

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan McPeters S7195

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas, Quarter sessions

On this 18th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court now sitting Jonathan McPeters a resident of the County of Buncombe and State of North Carolina aged 76 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. First service he entered under Capt. Bateman [William Beekman] and Lieut. Col. Charles McDowell -- Capt. William Moore -- Lieut. Robert Patton Ensign not recollected -- the officers of the second were Col. McDowell Bateman having moved to the North -- Capt. Rheuben White [Reuben White] Capt. of a frontier Station after returning from Station Moore was Capt. -- White being killed in the battle of North Ford Burke County the spring following being the spring of '77 was appointed by Col. Charles McDowell an Indian spy for the term of six months -- In the spring or summer following viz. the year 88 [sic, 78] was sent with scouting party to Trion [sic, Tryon] County against the Tories under Capt. Cunnigun [Francis Cunningham] and Lieut. Lytle. In the spring of 79 or 80 in the service under Capt. Patton [Robert Patton] in Burke County marched through Tryon then Lincoln now Mecklenburg NC Cambden [Camden] SC to Charleston at Moncks Corner joined Col. Washington [William Washington] and was in the battle there [Moncks Corner #1, April 14, 1780]¹ from thence to Tryon now Lincoln in North Carolina arrived a short time after the Battle of Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780] —then home and was dismissed—In the year 80 or 81 I again entered service under General Green [Nathanael Greene] Joshua Inman Capt. Elias Alexander, Lieut. William Snoddy Ensign -- knew Col. Howard [John Eager Howard], Major Hardy of the Maryland line -- was in the battle of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781]² in the fall of the same year after entered service under Capt. Joseph McDowell in Burke County marched through Salisbury NC to Wilmington joined the militia in Salisbury under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- 5 or 6 days after arrived at Wilmington they heard of the surrender of Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] was then dismissed and returned -- first entered the service in March 76 under the officers first named for the purpose of subduing the Scotch at Cross Creek -- the precise time of entering and leaving the service as above mentioned is not recollected resided in Burke County State of North Carolina when he entered the service -- was a volunteer -- was in the battles of Moncks Corner, Ninety Six -- marched through North Carolina and South Carolina

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moncks_corner.html

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

served with General Greene and Col. Howard's troops and Col. Washington's -- was aiding Capt. McFadden when he was killed storming the sand bags at Ninety Six the day after they were compelled to raise the siege in consequence of British troops arriving from Charleston. He has no Documentary evidence and knows of no person who can testify to his 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 of the Agency of any State.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. -- Born in Mecklenburg North Carolina 14th day of January 1756

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. -- There is a record of my age in my father's Bible which is in Tennessee.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. -- Lived in Burke County when volunteered and [sic] the Revolution I lived in Tennessee and North Carolina and now live in Buncombe North Carolina

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. -- I volunteered

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. -- Col. Washington -- General Greene -- Col. Howard, Washington's Dragoons -- Greene's Continental soldiers and Howard's Maryland line

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. -- I received a discharge from Capt. Joseph McDowell at Wilmington which has been burnt by the burning of my house.

7th 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.

Ans. -- James McMahan, Zachariah Horton
sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Jonathan McPeters, X his mark

[JB McMahan, a clergyman, and Zachariah Horton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 16, on April 11, 1833 in Buncombe County, NC, veteran filed an essentially identical application to his earlier one, this time stating more explicitly the length of each service to the best of his recollection. In recounting his engagement at Ninety Six, he states: " [he] was aiding Capt. McFatten [sic] at the storming of the sand Bags at siege of Ninety Six & there was engaged in Battle Thirty Days McFatten killed and the day after we were oblige[d] to raise the siege in consequence of Lord Rodden [Rawdon] coming from Charles town with a reinforcement." This application was supported by standard affidavits given by Goodson McDaniel, a clergyman, and Zachariah Horton.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]