

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Maccoun (Macconn) S36068

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State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 9th day of March 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the State of Kentucky & sole judge of the Cumberland Circuit personally appeared James Maccoun aged seventy-five years, resident in Cumberland County in the said district, who, being by me first 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 he, the said James Maccoun enlisted for the term of three years on the __ day of __ 1776 in Rockbridge County in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Buyer of the Regiment commanded by Colonel __ in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the close of the Revolutionary [war], when he was discharged from service in the year 1781 & state of Virginia that he was in the battles of York at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at Jamestown, and others, which from the frailty of memory he cannot recollect – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.
Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid
[Attested by Christopher Tompkins, Judge]

Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

On this 14th day of May 1821 personally appeared in Open court (it being a Court of record) so made declared and recognized by the laws of the State aforesaid and which have the power of fine and imprisonment – James Maccoun of the County & state aforesaid aged about seventy-seven years – who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God according to law doth make the following oath and declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress of the 18th day of March 1818 and of the first day of May 1820 – That he enlisted in Rockbridge County in the state of Virginia on the __ day of __ 1776 for the term of three years in the Company commanded by Captain Buyer of the Regiment commanded by Colonel__ his name I do not now recollect, in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps or service of the United States until the termination & close of the revolutionary War; when he was honorably discharged from service in the year 1781 in the State of Virginia. That he was in the Battles of York at the taking of Cornwallis at James Town and several other small Battles and Skirmishes not at this [time] recollected distinctly – from the frailty of his recollection – that he is in needy & reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – that he had

declined in his own mind since the date of his first declaration of making any further request from the Government for remuneration for his services, but from actual & reel necessity he is reduced & compelled to exhibit this Declaration – & he further states, that he has no other evidence now in his power of his knowledge in any part of the United States of his said services.

That he is and was a resident and citizen of the United States of America on the 18th day of March 1818, that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed – 152 acres of 3rd rate land – and several small farming utensils – all worth about \$350.00. He states that his occupation is that of a farmer or laborer and from age and infirmity and from youth for intemperances which are now in the EE of life seriously felt he is unable to support himself by his own labor – his family yet living with him are helpless as himself – And the County Court of Cumberland Certify that they are satisfied from evidence produced to them that the schedule subscribed and signed by the said James Maccoun is just and true –

[attested by John E King, Clerk of the County Court of Cumberland June 4, 1821]

[f p. 7: On September 8, 1823 in Cumberland County Kentucky, the veteran filed yet another application in this one giving his age as being about 79. In this application he states that he has no person living with him except his wife who is almost helpless. He says that his schedule of property is the same as attached to his earlier application except that he as his land is very poor and little cleared.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 8, 1823, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]