

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel McSpadden S4203

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State of Tennessee Jefferson County: SS

On this 11th day of February 1834 personally appeared before me Joseph Gant one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Jefferson Samuel McSpadden a resident of the County of Jefferson aforesaid and State aforesaid aged seventy-eight years, who being 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 and served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the year 1775 as well as he now recollects (is memory having failed him very much) he was drafted in Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia, rendezvoused at Lexington was enrolled in Captain Charles Campbell's Company was commanded by Colonel Dickerson thence he was marched to Point Pleasant on the Ohio River at which place he remained three months in Service, and was discharged received a discharge which he has lost.

And afterwards to wit in the year 1776 the day & month not recollected he was again drafted and entered the Service of the United States, rendezvoused at Lexington was enrolled in McDowell's [perhaps Samuel McDowell's] Company, was marched to Donley's Fort [Fort Donnally at present Frankford] on the frontier of Greenbrier County Virginia at which place was commanded by Colonel Donley [Andrew Donnelly or Donally or Donnally] where he remained in service guarding said Fort for three months until his term of Service expired received a discharge which he has lost.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.

S/ Joseph Gant, JP

S/ Samuel McSpadden



State of Tennessee Jefferson County: SS

I Joseph Gant one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Jefferson aforesaid do certify, that the following proceedings were had before me, at the residence of Samuel McSpadden in the County of Jefferson, as an amendment to his former declaration, dated the 7th day of February 1834, and which is hereto annexed –

The following Interrogatories were propounded to the applicant by me – to wit

Question – Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Rockbridge County in the State of Virginia in the year 1756

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

Answer I have, it is written in my family Bible.

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 called into Service I was living in Rockbridge County near Lexington Virginia, after the Revolutionary war was over I moved & lived near Abingdon Virginia 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 a Substitute for whom

Answer, when called into service I was drafted both tours of duty.

Question. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops, where you served, such Continental & militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services

Answer the first tour of duty, Captain Campbell and Colonel Dickerson was the names of my officers, the 2nd tour Captain McDowell, and Colonel Donley does not recollect anything about the regiments.

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

Answer. I did receive 2 discharges the first was signed by Captain Campbell the 2nd by Captain McDowell which discharges, was very recently destroyed, supposing them to be worth nothing to me.

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 of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer. The Reverend John McCampbell a minister of the gospel and Silas Henry both citizens of Jefferson County, who will prove my general character for veracity and also my services as a Soldier of the Revolution, and I and I don't at present no any person to prove my actual service by

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 12 day of March A.D. 1834

S/ Joseph Gant, JP

S/ Samuel McSpadden

[John McCampbell, a clergyman, and Silas Henry gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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