

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McLeod ¹ S33082

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State of North Carolina Macon County: Superior Court of law October Term 1832

On this 9th Day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judge of our Superior [court] holden for me can now sitting William McCloud [sic] a resident of Macon in the County of Macon and State of North Carolina aged seventy-one 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. Griffith Rutherford Brig. Gen. over whom was General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Major General in the United States Army Francis Locke was Col. of the Regiment of the militia in which I served and a certain __Lewis Major -- William Wilson Capt. I entered the service sometime in the month of November 1778 and was discharged on the 10th day of May 1779 this being my first term of service. My second term of service commenced in June 1781 & ended on the 19th of October in the same year. In the second term General Nathaniel Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] was our Major General & a certain __Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] our Col. George Dowell Captain. I resided in Rowan County and State of North Carolina when I entered the service and was drafted for my two principal Terms. I was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and at Cowan's Ford [February 1, 1781] when Brig. General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] fell. In the first Campaign I marched through Charlotte in NC and Camden SC to within ten miles [of] Charleston in the same State thence westward to Purrysburg ten miles above Savannah Georgia & up & down the Savannah River & was discharged at the Smokey Camps on said River. In the second tour we rendezvoused at Salisbury North Carolina and marched thence to Charlotte thence to Camden SC thence across the Wateree River on to the Congaree [River] at the High Hills near Waynesboro where we joined General Greene thence to the Eutaw Springs where we fought the battle² & returned with prisoners to Rowan thence into Virginia on the North side of Dan River 25 miles where we were relieved & returned to the Shallow Ford on the Yadkin River where we were discharged. I served with a Regiment of the Maryland line at the Eutaw Springs of which Col. Howard [John Eager Howard of the Maryland Continental line] was our commander. Colonels Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] & Washington [William Washington] were on our right & left -- Lee on our right & Washington on our left in the battle. I had discharges some years ago but have lost them. I have in my

¹ BLWt7053-160-55

² The Battle of Eutaw Springs was fought on September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.irshelby.com/eutaw.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

possession a certificate of Capt. James Crawford certifying as to my services when I was about to remove from his company to Morrison's Company dated the March 4th 1782 which is herewith transmitted. As to my five months tour I know a certain Major Robert Carson if alive whose deposition I had sent for.

Also served several short tours of what was called minute or voluntary service amounting in all to about seven weeks. The first service was between my first & last principal service in the month of January 1781 and it was in this term that I while serving as a picket guard that I saw General Davidson fall.³

I was born in 1761 in Scotland

I have no record of my age

I have lived in Rowan County & Iredell County North Carolina ever since the revolutionary war until the year 1827 when I moved to Haywood NC thence last Christmas into this County.

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.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm McLeod

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Wm McLeod". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

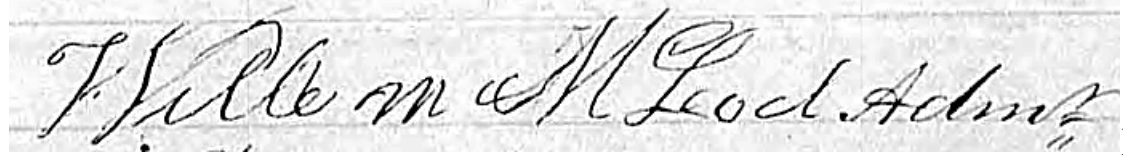
[Humphrey Posey [could be Humphrey Percy], a clergyman, and John Stevenson gave these standards supporting affidavit.]

[p 15, on March 24, 1855, William McLeod, aged 97, a resident of Fannin County State of Georgia filed for his bounty land entitlement as a revolutionary soldier. He signed this document with his mark.]

[p 10, on November 10, 1860 in Fannin County Georgia, William McLeod, Junior, aged 60,

³ William Lee Davidson died at Cowan's Ford on the Catawba River on February 1, 1781.

administrator of the estate of William McLeod, Senior, filed a court document in which he alleges that his father obtained any land grant for 160 acres issued September 29th 1855 which land is now occupied by Linsey Gaddis without legal authority from William McLeod Senior; that William McLeod died on January 3, 1856 in the County of Fannin in the State of Georgia, leaving no widow surviving but the following children all of legal age, William McLeod, Ebenezer McLeod, Mason McLeod, Camelia Howell and Roseannah Gaddis.



William McLeod Adm^r

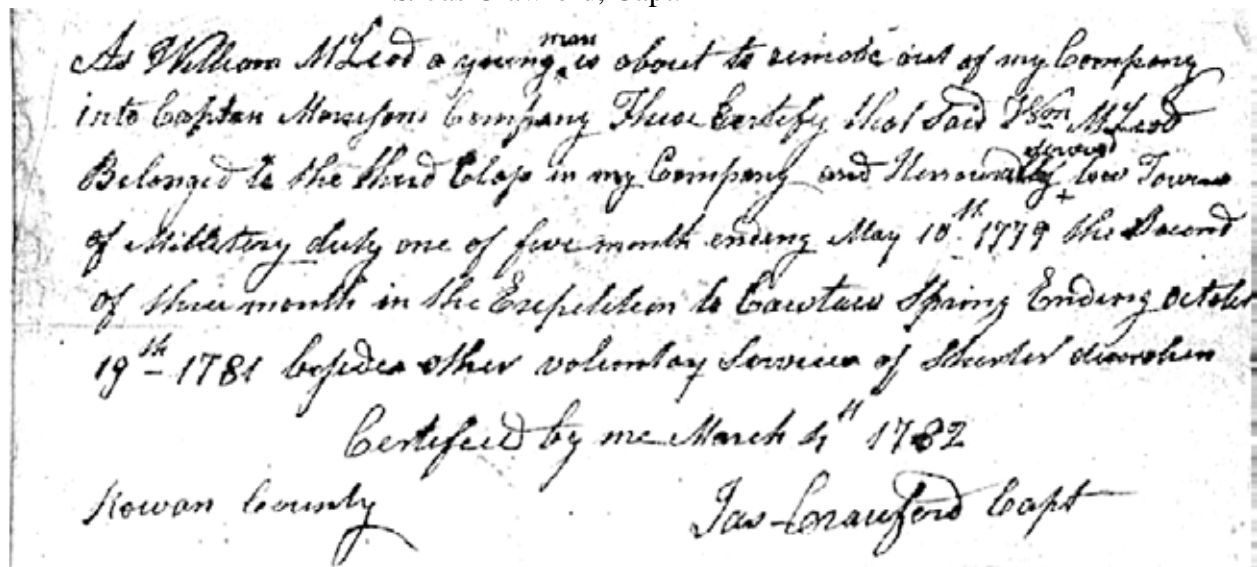
[p 2 second file]

"As William McLeod a young man is about to remove out of my Company into Capt. Morrison's Company These Certify that said William McLeod Belonged to the 3rd Class in my Company and Honorably served two tours of Military duty one of five months ending May 10th 1779 the second of three months in the Expedition to Eutaw Springs ending October 19th 1781 besides other voluntary Services of shorter duration.

Certified by me Marched forth 1782

Rowan County

S/ Jas Crawford, Capt."



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Certified by me March 4th 1782

Rowan County Jas Crawford Capt

[p 18 second file]

State of North Carolina Macon County

This day came before me the undersigned clerk of the court of pleas and quarter sessions of said County William McLeod and made oath in due form of law and deposeth and saith upon oath that he did file and make his declaration in the County of Macon and State of North Carolina

At October term of law in the year 1732 Judge Swain present & filed my declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 granting pensions to certain Individuals of the revolutionary war. I entered the service in the year 1778 as a drafted man for the term of five months under the command of Capt. James Crawford in the month of

December my term of service ended on the 10 day of May 1779. I entered a second time as a drafted man under Capt. James Crawford a two month tour in the year 1780. I entered a third time a three months tour under Capt. James Crawford in the year 1781.

I was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs in the year 1781 I received a certificate from my Capt. James Crawford and sent it on with my declaration and other papers but got Joseph Donaldson to draw me a copy from the original before I sent it off. I herewith send off a copy of the original and the affidavit of Joseph Donaldson to certify that it is a true copy I sent on other papers that I had procured from other man but kept no copy of them.

I enlisted the service in Rowan County NC was marched to South Carolina.

I have no living witness as I know of that I can prove any of my service by I hereby declare that I relinquish all claim to a pension or annuity only the present and further certify that my name is not on the pension roll of any State.

I was born in the month of August 1761 in Scotland I received a record of my age from my Parents and have it not I was living in the County of Rowan NC when called into service and have lived in NC ever since the war of the Revolution and now live in Macon County NC

I was drafted -- I was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs

Some of the names of the regular officers that I was acquainted with our Col. Howard, Col. Lee and Col. Washington

I received a discharge but has lost it

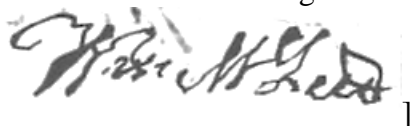
I never had a commission in my declaration I gave the names of Humphrey Posey as a clergyman and Col. John Stevenson as a citizen to certify to my character

Sworn to before me the 8th day of February 1834

S/ John Patham, Clk

S/ William McLeod, X his mark

[p 14, second file: on June 27, 1848, in Union County Georgia, the veteran file for the transfer of his pension benefit from the North Carolina agency to the Georgia agency having moved from North Carolina to Georgia to be with his children.



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 10 months in the North Carolina militia.]