

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McCormick S4198

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State of Tennessee Rhea County} Circuit Court September term 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court of Rhea County in the State of Tennessee being a Court record now sitting Robert McCormick a resident of Rhea County in the State of Tennessee aged 70 years who being first duly sworn in according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

1<sup>st</sup> : That he entered the United States service about the 10th of June 1780 as a volunteer in Macklenburg [sic, Mecklenburg] County in the State of North Carolina under Captain David Reed and Lieutenant John Brownfield, Francis Moore Ensign and Colonel Francis Locke. The object was to go against the Tories and marched to Ramsour's Mills [June 20, 1780]<sup>1</sup> Crossing the Catawba River at Tuckaseegee ford. At Ramsour's Mills met the Tories and defeated them. From there he returned and was dismissed by his Captain having served three weeks; got no discharge.

2<sup>nd</sup> : In July 1780 volunteered in Mecklenburg County N. Carolina; his officers were Ensign Francis Moore, Captain David Reed and Colonel Robert Irwin; marched to Charlotte and remained some time and was dismissed by his captain after having been in service three weeks; no discharge.

3<sup>rd</sup> : In the last of July one or two days after he returned from the aforementioned tour 1780 he volunteered in Mecklenburg County under Lieutenant John Brownfield [&] Colonel Irwin; marched and joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]; then marched to Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]<sup>2</sup> and had a battle with the British and Tories; retired from these to Fishing Creek from there to Land's ford on the Catawba River and from there to the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780];<sup>3</sup> had a battle with the British and Tories retired from there back into the Country and was dismissed by his officers without a discharge after serving four weeks.

4<sup>th</sup> : On the last of August 1780 he volunteered for ten months in Mecklenburg County North Carolina under Captain Robert McKnight and Colonel Hagans [Lt. Col. John William Hagan] and Major Harris; marched to the Six Mile Creek and remained there some time and marched to Salisbury; turned out in a volunteer company of riflemen for the purpose of ranging

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

the Country; was in a skirmish at Sharlotte [sic, Charlotte, September 26, 1780]<sup>4</sup> with the British; discharged by his officers in the Waxhaw Settlement after having served four months.

5<sup>th</sup> : Some time in January 1781 volunteered in a --- Company in Mecklenburg County N. Carolina under Captain Joseph Grayham [sic, Joseph Graham] and joined General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]; marched to Batis [sic, Beatties] ford and from there to Cowin's [sic, Cowan's] ford had a skirmish with the British [February 1, 1781];<sup>5</sup> from there [to] Torrence's [Tarrant's Tavern, February 1, 1781]<sup>6</sup> where the Americans were defeated; from there he returned home not being able to join his company having serving two weeks.

6<sup>th</sup> : On the 26th day of March 1781 he volunteered in the cavalry [SC 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of State Dragoons] for ten months in Mecklenburg County North Carolina; his officers were Captain Francis Moore, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Samuel Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant William Ackins [William Akins] and Colonel Charles Middleton [Charles Myddleton]; Joined General Sumter at Ancrum's in South Carolina; marched to Orangeburg and took it [May 11, 1781]<sup>7</sup> from the British and Tories and then he marched to Monks [sic, Moncks] Corner and then to Bacon's Bridge; marched through the Country and met the British at Juniper Springs and was defeated [Myddleton's Ambuscade, June 18, 1781];<sup>8</sup> marched back and forward through the Country and joined General Sumter again; pursued the British who was flying on to Strawberry where they overtook them and had a skirmish with them; then returned to the Congaree River there joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] marching to the Utaw [sic, Eutaw] Springs; marched with Greene there where they fought a battle called the battle of Eutaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781];<sup>9</sup> declarant's Captain was wounded and declarant was ordered to take care of him.

Sometime after the battle at the Eutaws, the troop that declarant belonged to joined General Wayne [Anthony Wayne] and at some time pursued the British into Savannah. Some time afterwards, returned to Orangeburg South Carolina and was discharged by his captain after serving ten months and two weeks.

He was acquainted with Generals Greene, Wayne, Sumter and Morgan and Marion; Colonels Washington [William Washington], Lea [sic, Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Colonel Oree [sic, probably Peter Horry] besides the other officers named above.

He has no persons that he knows of living in this County by whom he can prove his services.

Declarant made application to the War department for a pension for his ten month and two weeks tour about 12 months since but failed on account of not having served on the Continental establishment. His declaration was then proved by Moses Ferguson and Adam Miller who since has moved out of the Country and declarant knows not where they are. He supposes his declaration is on the files in the War Office for ten months and two weeks. He could not prove then, his other services, and consequently did not apply for them.

He was born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1761 in Lancaster County in the State of Pennsylvania; moved to Mecklenburg County North Carolina where he lived for 40 years; lived there during the revolutionary war and then moved to Lincoln County North Carolina; from there to Rhea County in the State of Tennessee where he now lives. He is not acquainted with any clergyman.

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<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_charlotte.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_charlotte.html)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cowans\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_tarrants\\_tavern.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_tarrants_tavern.html)

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_orangeburgh\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_2.html)

<sup>8</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_mydeltons\\_ambuscade.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mydeltons_ambuscade.html)

<sup>9</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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. He received two discharges but have lost them both long since.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and given aforesaid  
S/ Robt McCormick



[James Swan of Rhea County Tennessee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I James Ferguson a resident of Rhea County and State of Tennessee do certify that I have been acquainted with Robert McCormick who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration from upwards of thirty years; lived in an adjoining county in North Carolina; was acquainted with Irwin and Grayham [sic, Graham] that he mentions in his declaration and also certify that he has always been understood in the neighborhood where he has lived to be a revolutionary soldier and I have no doubt of that fact.

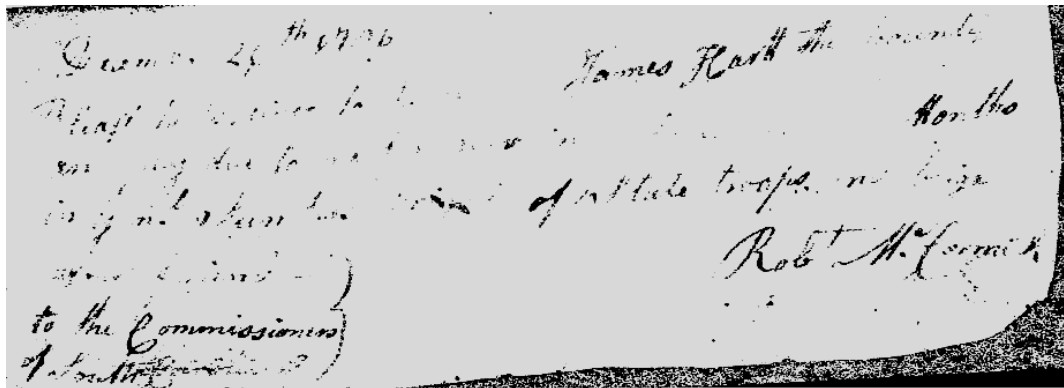
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.  
S/ James Ferguson, F his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and 10 days in the infantry and for 10 months and 28 days in the cavalry, all in the North Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts <sup>10</sup> relating to Robert McCormick	AA2
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 4965A	
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[Note as will be seen by the image below, the one page which appears in the file of Robert McCormick in the South Carolina Audited accounts is largely illegible. It appears to be dated December 1786 and made in favor of James Hartt and relates to the Veteran service under General Sumter in the South Carolina State Troops.



<sup>10</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

