanders attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. William Moore -- and Major Pasks [sic, Parks?] -- was out three months in that campaign during which time he was at the battle at Guilford Court House in the month of March 1781 [March 15, 1781] -- General Greene commanded; Col. Washington [William Washington] and Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Continental Army were officers under General Greene at that time, -- in the month of July 1781 he again volunteered in a company of Militia Horseman, under the command of Capt. Haraldson [sic, Herndon Haralson] commanded by Major McClure was out in that campaign three months marched from Caswell to Camden in South Carolina and there joined the Continental Army commanded by General Greene, says he marched from Camden to Eutaw Springs, was in the battle fought there, in the month of September 1781 [September 8, 1781] -- was discharged and returned home and October following -- has the depositions of Alexander McMennamy² and Samuel Motheral³ of Wilson County State of Tennessee, taken before Joseph Kirkpatrick a Justice of the peace in said Wilson County (duly certified by the Clerk and president Judge of the Wilson County Court) who were known to his Service as a soldier of the Revolution which said depositions are hereby made a part of this declaration (See the Depositions Mark A on the back) says he was born in Caswell County North Carolina December the 12th A.D. 1762 -- has no record of his age, had one in his Bible, but it was burnt in a school house, about 30 years ago -- that he lived in Caswell County when called into service, removed to Tennessee in 1802 -- lived there until November 1831 when he removed to the place where he now lives in Smith Township, Posey County, State of Indiana. -- Says that on the 16th day of December A.D. 1778 he was drafted and served three months was out three other campaigns three months at each time as a volunteer recollects that Generals Greene (Militia Davidson), Morgan and Colonels Washington, Lee of Continental Army were commanding officers under whom he served, when the regulars & militia moved in concert [sic]-- does not recollect the name or Number of any of the Continental or militia regiments -- had three written discharges one given by Col. Harrison, one by Col. Palmer (successor to Col. Murfey) one by Col. Moore, but have lost them, he says that the Rev. Alexander R. Downey and Robert Downey are his neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity and of 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 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 --

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court 26th February 1833

S/ W. E. Stewart, Clerk

S/ Joseph McReynolds



[Alexander R. Downey, a clergyman, and Robert Downey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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² [Alexander McMennamy S4201](#)

³ [Samuel Motherall W971](#)

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Alcorn one of the Justices of the peace for said County Sarah Williams, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith as follows -- I was born in Caswell County North Carolina and according to the best of my belief born on the 13th day of September 1766 being 67 years of age September last, I lived in the neighborhood where he Joseph McReynolds Senior lived at the time of the Revolutionary War, and was at that time, and ever since well acquainted with him, and though I was at that time young, I well recollect that he served three tours in the Militia service three months each I believe, -- the first tour I know he was drafted, I believe the next tour he volunteered in the foot, and I think he served a third tour in the foot, and I know he was out in the last tour in the light horse -- he was out at the time of the battle of Guilford -- and I understood [he] was in the battle -- I well recollect that the last tour he came home sick and the Soldiers of the neighborhood got home first, that it was reported that he was dead, but after a few days he arrived to the great joy of his parents. The said Joseph McReynolds is now a Citizen of Posey County Indiana, Smith Township, and I have been well acquainted with him and know him to be a man of good same for truth and veracity and believes his statements may be relied on. I would suppose the said Joseph McReynolds to be about 71 or 2 years of age 19th of June 1834.

S/ Sarey Williams, X her mark

[Richard Bull, 77, blacksmith, formerly of Orange County, NC, gave a supporting affidavit.]

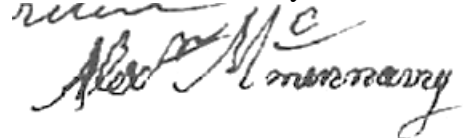
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State of Tennessee Wilson County December 24th 1832 this day personally appeared before me Joseph Kirkpatrick an acting Justice of the peace for said County Alexander McMennary who was born on the 15th of September 1759 and Samuel Motheral who was born on the 2nd of March 1757 who states on oath as follows

I was personally acquainted with Joseph McReynolds formerly of North Carolina Caswell County & late of Sumner County Tennessee from a Small Boy McReynolds & myself entered the Service at the same time in the light horse company but remained there but a few days then joined the foot under Capt. William Sandres [Sanders] under the command of General Greene and were at the battle of Guilford Court house together in the State of North Carolina the said McReynolds has moved to the Indiana State Posey County as I have understood and believe. Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day & date first written.

S/ J. Kirkpatrick, JP

S/ Alex^r McMennary [sic]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alex^r McMennary". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

I was personally acquainted with Joseph McReynolds before he was grown he lived in the same neighborhood I lived in State of North Carolina Caswell County we both removed to Tennessee he settled in Sumner County & I settled in Wilson County about four miles apart he moved last year to the State of Indiana Posey County as I have understood & believe we were both in the revolutionary war together but not in the same company he belonged to the horse and I to the foot Company I was twice marched to South Carolina and was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs and McReynolds was with us in one of these marches but which I am not able at this time to say. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & date first written.

S/ J. Kirkpatrick, JP

S/ Samuel Motheral

Samuel Motheral

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$42.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the infantry and 3 months in the cavalry, all as a private in the North Carolina militia.]