

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David McNeely S35524

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State of Illinois County of Pope: Sct.

On this first day of November in the year of our Lord 1826 personally appeared in open court to wit the Circuit Court in and for the County of Pope and State of Illinois, being a court of record, David McNeely a resident of said County aged about seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first May 1820. That he the said David McNeely enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of April in the year 1777, in the State of Virginia, in the Company commanded by Captain Adam Wallace, in the 7th Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath [William Heth], in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the __ day of __ in the year 1779, when he was discharged honorably from service, in the State of North Carolina. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the roll of any State and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension viz.: That until within a short time he has been (although without property) able to support himself comfortably, by his labor, but that now from age and infirmity he is entirely unable to gain a support by work, and is therefore compelled to solicit his Country's aid – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatever – That ever since the 18th day of March 1818, there has been no change in my property. I am a laborer (when able) and have no family whatever.

S/ David McNeely¹

State of Illinois Franklin County: Sct.

This 19th day of September 1826 personally appeared before William Farris an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said County, John G Simpkins² and Samuel Gardner and made

¹ The signature is in the same handwriting as the balance of the document so I am assuming this is a copy of the original application and therefore does not bear the original of the veteran signature

² [John G. Simpkins R9592](#)

oath That David McNeilly who is about to apply for a pension as a Revolutionary Soldier was personally known by them as a Soldier in the revolutionary war, on Continental establishment, between the year 1777 and 1779, that the said David McNeilly enlisted sometime in the month of April 1777 for the period of 3 years in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Adam Wallace in the 7th Regiment commanded by Colonel Heath, in the line of the State of Virginia, on the Continental Establishment, and was honorably discharged from said Service sometime in the year 1779 in the State of North Carolina. They further make oath that they knew the said David McNeely in the service aforesaid at Valley Forge and at Eutaw Springs &c/

S/ John G Simpkins, X his mark

S/ Samuel Gardner

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Gardner". The word "Samuel" is written in a larger, more prominent hand, and "Gardner" is written in a similar but slightly smaller hand. There is a small, faint mark above the "u" in "Gardner" that appears to be a checkmark or a similar symbol.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 1, 1826, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]