

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Daniel McCoy S36083

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

County of Fauquier and State of Virginia.

Daniel McCoy formerly of the county and state aforesaid but at present a citizen of Garrard county in the state of Kentucky appear'd in the court of Fauquier county, in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the untied states in the revolutionary war" Whereupon the said Dan'l. McCoy made oath that about June or July 1779 [sic: 1780] he enlisted in the county of Fauquier state afores'd. to serve eighteen months on the continental establishment and was place under the command of Col Jno. Green [John Green] of the second virginia detachment in September following, which said detachment was afterwards under the command of Colo. Sam'l Hawes [Samuel Hawes], that while in said detachment he belong'd to a company commanded by Capt. Ben. Lawson [Benjamin Lawson], and that after the death of capt. Lawson the said Daniel McCoy was plac'd in a company commanded by Capt. Francis Cowherd of said detachment that he the said Dan'l. was discharg'd about the beginning of the year 1781 [sic: 1782] in Charlotte N. Carolina by Major Smith Sneed [sic: Smith Sneed] having compleated a service of eighteen months in the revolutionary army on the continental establishment – that during the said service he the s'd. Dan'l. was in the battles of Guilford Ct. house [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], and Eutaw Springs [sic: Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781] he was also at the seige of 96 in south carolina [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. That he has no evidence now in his power of his said services except the affidavit of Wm. Hughlett [William Hughlett, pension application S38055] hereto annexed. The said Dan'l. McCoy farther made oath in open court as afores'd. that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his country for support  
[signed] Daniel McCoy

District of Kentucky SS.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1822 personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the county of Garrard and circuit Daniel McCoy aged sixty two years, resident in the s'd. county of Garrard, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: That he volunteered in the fall 1780 at Fauquier courthouse Virginia for the term of 18 months and was put under Capt. Butley [sic: William Bentley] & was incorporated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia regiment commanded by Col. John Green of the continental establishment. That after marching to Petersburg & having a bad spell of sickness, from which he was reported to be dead, he joined General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] two or three days before the battle of Guilford, where the progress of the British was checked on ther way to Virginia after they had overrun the Carolinas. That he was with General Green in every engagement till the British made their final stand at the Eutaw Springs where the British were defeated and the country recovered. This applicant being then in the prime and vigour of youth, when ever the army was stationary, and any expedition was going forward against detachments of British or tories, he preferred being in active service to staying in camp; & often took the places of his acquaintances. On these occasions we generally made forced marches in the night in company with [Lt. Cols. Henry] Lee and Wm. Washington's [William Washington's] lighthorse, and waded through swamps miles in length. That in this service he contracted a rheumatism which has on many occasions since confined him to his bed for months together with swelled knees, to which he is still subject occasionally. That he has resided in Kentucky the most of the time since 1784 and has for upwards of twenty years been in the trade of driving horses to South Carolina & Georgia in the Winter, & to Virginia in the summer, often making two trips a year. That his trade enabled him to raise a family of ten children who

are now nearly all grown & able to support themselves by their own exertions. That he owned a farm of about 260 acres of land in s'd. county was in debt to a considerable amount to divers persons from who he purchased horses but not to as great an amount than he was worth estimating his property at a fair price; and by industry & puntuality he maintained good credit in his trade till last spring when being in South Carolina with a drove of horses he was delayed in selling and his expences being great, rumor aggravated the calamity at home, and many of his creditors being alarmed would give him no further indulgence, commenced suits, obtained judgments, & his property has been sold under execution for the most part for much less than its value, 90 acres of his farm was sold for \$202.50 cents less than half its value and the remainder is now under execution or in mortgage for more than it is worth for the payment of s'd. debt. By this sacrifice of property those creditors who were most indulgent will have to suffer as well as some securities. And I have given up all my property either in law or equity which is not now under execution for the purpose afd.

Under the law of the U.S. of 18 March 1818 I obtained a pension for the sd service by application of 28 Apl. 1818 No. 3706. By the general sale of my property I am unable to pursue my business of horse trading through loss of credit, & I am so aged & infirm as to be but little able to labour at any manual business. My wife woh is living with me is about 58 years of age & more infirm than I am. My service in the revolution for near two years for which I had a discharge was paid in continental money was of little or no value before I reached Fauquier again. But my reward was the success of the cause of my country.

[signed] Daniel McCoy

State of Kentucky } Sct  
County of Garrard }

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1823 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the Garrard Circuit Daniel McCoy resident in said county aged about sixty one 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 acts of congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 that he the said Daniel McCoy enlisted for the Term of Eighteen months on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year 1780 in the fall, in the state of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Bentley in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Green in the line of the state of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the fall in 1782 when he was discharged from said service in Salisbury in the State of North Carolina. that his name was placed on the pension list and Dropt therefrom on account of his property.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> 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 other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed - property - nothing my occupation a farmer. I am frail and not able to support my family by labour. my wife is very sickley my children are all over 21 and act for themselves except one son who is 17 years old.

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Dan'l. McCoy/ age 19/ height 5 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>/ farmer/ residing in Prince William County/ brown hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

The file includes several documents related to the sale of McCoy's property, including the

relinquishment of the dower rights of Agnes McCoy on 6 May 1823.

On 26 Dec 1835 McCoy applied to have his pension transferred to Adams County IL where he had moved "to be with his children, four sons and three wives & families and a daughter who have permanently removed to Clayton, Ill. all my sons and daughters have left Kentucky before or since myself." This application was certified by a son, James McCoy.