

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Kenneth McCaskill S7197

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State of South Carolina Kershaw District: SS

On this Twenty Ninth day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Richard Gantt presiding judge in the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Kenneth McCaskill Senior a resident of the State of South Carolina and District of Kershaw, aged Seventy Three, 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. I entered the Service as a drafted Soldier in the winter of the year 1781. In the company of Col. Thomas Wade -- and under Capt. William Threadgill and Lieut. William McGuire & Sgt. Matthew Rushing. This deponent saith that he remained in the said Company until he was regularly discharged for his three months Service. This deponent saith that he obtained his discharge from said Col. Thomas Wade, this deponent saith that he resided in the State of North Carolina, Richmond County when he entered the Service. He Joined said Capt. Thomas Wade's Company about two miles above Cheraw Hill on the East side of Big Pedee River where the said Company was stationed at the time when General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army came to Pedee and there remained for some time. Col. Wade gave orders to his Company to march up to Colson's Ferry on the said River Pedee for to procure provisions for General Greene's Army we then returned down near Cheraw where I first joined the Company and served my three months Tour, I was regularly discharged. This deponent further deposes and saith that he was drafted a second time for the term of three months, which he served in a Horse Company under the command of Col. Thomas Crawford and Major William Wall, in the Company of Capt. William Easterling -- After I served my Tour of three months I received my discharge from the hand of Capt. William Easterling. This discharge as well as the one obtained from Col. Thomas Wade I preserved for some considerable time, but finally they got misplaced but I do not know how. He this deponent saith that while he was under the command of Col. Crawford that they were generally in pursuit of Tories in the State of North Carolina & in the counties of Richmond, Moore & Montgomery to these Three counties we were principally confined. I was in no particular Battle in the either of the Tours in which I served except that we dispersed several nests of Tories at one time we caught two of the Tory party by the name of Capt. Cagle & a private by the name of Fannen -- we hung them, and another time we caught three Tories one of them a Capt. Price & two privates by the name of Tillis and Buise, we hung those three together, we caught Tories at several times some we sent to Jail, and some others we whipped and turned loose. This deponent further deposes and saith that he has no documentary evidence & that he

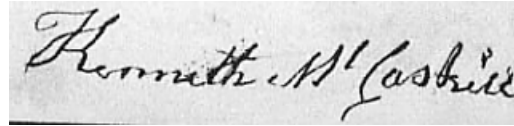
knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure as an eyewitness to his service. This deponent was born in Scotland in 1760 according to family tradition, but has no record of his age in his possession: his age is about seventy three years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

This deponent is known in the neighborhood where he resides to General James Blair, member of Congress, Col. James Chestnut, Col. William Nixon, Col. Chapman Levy, Stringer Perkins, L. Young & A. McCaskill Esquires.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

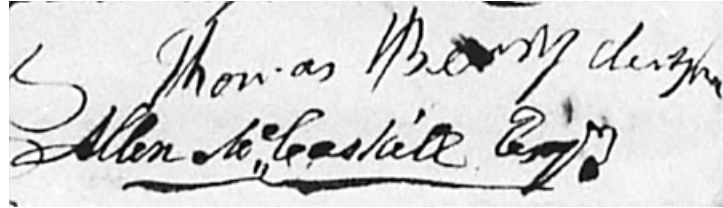
Sworn to in open Court before

S/ Kenneth McCaskill



S/ Richard Gantt, Presiding Judge

[Thomas Berry, a clergyman, & Allen McCaskill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]



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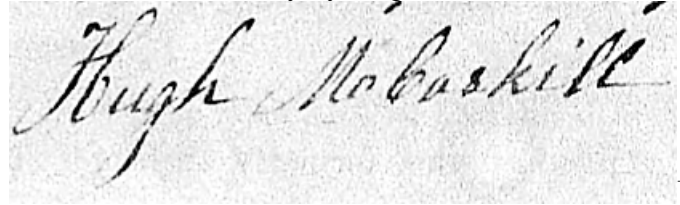
On this First day of February A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Hall T. McGee Esquire, Judge of the Court of Ordinary, now sitting, Kenneth McCaskill who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following amendment explanatory to his Declaration hereunto prefixed, and saith that, he was called into service by State authority, being drafted in the regular militia, each tour, and that the said service was in the Army, not in parties collected for neighborhood defense.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court, the date aforesaid before

S/ Hall T. McGee, Judge

S/ Kenneth McCaskill

[January 20, 1840, veteran applied for a transfer of his pension benefit to Kemper County, Mississippi. He gave as his reason for moving that he was very poor and had moved to Mississippi to get good lands for himself and his children. His application was supported by an affidavit of his identity by Hugh McCaskill whose relationship to the veteran is not stated.



[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina State Troops.]