

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron McWhorter S4596

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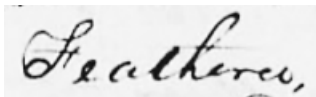
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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: County Court October Term 1832

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions for said County now sitting Aaron McWhorter a resident of Lincoln County Tennessee aged Seventy-one years on the 2nd day of August last, 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.

He enlisted in the Army of the United States in the latter part of the year 1775 or the first of the year 1776 -- for the term of nine months, under Captain John Foster & Lieut. Featheree [?]¹ in Col. Henry Hampton's Regiment of Dragoons under the command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], & continued in the service during the term, but was not in any battle he lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina at the time he enlisted, he was in service both in North & South Carolina. After the expiration of the term of enlistment, he volunteered under the same Capt. Foster, & in the same County -- & some few months afterwards joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and came to the ground where our troops had a battle at Ramsour's Mill² with the Tories, the same day of the battle but too late to be engaged in it -- Claimant continued a volunteer until the end of the war but was not engaged in any battle, except some skirmishes with the Tories in one of which particularly he recollects an ambush was laid for his company by the Tories on Linch's Creek [sic, Lynches Creek?] in North Carolina where one of our company was wounded, & one made prisoner but the rest of us made our escape -- during the time of the enlistment he was principally in South Carolina on the Congaree River at which place he was discharged he had a discharge as a regular from Col. Hampton which he has lost, but never got a discharge as a volunteer. Claimant has not now any means of proving his said services either by documentary evidence or by any person. Applicant lived in North Carolina two years after the war then moved to Abbeville District South Carolina where he lived about thirty years then moved to Wilson County Tennessee about thirteen years ago, he moved to this County, where he has since resided -- Claimant was born in Lancaster County Pennsylvania -- at the time he entered the service he lived in Mecklenburg County North Carolina -- he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person



¹

² June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services -- he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State. He refers to the Rev. Ebenezer McEwen & William P. Pulliam Esquire for his character for veracity

Test: S/ Robt. S. Inge Clerk

S/ Aaron McWhorter

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[Ebenezer McEwen, a clergyman, and William P. Pulliam gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

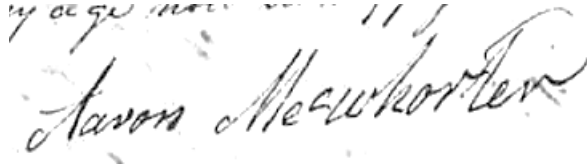
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State of Tennessee Lincoln County

On this 1st of April 1833 personally appeared before me, the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County, Aaron McWhorter for, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades: -- For 9 months I served as a private and Col. Hampton's Regiment of Cavalry -- for 9 months I served as a volunteer and for such service I claim a pension -- I was born on the 2nd day of August 1761 according to a record of my age now in my possession

Sworn to & subscribed the date above mentioned.

S/ Aaron McWhorter

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[Note: Veteran died June 6, 1837 (place not noted in file)]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$67.30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the cavalry and 9 months in the infantry, all in the North Carolina and South Carolina militia.]