

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh McCrary (McCrary) S46254

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of Tennessee Bedford County} SS

On this the 19th day of August in the year 1832 -- personally appeared before John B. Armstrong, John L. Neill and Samuel Phillips Esquire -- Justices appointed to hold the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid for the year 1832, Hugh McCrary, a citizen of and resident in the County aforesaid and State of Tennessee aged about seventy-four years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed the 7th day of June 1832.

Deponent states that he volunteered in the service of his Country in the month of May 1778 for nine months at Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina, under Capt. Raford [sic, Robert Raiford] of the North Carolina line 4th Regiment we were marched to Moon's Creek in Caswell County NC where we remained but a short time before we received furloughs to return home, to rendezvous again at a minute's warning -- in the month of November of the same year we received order to join our companies and rendezvoused with the Army at Salisbury -- from which place we were ordered to Charleston in the State of South Carolina where we were then marched to what was called the ten mile House, near the said Town of Charleston, where we were ordered to Savannah in the State of Georgia officers in command were Col. Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle], Col. Thaxton [sic, James Thackston] and Col. Armstrong [James Armstrong] and said deponent believes Col. Thaxton was highest in command,¹ until said Troops arrived at a little town on Savannah River, which he thinks was called Purrysburg, at which place he thinks General Sumner [Jethro Sumner] to [sic] took command. He further states that the troops remained in said Purrysburg during the winter and were as he thinks under the command of General Howe [Robert Howe] a short time and afterwards under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] who was highest in command after the departure of General Howe. He further states that in the spring they were marched up the Savannah River on the South Carolina side, opposite to the Town of Augusta in the State of Georgia at which place the said troops crossed the Savannah River into the Town of Augusta -- at which place deponent believes news was received that the British Army had crossed the Savannah River at or near the town of Purrysburg, and were directing their course towards Charleston in the State of South Carolina: the troops were then marched down the Savannah River on the Georgia side to the mouth of Briar Creek where

¹ Sic, Col. James Armstrong was actually the senior commander of the 4th NC Regiment at that time and James Thackston was his Lt. Col.

they recrossed into the State of South Carolina, directing their march towards Charleston. He states that on their march to Charleston they had a small skirmish with a party of British troops from whom they took several wagons loaded as he understood and believes with Rum, this skirmish he thinks was on Edisto River, those he cannot say certainly that it was. He states that the American Army followed on after the British troops until they were at a place called Bacon's Bridge, where the Americans halted. He states that the American guard were attacked at this place, but does not think any person was killed. He states that he still continued with the said troops in their various marches and counter marches and the several skirmishes that preceded the battle at Stono² and that he was in said engagement, which he thinks was on the 20th of June and on Sunday, he also thinks Col. Roberts³ was killed in this engagement. -- He further states that from the vicinity of this battle ground, they were marched near a place called Port Royal as he understood and believes to prevent the British from leaving Bluford [sic, Beaufort] Island, at which place he remained until his term of service expired, that he was then marched to Bacon's Bridge, from which place he was marched to the ten mile house, where he again volunteered to guard some prisoners to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, which service he also performed. -- He was then legally discharged from the service of his Country. His discharge was signed by Col. Lytle dated in 1789 [sic, 1779] but he does not recollect the month or day of the month. -- Which discharge he has lost many years past. -- He recollects the names of General Howe and Lincoln, as commanding at different times in this campaign -- General Sumner, who he believes was a Brig. General of the North Carolina Line -- Colonels Lytle, Thaxton, and Armstrong -- Majors Armstrong [John Armstrong] and Dickson [sic, Henry Dixon] -- Captains Raiford, Lewis, Roads [sic, Joseph Thomas Rhodes] and Chapman [Samuel Chapman]. --

Deponent further states that he again Volunteered in the service of his Country in the year 1780 under Capt. Forbis [Arthur Forbis]-- in a Regiment commanded by Col. Pacey [sic, John Paisley] in General Davidson's [William Lee Davidson's] Brigade. He does not recollect the name or number of the Regiment, in Rowan County in the State of North Carolina on the Yadkin River. -- From where he marched to six mile Creek in Mecklenburg County NC -- where he remained during nearly all the winter. -- when he was again discharged from the service of his Country by Col. Fifer [sic, John Phifer] to whose Regiment he had been transferred. This discharge as he believes was dated February 1781 -- which discharge has also been lost. -- He believes he served during this term of upwards of 3 months, but cannot say the precise time. Deponent further states that he again Volunteered in the service of his Country in 1781 and as he believes in the month of March in the Light Horse in Capt. Walker's company and was commanded by Col. or Major Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] . He states that he volunteered in Guilford County and was in a few days after being mustered in the service taken Prisoner by Col. O'Neill in the State of North Carolina by Tarleton's [Banastre Tarleton's] troopers -- the same day he was taken prisoner he understood and believed that a battle was fought between Col. Lee and a Tory Col. by the name of Piles [sic, Dr. John Pyle], this battle was fought within two miles of the place where said deponent was taken Prisoner. -- he was Under close confinement by the British for some time -- He cannot now recollect exactly how long -- He was afterwards suffered to return home on Parole where [he] remained as he now believes about 2 weeks, when he broke his parole and again volunteered in the service of his Country in the County of Guilford State of North Carolina in a company of Light Horse commanded by

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

³ Owen Roberts of the SC 4th Regiment of Artillery was killed at Stono.

Capt. Bashares [sic, Asa Brashears] and joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] Army on the Cape Fear River, near the Raft Swamps, from which place we marched to a place called the Governor's Bridge in the vicinity of Wilmington, where they remained until the British left the said Town of Wilmington, when they took possession of said Town -- From which place we were ordered home and dismissed from the service of our country -- he said deponent does not recollect whether he received any regular discharge for these 2 last terms of service or not nor can he now say how long he was in actual service during these 2 latter terms, but thinks it must have been between 3 and 4 months. Deponent further states that he again volunteered in the service of his Country for 3 months, under a man who was called Major Rutherford and who he supposes was a Quarter Master, to ride expresses and assist in the Public Store at Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina which term of service he faithfully performed and was legally discharged by said Major Rutherford, this discharge was dated as he believes in the year 1782, and has since been lost. -- Said Deponent further states that he does not know of any person now living by whom he could prove more fully his several terms of service than he has heretofore done by the depositions of Benjamin Starrett and Francis McAmy [sic, Francis McKaimy], whose depositions are now in the office of the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Treasury, to which he wishes reference may, as the said Starrett and McAmy have, since said depositions were made, removed to such a distance from said deponent, that his bodily infirmities render it almost impossible for him to see them and procured new depositions to forward with this declaration.

I Hugh McCrory do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, In Ireland and about the year 1758 as I have been informed --

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

Answer, I have no record

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

Answer -- In the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina -- From thence I removed to Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina -- from thence I removed to the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee where I have lived ever since --

The 2 next interrogatories all fully answered in the body of the above declaration.

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, the Rev. Richard Cardwell, William Norvelle Esquire, Ballard Caldwell, Col. Samuel Clay, Col. Samuel Mitchell, Noble L. Majors Esquire -- Reuben Manly and Nathan Chaffin Esquire

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

S/ Jas McKissick, Clk

S/ Hugh McCrory, X his mark

[Richard Cardwell, a clergyman, and William Norvelle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 13: On December 20 1843 in Bedford County Tennessee, John McCrory and Reuben Manly, executors of the estate of Hugh McCrory filed a claim under the 1838 act stating that Hugh McCrory departed this life on March 28, 1836 leaving a widow, Jane McCrory who died

February 9 1838 at the age of 88 years; that Hugh was pensioned at the rate of \$79.16 per annum.]

[p 35 is a handwritten letter dated April 22, 1831 in which Hugh McCrory details his services much as set forth in his declaration above.]

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution Approved on the 15th day of May 1828"

I Hugh McCrory of the County of Bedford in State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in the service until the termination at which time I was a private in Capt. Barrett's company which company was attached to Col. Lee's Regiment of Horse -- soon after the battle of the Eutaw Springs I was taken sick and furloughed by my Capt. Barrett after which I never joined his company but was retained in the service of Major Rutherford for the purpose of carrying letters from one garrison to another and assisting in pricing provisions for the Army &c I was not a Commissioned Commissary as you suppose from your last letter but only assisted in pricing provisions &c as I before stated I was discharged by Rutherford but by what authority I know not he might have been only a Commissary or forage Master for what I know nothing I do not know I was attached to Col. Lee's Regiment of Horse and in Capt. Barrett's company and was discharged after the close of the war at Guilford Court House &c I have heretofore made proof by Mr. McCrory [sic, Francis McKaimy] of my having been in the Army &c and of which is now on file in your office &c

And I further declare that I was not on 15 March 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

I have now given you all the information in my power which may be of any service in pricing my Pension if you think that I am entitled to pay, say so if not, let me know for the time or shortly arrive when it will be of no service to me I could recount the many engagements in which I was engaged but it would be needless -- &c—

S/ Hugh McCrory

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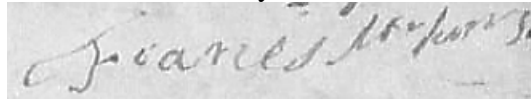
State of Tennessee Bedford County: February Term 1833

On this 9th Day of February 1833 Personally appeared in open Court Francis McKaimiy⁴ a resident of said County who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith, that he said deponent was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, and while Serving as such he became acquainted with and knew Hugh McCrory at the time a citizen of Guilford County in the State of North Carolina, and that said McCrory was at that time a Soldier in the Army of the United States -- deponent thinks it was in the spring of the year 1778 and that said McCrory did serve a tour of duty as a private Soldier of 9 months. Deponent further states that afterwards he knew said McCrory in the service again in the early part of the year 1781 and that said McCrory was taken prisoner a short time before the Battle of Guilford, but how long he had been in service before he was taken prisoner deponent does not recollect, deponent further says that said McCrory has always supported the character of an Honest Citizen and that he never heard his character for veracity questioned by any person whatever. Deponent states that he (himself) is at

⁴ Sic, [Francis McKaimy S1853](#)

this time upwards of 70 years of age. Sworn to in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Francis McKaimy



S/ Jas. McKissick, Clk

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State of Tennessee Bedford County

Personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for said County Hugh McCrory who subscribed and was qualified to the declaration above alluded to, who after being sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively 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, to wit

That he served not less than 9 months on his first tour as a private Soldier and volunteer in Capt. Raiford's company as mentioned in the declaration above alluded to, and that he served not less than 3 months on his 2nd tour under Capt. Forbes and that he served not less than 4 months a light horseman, private Soldier, and volunteer in Capt. Walker's company; and that he served not less than 3 months as a private Soldier, volunteer and light horseman in Capt. Brashears Company, and that upon his last tour of duty he served not less than 3 months, under Major Rutherford, as a private Soldier, making in the whole time of my actual Service of not less than one year and 10 months for which he claims a pension -- Sworn to and Subscribed this day being the 11th day of February 1833

S/ Samuel Clay, JP

S/ Hugh McCrory, X his mark

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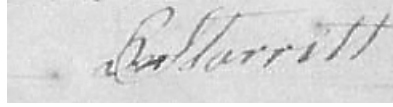
State of Tennessee Bedford County

Before me Giles Burdett an acting Justice of the peace in the County of Bedford and State of Tennessee personally appeared this day Benjamin Starritt⁵ of the County of Bedford and State aforesaid and who is now on the Pension List of the US did make the following oath as affidavit that he was acquainted with Hugh McCrory who made the foregoing declaration in the revolutionary war in the year 1778 and 1779 in the Continental Army of the Revolution during the time he was attached to the Army under General Lincoln I knew Hugh McCrory well after he had joined the Regular Corps under the command of General Greene, he was at the Battle of Guilford under the command of Greene. I recollect well that he was in the Continental Line at the close of the war, I am well satisfied that said McCrory continued in the service until the Termination of the War and that he was discharged at the time the Army was disbanded. I cannot say positively that he enlisted during the war as I did not see him in list but I so understood then and have no doubt now but that he did enlist during the war, Hugh McCrory who signed the foregoing declaration is the same Identical man who I knew in the Revolutionary war at the

⁵ There is only a one page notation on this man which indicates there are no papers in his file. The cover sheet indicates he was a member of Lee's Legion, a private. The cover sheet bears no file number. The following notes appear on the cover sheet: "Ctf # 1027 dated 12/11/30 (dup of 999 iss'd 4/26/30, last) \$100 per annum Agency Tenn No papers. See Agency Book, Act 5/15/28 Telephone Report form Gen Acctg Office shows last payment made from 3/3 to 9/3/49 on Sept. 12, 1849 by Agent at Jackson, Tenn while he was living in Fayette Co., Tenn."

several times as above stated.
Sworn to before me
S/ Giles Burdett, JP

S/ B. Starritt

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "B. Starritt".

[Facts in file: According to the testimony of Benjamin Thompson, 73, given on October 5, 1843, in Marshall County, Tenn., veteran married Jane Clark in Mecklenburg County, NC, sometime prior to 1/1/1794.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$79.16 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the North Carolina Infantry and for 7 months in the North Carolina Cavalry, all in the North Carolina Continental line.]