

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McNeese (McNeese) S7192

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State of South Carolina, Laurens District

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared before His Honor Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the court of common pleas in open court now sitting, Robert McNeese, a resident of Laurens District in the State of So. Carolina aged 77 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 7th, 1832: viz.: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he volunteered in the militia of the state of So. Carolina under Captain John Rodgers [John Rogers] on the __ day of __, 1775 that Major Williamson [Andrew Williamson] & Col. Richardson [Richard Richardson] were his field officers; that this tour lasted one month and three weeks; that while under Major Williamson was in an engagement with the Tories and after joining Col. Richardson pursued them into Greenville District, took some & dispersed the rest; that the year following he was stationed at Lindley's fort under the command of Major Downs [Jonathan Downs]¹ & there had an engagement [July 15, 1776] with the Indians & Tories. He marched from that place to Ninety Six and thence to the Indian Nation and was in a battle with the Tories & Indians at a town called Seneca [August 1, 1776] —He then marched up Tugalo River to Brass town and was in an engagement [August 8, 1776] with the Indians and then returned to an Indian town called Tomassee and was in the battle with the Indians called the ring fight [August 12, 1776]. He then returned to head quarters at Seneca and from thence marched through the Cherokee Nation under the command of Genl. Williamson and was in a battle with the Indians at a place called the black hole. He served two months in the last mentioned tour. He was appointed lieutenant and served under Capt. Charles Saxon & Col. Williams [James Williams] for two months, then was marched to head quarters near Augusta under the command of Genl. Williamson where they waited for the arrival of the army under the command of Genl. Lincoln. They were then marched through a part of Georgia & back into So. Carolina where he was in a battle with the British at a place called Stono. He was at the siege of Ninety Six under Genl. Greene after which he was in scouting parties until the close of the war. He served in whole at least two years and has no documentary evidence in his

¹ [Jonathan Downs W21000](#)

possession to testify to his services but David Anderson,² Ambrose Hudgens³ & others bearing witness can testify to services.

I was born on the 4th day of January 1755. I have a copy of the record of my age now in my possession taken from the original record made by my father. The original record is not in my possession.

I lived in the District of Ninety Six now Laurens District when called into service, where I lived ever since.

I entered the service as a volunteer.

I have no particular recollection of the names of the regular officers except those of Genl. Lincoln & Greene as set forth in the above declaration.

I received the commission of Lieutenant signed, I think, by John Rutledge, Gov. of So. Carolina which has been lost or destroyed.

The Rev. Joseph Babb & Charles Allen will testify as to my character for veracity & good behavior. David Anderson Ambrose Hudgens & others will testify as to my Revolutionary services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll or the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert McNeese



Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Richard Gantt

[Joseph Babb, a clergyman, and Charles Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came before me Robert McNeese who being duly sworn on his oath saith the following additional declaration by way of amendment to his former declaration made to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7 1832 --

That he volunteered sometime in the year 1775 in the Militia of South Carolina for a tour of 2 months as well as he now recollects in a company commanded by Capt. John Rodgers, that Major Williamson and Col. Richardson were his field officers. That while under Major Williamson he was engaged with the Indians tour at Ninety Six now Cambridge, and afterwards pursued them into what is now Greenville District. He served at this tour about one month & three weeks and was discharged but received no written discharge.

That he volunteered the next year and served a tour of 6 months in an expedition against the Indians in may company commanded by Capt. John Rodgers with Col. Williamson, Col. Hammond [probably Leroy Hammond] & Major Bowie & Major Downs as his field officers and was in the Engagements & at the places specified in the first declaration.

² [David Anderson S6515](#)

³ [Ambrose Hudgens \(Hudgins\) S18888](#)

This applicant was appointed a Lieut. and commissioned by Gov. Rutledge as well as he recollects in 1777 (the Militia of the State having been organized in that year) and served a tour of 3 months as a Lieut. in the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Charles Sexon, in whose absence this applicant as first Lieut. commanded the company. He was marched to head quarters near Augusta Georgia and was placed under the command of General Williamson where he remained during this term of service. This tour was as a drafted militia man. The applicant received no written discharge.

This applicant was again drafted and served a tour of 3 months as a Lieut. in the company of South Carolina Militia commanded by Capt. William Mulwee [sic, William Milwee]⁴ in the year 1779 as well as he recollects -- Col. McCrary commanded the Regiment -- we were first marched to Augusta & placed under the command of General Williamson where we remained until the arrival of General Lincoln, from this place we were marched to Howe [Robert Howe] where there was a battle between the Americans and British. He served for a greater length of time then the term for which he was drafted -- After the applicant served generally as stated in his first declaration until the close of the war.

Sworn to & subscribed before me on the 12th of February 18 34

S/ W. R. Farley

S/ Robert McNees

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State of South Carolina Laurens district: Personally came before me the undersigned an acting Capt. justice of the peace Robert McNees, who being duly sworn depose 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 one year and 6 months I served as a private -- I served as a Lieut. one year and 6 months and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 26th of December 1833

S/ W. R. Farley, JP

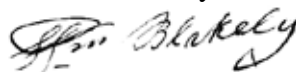
S/ Robert McNees

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South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came William Blakeley⁵ before me our Arnold a Justice of the peace for said District and being sworn as the law directs saith that he served under the command of Robert McNees as his Lieut. in the South Carolina Militia in the Stono expedition in the time of the revolutionary war. Sworn to before me 22nd of October 1833

S/ Ira Arnold, JP

S/ Wm Blakeley



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$105.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Lieutenant in the South Carolina militia for 13 months.]

⁴ [William Milwee W9200](#)

⁵ [William Blakely S21649](#)