

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McCulloch S38936

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State of Tennessee White County: Circuit Court August Term A.D. 1827

On the 4th day of September in the year 1827 Personally appeared in open Court William McCulloch aged about eighty-two years resident in the County of White in the State of Tennessee it being a court of record proceeding according to the course of the common law with a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount keeping a record of its proceedings and having power to fine and imprison On his oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said William McCulloch enlisted for during the war in the Continental establishment about the 25 day of December in the year 1776 in the County of Augusta in the State of Virginia that he was enlisted by Captain __ Land [? perhaps Capt. David Laird of the 10th VA Regt.] (his Christian name not recollected but believed it to be David) and when so enlisted belonged to the Regiment then commanded by Colonel Green [John Green was commander of the 10th VA Regt.] that he continued in the service of the United States of America in the Continental establishment until the close of the war with exception of about fourteen days that he was held a prisoner by the enemy at Charleston South Carolina [Charleston was surrendered by General Benjamin Lincoln May 12, 1780] where he was taken – when he escaped from the enemy and joined the Army of the United States of America at Hillsborough. He further states on his oath that he was in the following battles – the battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], at German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] – Stony Point [July 16, 1779] – Guilford [March 15, 1781] and was engaged in the taking of Cornwallace [Cornwallis] at little York [October 19, 1781], after which he received his discharge from the service of the United States of America at Little York by Captain Nathan Lamb in whose immediate service he had for some time been placed. He states that by accident he lost his discharge and he states that there is no person within his knowledge by whom he can prove his service but by his own oath. And the said William McCulloch hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and that his name is not on the roll of any State and the following are his reasons for not making sooner application, it was not until a very short time back that he could procure anyone to aid him in the use of the necessary means to enable him to procure a pension, and as for himself he never saw that before recited Acts. And he remained entirely ignorant of the means necessary to be and that at the time of the passage of the first law on this Subject he was very poor and in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself and has had ever since to live upon the charitable assistance of his children and the kindness of others and he now states that his occupation has been that of Farmer. That he is now and has been for many years so weak and feeble as to be wholly unable to labor and that he is now and has been for many years past in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the

assistance of his country and at this time and for many years past has been living upon the charity of others he further states that he has a wife living about sixty-three years of age still more a subject of Charity than himself for she is so afflicted with the dead policy as to be entirely useless he has fourteen children living seven Daughters and seven sons two of his Daughters live with him the elder about thirty-three years of age named Catarver[?]¹, the younger about twenty-three years of age named Kezia, and one son about twenty-two years of age named Thomas from these three children he states that he and his wife have for many years obtain the principal part of their support 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 other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, my bedding, wearing apparel and cooking utensils in all not worth more than \$50.

S/ William McCulloch

He states on the 18th day of March 1818 he was possessed of one cow worth about \$10 in addition to his bedding, wearing apparel and cooking utensils that said cow died long since and that is all the changes that his property has underwent since the 18th of March 1818 except the necessary changes of his bedding, wearing apparel and cooking utensils which has been very inconsiderable and was not on the 18th day of March 1818 or at any time since worth more than \$50.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 4th day of September 1827

S/ William McCulloch

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 13th, 1828, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for the war.]



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