

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael McNelly (Menally) [McNally] S38943

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State of Tennessee Blount County: 2nd Judicial Circuit

This 6th day of June 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of law and Equity of said State (said Courts being Courts of record) Personally Appeared Michael McNally [sic] who is now as he says in the seventieth year of his age and a resident of said County of Blount who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the provisions of the late act of Congress which provides for persons who were engaged in the land or naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war to wit that he said Michael McNally in the Town of Winchester in the County of Frederick in the State of Virginia in the month of November as well as he recollects in the year 1775 he enlisted in the regular Army of the United Colonies for three years in a Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Peter Bruin [Peter Bryant Bruin] in the Regiment of Colonel Daniel Morgan a part of General Woodford's [William Woodford's] Brigade that the Regiment of Morgan was called the 11th Regiment and after some time was called the 7th Regiment. That Captain Bruin was made a deed to General Sullivan and Captain Johnson Commanded the Company and after he said Michael McNally had been in Service about two years Captain John Marshall now Judge Marshall having no Taylor [tailor] in his Company he said Michael McNally was transferred to Captain Marshall's Company and was in said Company about one year that he said Michael McNally faithfully served the United Colonies and United States against the Common enemy as a private soldier in the regular Army of the United States in the Companies aforesaid from the time of his enlistment until said three years expired and about four months more when in the month of August 1779 he was by General Morgan discharge from said Service in the County of Frederick Virginia which discharge is lost. That he was in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], and Monmouth [June 28, 1778]. That he knows of no person who was in service with him whose evidence he can get to establish the fact of his Service except John Marshall whose evidence owing to the infirmity of said Michael McNally and the distance to Richmond from where said Michael McNally resides he cannot get. This applicant never has been a Pensioner for said Service and only claims to be one under the provisions of said act. The said Michael McNally states he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support. Sworn to and declared before me the date first written.

S/ Tho. Emmerson

S/ Michl McNely



State of Tennessee: SS

On this 29th day of September 1820 personally appeared in Open Court to wit the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Blount County being expressly made a Court of record and having the power of fine and imprisonment for said County of Blount by the Laws of the State of Tennessee, Michael McNally aged about seventy years resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – he enlisted in the fall of the year 1775 under Captain Peter Brewin [Bruin] of Colonel Daniel Morgan's Regiment to wit the 11th Regiment of General Woodford's Command for the term of 3 years and during his Service was transferred to Captain William Johnson's Company and then to Captain John Marshall's Company. He served faithfully for three years and four months during which service he was at the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown and Monmouth and was afterwards honorably discharged by General Morgan at Frederick County Virginia where the declarant resided at the time of his enlistment – his discharge is long since lost or mislaid – his Original declaration was made on or about the 6th day of June 1818 as well as he now recollects, he has received a pension Certificate dated 14th day of January 1819 and numbered 5310 of which he has drawn some pension pay –

And 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 – to wit 93 2/3 acres of upland South of French Broad and Holston rivers on which the State installments and interest thereon is yet due and unpaid worth under that encumbrance perhaps about \$300 – one horse \$30 – one saddle & bridle \$10 – 2 cows and calves \$24 – one side saddle \$5 – one loom \$8 – 2 pair horse gears \$5.25 – some old and much worn household furniture including some religious books &c a few articles of farming tools worth \$54.75. I owe to the amount of \$10 or thereabouts.

S/ Michael McNelly

I am by Occupation a tailor but owing to a violent cough and extreme Wea [? weak?] knees and obstruction of my lungs and my infirmity and debility from age and disease I am entirely unable to work at my trade or at anything else. My family consists of myself and my Daughter Mary aged 32 years, she lives with me to take care of me. She is healthy and stout as usual.

Sworn to & declared in open court.

S/ Michael McNelly¹

State of Tennessee Blount County, on this 28th day of September 1821 personally appeared Michael McNelly a citizen of Blount County aged about seventy-three years on the 12th day of February 1822, – in Open Court to wit the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County being a court of record constituted such by the laws of the State of Tennessee, and having the power of fine and imprisonment and said Michael McNelly being duly sworn says that since the declaration and schedule made and sworn to in this court on the 29th day of September 1820, to

¹ I do not believe the signatures on this document are those of the veteran since the hand writing is identical to the body of the application itself. In addition, the signatures on this document bears no resemblance to the signature on his original application.

obtain a pension under the Acts of Congress for the benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers – The tract of land owned by said McNelly and mentioned and set out in said Schedule has been sold by the Treasurer of East Tennessee, by virtue of the acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided, for the interest due and unpaid upon the installments due and unpaid to the State for the said tract of land; – and that this declarant is utterly and entirely unable to redeem said land or repossess himself of it in any way, and will soon be depended on the public or private Charity for a maintenance – as his little stock of old one out household furniture & property mentioned in his Schedule will not by his bread – this affiant since the date of his said Schedule has almost lost his hearing and become deaf, and his infirmity and inability has very much increased –

S/ Michael McNelly

[p 19: Doctor Alexander McGhee gave a supporting testimony in which he describes the poor health and inability to work of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 6, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]