

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Revolutionary War Pension Application of John McLaughlin, S34987
Transcription by Donald C. McGlothlen, 4th great grandson of Revolutionary War Private John McLaughlin, S34987.

The following is a verbatim transcription of the transmittal letter dated 12 August 1819 from Matthew Lyon, Pension Agent in Eddyville, Caldwell Co., KY, to John C. Calhoun, Secretary of War in Washington City, and the enclosed pension applicant John McLaughlin's renewed (updated) Invalid's pension application of 28 May 1818. (The transmittal letter refers to John McLaughlin's original pension application as being dated 28 May 1818. Dates of 25 and 26 May also appear in the record.

It appears from these items that John McLaughlin's renewed pension application was dated as Eddyville August 12th 1819.

Sir

I enclose & send the application of
John McLaughlin for a pension

It seems that McLaughlin applied to the Court in May 1818 on the Subject of his pension & was heard, that he depended on my forwarding the copy of the record of his application without his doing and thing farther on his part; altho I charged him as well as every other such applicant after the issuing of the Court to bring me the Copy of the record from the Clerk. Thus he has waited in expectation like some of those who applied about the same time for an Answer until last Court when I found that his application had never gone forward to your office. I then told him to renew his application to the Court in order to obtain a certificate exactly agreeing with the form

required by your office of which I have lately received a Copy. he has done so. it is inclosed with a Copy of his old application which is sent in order that his pension may commence at the date of it which is May 28, 1818.

I perceive that there are more than twice as many got on the pension list under the law of March 18th 1818 than I believed were living who had served in the Revolutionary Continental Army; so that contrary to my early opinion all your Caution was necessary I am very respectfully your

Obed Srvt

M Lyon

The Secretary of War

The following item is a verbatim proceeding transcription of the 26 July 1819 Caldwell Co., KY Court wherein John McLaughlin placed on record his updated statement of Revolutionary War service / Pension application followed by the Court's transcription of his original 25 May 1818 statement of Revolutionary War service / Pension application.

Items updated included his enlistment date and enlistment officer. This court record was certified for accuracy by John H. Phelps, clerk of the Caldwell Co., KY Court on August 3, 1819 and certified as being in "true form of law" on August 12, 1819 by John Bradley, Presiding Magistrate of the Caldwell Co., KY Court.

State of Kentucky Caldwell County Ct.

In the record of proceedings in the County Court of said County among others are the following to wit

Be it remembered that at a County Court begun & held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse

in the town

of Princeton on Monday the 26th day of July

1819 the following proceedings were had to wit = On motion of John McLaughlin he produced here in court the following instrument and makes oath to the truth thereof which Instrument is ordered to be recorded and reads as follows to wit "Commonwealth of Kentucky Caldwell County (ss?) at a County Court holden at Princeton in & for this County on Monday the 26th of July 1819 personally appeared John McLaughlin aged sixty four years resident in this County who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the united States in the Revolutionary War." That the said John McLaughlin enlisted sometime in february in the year 1776. at Bedford County Virginia in the company commanded by Capt Gross Schruggs of the 5th Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia commanded by Josiah Parker on the Continental establishment that he continued to Serve in Said Corps two years until he was discharged the service after which time he was frequently in the service and was in the battle of Guilford, That he has lost his health and is attended with many disorders in consequence of the many hard ships he underwent in the Revolutionary War and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in Need of the assistance of his country for support and he has no other evidence of his said services

"And the Court being Satisfied that the said John McLaughlin did serve in the Revolutionary War as Stated in his declaration against the Common Enemy for the term of nine months or more at one time on the Continental establishment and also that the said John McLaughlin needs the assistance of his Country for Support order those proceedings recorded and that a transcript thereof be forwarded to the Secretary of the department of war together with a transcript of the record of the said John McLaughlin's application to this court in May term 1818 pursuant to the directions of the act of Congress"

Which affidavit is hereby ordered to be certified to the department of war == State of Kentucky Caldwell County Ct

On the record of proceedings in the Caldwell County Court among others are the following to wit== Be it remembered that heretofore to wit

At a County Court begun & held for Caldwell County at the Courthouse in the Town of Princeton on Monday the 25th day of May 1818 the following proceedings were had to wit "John McLaughlin an indigent Revolutionary Soldier of the Continental army personally appeared to be heard on the subject of his claim under the law of the 18th of march 1818 entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Service of the united States and being duly sworn testifies & says that sometime in the year 1775. he enlisted as a Soldier in the County of Bedford Virginia with Capt "Joseph Scuty" as a soldier in the Continental corps commanded by Major Josiah Parker that he enlisted for two years which time he duly served most partly on & near the Chesapeake bay & was properly discharged which discharge he has lost, that since that time he was frequently in the Service of his country and was in the battle of Guilford, that he is reduced in his health and attended with many disorders in consequence

of the hardships he underwent in the Revolutionary war

He further swears that from his reduced circumstances that he needs the assistance of his country for Support"

State of Kentucky Caldwell County to wit

As clerk of the County Court of said county I certify that the forgoing pages contain is a true and perfect transcript of the record in the foregoing application of John McLaughlin for a pension at the

July County Court 1819 as well a true & perfect transcript of the record of his application for a pension at May county court In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand (Seal) & affix the seal of Said County this 3rd day of august 1819 in the 28th year of the commonwealth ss) Jno. H. Phelps

State of Kentucky Caldwell County to wit.

I John Bradley presiding magistrate in for the County aforesaid do certify that the within certificate of John H Phelps (who is clerk of said court) is in due form of law. Given under my hand & seal this 12th day of August 1819 & in the 28th year of the common wealth ss) John Bradley

(John McLaughlin's Cert. of 25/26 May 1818 did not get sent to Washington City until August of 1819 because he misunderstood that he, not the court, had to specifically request an official copy and then take action to send it. As discussed in the transmittal letter, other Revolutionary War pension applicants also did not understand that they, and not the Court, were to initiate the action to send their pension applications to the Secretary of War in Washington City. Donald C. McGlothlen)