

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCoy S4190

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County} SS

On this 11th day of March A.D. 1834 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Justices of Our Court of Pleas and quarter sessions now sitting John McCoy aged eighty-two years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and served under the following named Officers as herein stated.

That he volunteered and entered the Service in the year 1777, the day and month not recollected, enrolled himself in Capt. Carmichael's Company was commanded by Col. Robinson [Thomas Robeson, Jr.], rendezvoused at Col. Robinson's in Bladen County in the State of North Carolina, thence he was marched to the black Swamp where he was in an engagement with the Tories thence he was marched to the Ralf [sic, Raft] Swamp, where he was Stationed for some time, thence he was marched back to Col. Robinson's, and discharged, having been in Service 2 months and 13 days, received a discharge which he has lost.

And afterwards to wit in the year 1777 the day and month not recollected He again Volunteered and entered the service of the United States, enrolled himself in Capt. John Allen's company, and was commanded by Col. Robinson, rendezvoused at said Robinson's was then marched to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, and was Stationed at the mouth of Cape Fear [River], guarding said Fort until the term for which he entered the service expired, was in service three months, received a discharge which he has lost.

Afterwards to wit in the year 1778, he removed from Bladen County North Carolina to Roan County [sic, Rowan County] in the same State, and in the year 1779 or 1780, cannot recollect certainly which, the day and month not recollected -- he was drafted in Rowan County and entered the Service in Capt. Sharp's [John Sharp's] company was commanded by Col. Matthew Lock [sic, Matthew Locke] was marched to Mecklenburg County NC to a Creek called the 12 mile, from thence he marched to Fort Rugeley¹ took said Fort and several Tories as Prisoners -- at this Fort General Morgan [Daniel Morgan]² commanded thence he was marched to Cheraw in South Carolina and to the River Pedee, thence he was marched back to Rowan

¹ Applicant appears to be referring to the action which occurred on December 4, 1780 where in Lieut. Col. William Washington captured the Tory encampment commanded by Col. Rugeley. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rugeley.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_rugeley_mills_2.html

² Morgan was not at the engagement at Rugeley's Mill. Lt Col. William Washington commanded the Whig forces at that engagement.

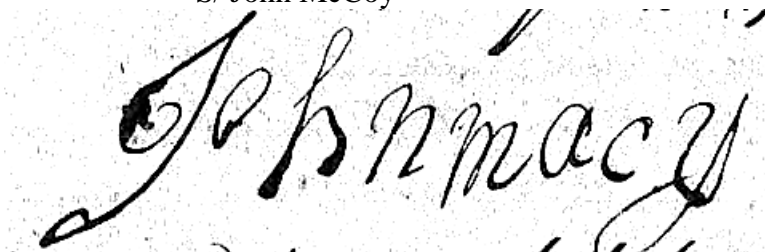
County -- where he was discharged having been in service three months, received a discharge which he has lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity, except the present, and declares his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Hamilton, Junior, Clerk

S/ John McCoy

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John McCoy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

The following interrogatories were propounded by the Court to the applicant

Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born in Scotland in the year 1752.

Question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer -- I have no record of my age

Question Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer -- When I first entered the Service to wit my first and second tours of duty I lived in Bladen County North Carolina, and when I served my last tour of duty I lived in Rowan County & State aforesaid from thence I removed to Wilkes County North Carolina thence to Greenville District South Carolina, thence to Jefferson County Tennessee where I now live.

Question How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer -- I Served twice as a Volunteer, and once I was drafted.

Question State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- When I first Volunteered and entered the Service, my Capt.'s name was Carmichael was commanded by Col. Robinson -- my second Search Service Capt. John Allen -- and Col. Robinson. The third & last Service Capt. Sharp & Col. Matthew Locke, and when Fort Rugeley was taken and also several Tories as prisoner the command was given to General Morgan who was in the regular Service, does not recollect anything about the Regiments.

Question Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

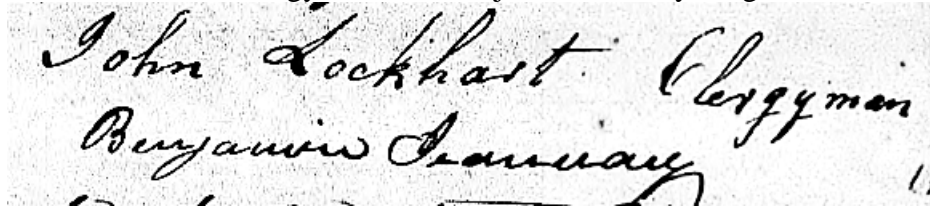
Answer -- I did received three discharges the first one was signed by Capt. Carmichael -- the second by Col. Robinson, the third by Col. Locke all of which I have lost.

Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer -- As to my character for veracity, and their belief of my Services as a Soldier I can prove the same by the Rev. John Lockert [sic]-- a minister of the Gospel and Benjamin Jeannary a Citizen of said County, and I do not know of any person now living that I can prove my actual

Service by.

[John Lockhart, a clergyman, and Benjamin Jeanyary [?] gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



John Lockhart. Clergyman
Benjamin Jeanyary

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.10 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 13 days in the North Carolina militia.]