

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander McCuller (McCulloch) S4196

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State of Tennessee McNairy County} SS

On this the Twenty Third day of September in the year while Lord 1833 Personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of pleas and quarter Sessions now sitting Alexander McCuller a resident of McNairy County and State of Tennessee aged Seventy-Five 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 the 7th 1832. That I was born in Entram [sic, Antrim] County Ireland on the 22nd day of December in the year of our Lord 1758 when I was fourteen years of age my father self and family emigrated from Ireland and landed after a tolerable short passage at Savannah in the State of Georgia from there we went to Burke County where we remained a short time then we moved to Augusta in Georgia. Here I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Soldier in the year (and as well as he now recollects) 1779 under Capt. James Martin and Col. McMurphey who soon as the Regiment was raised we were attached to General How [Robert Howe] and a very few days after our Junction with him we took up our line of march for the Floridas going by the way of St. tillers River [sic Satilla River] and St. Mary's River, here we called a halt and remained 5 days.¹ The Army was at this time very sickly and the officers thought it prudent to march home so we returned home near the same way we marched out, and was discharged in Augusta do not now recollect the date in this Expedition or Tour I cannot say positively how long I served but I am positive I served not less than 6 months for which service I claim a Pension. I did not receive any written discharge nor can I tell the reason why --

On the 27th day of October in the year 1782 I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer soldier in Burke County State of Georgia for the term of three months under Capt. Alexander Erwin so soon as the Company was made up we marched to a place called Eberneazor [Ebenezer] on the Savannah River, here we were attached to General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. We remained in the Garrison at this place for a long time guarding that place from the British and to keep them from ascending the River. Here I was discharged after my term of three months was out. I do not recollect of ever getting a Discharge if I did it has been lost or destroyed. He has no Documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was Born in Antrim County Ireland in the year of our Lord 1758

¹ <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution11.html> Third Florida expedition: Spring 1778 [Robert Howe]

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

Answer. I had my age recorded in a large Bible. My house got burnt and the Bible was consumed.

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

Answer. I was living in Augusta when I entered the Service of the United States. After the Revolution I lived in Burke County Georgia 10 years then I moved to Greene County in Georgia and lived there 18 years then I moved to Clarke County Georgia and lived there 7 years then I moved to Franklin Tennessee and lived there 5 years, then I moved to Perl [sic, Pearl?] River in Mississippi and lived there 9 years and from there I moved to McNairy 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 went out as a volunteer soldier each trip

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 went out on the Florida expedition General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] commanded the militia from South Carolina we also had some Regulars which was from the North but I do not recollect any of their names indeed the regulars & militia was kept separated and I have but little chance to become acquainted with any the balance of the question I have answered in the body of my Declaration

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 do not recollect of ever receiving a Discharge from the service --

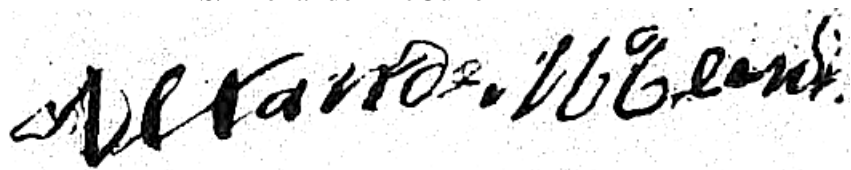
Question State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I am well acquainted with Parson Anthony B. Lambert and ___ both of my neighborhood they can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief and the neighborhood's belief of my being a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ W. S. Wisdom, Clk

S/ Alexander McCuller

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alexander McCulloch". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

[Anthony B. Lambert, a clergyman, and Maclin Cross gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16: for some unclear reason, on June 23rd 1834 in McNairy County Tennessee, the veteran filed a substantially identical application; he gives a few more details of the Florida expedition in noting that General Williamson commanded the militia troops from South Carolina who joined his force in Savannah; and that they marched a good way down the Altamaha River on their Florida expedition as well as the other rivers previously name by him; also, in this application he says his later service was in the year 1781 instead of 1782 as stated in his first application. This application he signed with his mark, the draftsman spelling his name Alexander McCulloch.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Georgia militia.]