

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McKeithan S41841

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State of North Carolina Bladen County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions -- August Sessions 1832.

On this 6th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for said County & State John McKeithan a resident of said County, aged seventy-two 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 Act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820: --

That he the said John McKeithan enlisted for the term of twelve months on the 20th of December 1781 in the County of Duplin, State of North Carolina, under Lieut. Hardy Holmes in the Company commanded by Capt. John Mills [probably James Mills] in the Corps or Regiment of which Griffith J. McRee [Griffith John McRee (or McRae)] was Major (the name of the Col. and number of the Regiment not recollected)¹ in the line of the State of North Carolina on the Continental establishment: That he continued to serve in the said Corps or Regiment for the above period of twelve months, and until the peace, when he was discharged, at Wilmington, North Carolina, and as well as he recollects, received no certificate of discharge, having been informed by his Commanding Officer, that as the War was over, no such certificate was necessary; but received from Charles Gerard, Paymaster, a Certificate for twelve months pay, which owing to his necessities he sold to one F. A. Walbaugh, as the accompanying receipt² will shew: That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension, except the present -- that his name is not on the Roll of any State except that of North Carolina; and that the following is the reason for not making an earlier application for a Pension: Until within the last twelve months, he was the proprietor of a tract of land of the value of about \$200, which together with the personal property he then owned, he was informed would exclude him from the benefit of the Act of Congress.

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 otherwise 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

¹ 1st NC Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Clark at that time

² This receipt is not among the documentation included in this file.

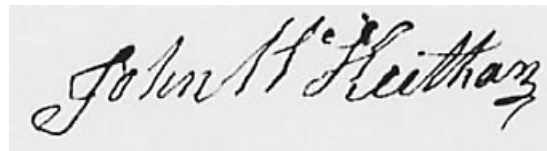
Two Cows & calves valued at	\$16.00
One Sow	2.50
Ten Shoats	10.00

That I have made no sale of my property except the land already mentioned for the sale of which I contracted in the year 1831 for the sum of \$150, but did not convey the same until I was informed that a certified copy of the Deed was required to be herewith forwarded owing to a controversy which was then pending as to the boundaries of said land, and by the decision of which I have lost about 50 acres of said land -- said land was sold in good faith, and to discharge debts which had been contracted for the support of my family: My occupation has been that of a Farmer: I reside at present, with my Son-in-law, who is a poor man and has a large family to support.

Sworn to & declared on the 6th day of August before me.

S/ W. H. Beath, Clk

S/ John McKeithan



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Personally appeared in open Court on the day and date set forth in the above declaration, Robert Ellis,³ who after being duly sworn, maketh oath: – That John McKeithan the Declarant in the above declaration for a Pension did enlist at Duplin Court House, in North Carolina under Lieutenant Hardy Holmes in the Company commanded by Captain James Mills in the Regiment of which Colonel Armstrong was Colonel, & of which G. John McRee was Major in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment. This Affiant does not recollect the time of said enlistment but recollects that the said John McKeithan did serve for twelve months, the term of his enlistment and was discharged at Wilmington North Carolina at the Close of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to before me.

S/ W. H. Beath, Clk.

S/ Robert Ellis, X his mark

[p 17 is a copy of the deed from John McKeithan to George Ballentine dated August 8, 1832, of land in Bladen County, NC, the legal description of the land makes reference to a boundary of the property being adjacent to land granted to Daniel McKeithan, deceased.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 6, 1832, for service as a private for one year in the North Carolina Continental line.]

³ [Robert Ellis S41518](#)