Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joshua McQueen S36102 PA VA
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United States of America }
District of Kentucky }

On this 19th day of May 1819 before me the subscriber Judge of the said District personally appeared before me Joshua McQueen aged about sixty three years resident in Madison 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 Joshua McQueen enlisted in the year 1777 at Holledays Cove [Hollidays Cove] in the State of Virginia in the Company comanded by Capt David Steel [David Steele, company raised in Yohogania County VA] of the 13th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, when he was discharged at Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania that he was in the battles of Germantown [4 Oct 1777] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & others and that he is in reduced circumstances poor old & decrepid & unable to labour 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 than that which accompanies this application and that he has never received a pension from the United States

Sworn to and declared before me he day and year aforesaid

At the same time, came personally before me Col James Morrison [possibly pension application W8467], who makes the following statement on oath. viz. That he became acquainted with the above named Joshua McQueen, at Pittsburgh in the year 1778 during the Revolutionary war with great Britain – that he was acting and performing the Duties of a Sergeant in the 13th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, commanded by Col John Gibson and remained in said Regiment until the peace with Great Britain, and was discharged at Pittsburgh in the year 1783 – That he has known him as a Citizen of Madison County in this state ever since the year 1793. That on this occasion he is happy to have an opportunity of stating, that said McQueen during the Revolutionary war, sustained the character of a Brave & Correct non-commissioned officer and in private life, that of Integrity & sobriety. That he is now old, poor & unable to labour, which connected with his Revolutionary Services justly & Legally entitle him to that support which Congress have by law provided for those in his situation, who aided in obtaining Liberty & happiness for our Country.

Rec'd 12 Jany 1831

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled an Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution Approved on the 15th day of May 1828 I Joshua McQueen of the County of Madison and State of Kentucky do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a Sergeant in Capt. Bradys Company of the 9th Virginia Regiment then commanded I think by Major or Col. Campbell in the Brigade or division of Gen'l. [Peter] Muhlenberg And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of Eighty Dollars, or the

pay of a Sergeant to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I was not on the 15th day of May 1828 on the Pension list roll of the united States.

Tophia me

The said Joshua McQueen gives the following additional statement of his service – he was several times taken from the lines & put in the Spy Service sometimes under Pennsylvania officers and then under Virginia Officers – he was selected by Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan at one time to serve in his corps, & served a considerable time in it. the Regiment was so often cut to peices and consolidated that a great part of his time he did not know what Regiment he properly belonged to – that he applied a few years ago to the Commonwealth of Virginia and she gave him his Land bounty for services during the War.

To the Queen

TREASURY DEPARTMENT./ 24 Jan'y 1831.

Joshua McQueen of [blank] in the county of Madison in the State of Kentucky has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. he states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Sergeant in captain Brady's company, in the ninth regiment of the Virginia line: and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th day of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3d of March, 1826, nothing.

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his office.

By Order of the Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, THIRD AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 26th January 1831 It further appears that Joshua McQueen is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3^d March 1826

The name of Joshua McQueen cannot be found among those of the Virginia line, to whom certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars, were issued. Peter Hagner Aud

War Dept Bounty Land Office/ Feb'y 12th 1831

The name of Joshua McQueen is not returned on the Records of the Virginia line, on file in this office, among those, entitled to bounty lands from the U. States, nor has a land Warrant issued in his name

Wm. Gordon

Land Office Va November 29th 1831.

I certify that a Military Land Bounty Warrant No 6578 for 400 acres, bearing date Sept 18th 1823, issued to Joshua McQueen for service as a Sergeant during the war, in the Continental line

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State of Kentucky }
Fayette County } Sct. [24 May 1832]

I Joshua McQueen aged seventy six years do upon Oath tesify & declare that about or in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six or seven I enlisted or entered the service as a private for the term of during the war in the Pennsylvania Regt. Commanded by Col. Richard Butler and afterwards

served in the 12th I think Virginia Regiment under the Command of Col. Gibson and that I continued in the service aforesaid untill the close of the war when I was regularly discharged from the same Regiment commanded by Col. Gibson of the Virginia line when I was a Sergeant, in which capacity I obtained Land from Virginia for services to the close of the War & from the united States pay under the Act of the 15th of May 1828. I further declare I have never received a warrant for the Bounty Land promised to me on the part of the United States, nor have I ever assigned or transfered my claim in any manner whatsoever. [Power of attorney follows]

Rec'd 27 April 1832

Kentucky Fayette County Sct.

John Birch [W8363] of Bath County in the Aforesaid State made Oath before me a Justice of the Peace for said County that he enlisted for during the War of the Revolution in Col. Richard Butlers Regiment of the Pennsylvania line, and before the close of the War he was promoted to an Ensign in said Reg't. and he was personally acquainted with Joshua McQueen who was a Sergeant in the Virginia line, though at the first part of the war said McQueen was a Pennsylvania Soldier and was a part of his time acting as a Spy – he knew said McQueen was in the Regular Service up to the taking of Lord Corn Wallace in 1781 or 1782 [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and after that time he saw him noware untill after the War closed in 1784 or 1785 he was then told by said McQueen that he had served to the end of the War, & he was told by his Brother Soldiers that said McQueen did serve to the close of the war, & he believed said information.

John Birch

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th of March 1832

NOTE: A letter in the file states that Joshua McQueen's pension under the act of 1818 was stopped because he did not submit a schedule of his property as required under the act of 1 May 1820.