

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McWhirter S7199

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State of South Carolina Union District: To Wit

On this 13th day of June 1834, personally appeared in Open Court before John J. Pratt Esquire Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Union District, James McWhirter for a resident of Union District in the Seventy-fourth year of his age who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 --

Saith that he entered the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War in the year against the British Tories & Indians and Served a tour of one month under a draft to guard a Magazine under Capt. John Thomas [sic, more likely Captain John Thompson].

I again joined the Army as one of the drafted militia under Capt. Thomas and [Lt.] Col. James Steen, and marched to Bacons Bridge on our march for Stono but was discharged at Bacons Bridge after serving two months, this tour was done in 1778.

I again was drafted & served a tour of duty of three months under Capt. Nicholas Jasper, Major Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] & marched to Bacons Bridge and Orangeburg at which place we were stationed. --

I again in 1780 joined Capt. Thomas under Col. or General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & was at the Battle at Blackstocks Ford Tyger River [Battle of Blackstocks, November 20, 1780] which engagement I was in and served six weeks and was then discharged.

I again was drafted & served a tour of duty of ten weeks under [Lt.] Col. William Farr in the Indian Nation -- in the year 1782, and I served as a Sergeant.

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

In answer to the Interrogatories to me propounded by the Court, I answer as follows:

1st I was born in Virginia on Rockfish Creek

& 2nd but have no documentary evidence of my age.

3rd South Carolina Union District from about Eight years of age --

4th I served mostly under draft

5th I have set out in my declaration as well as my memory now serves me.

6th I never received any written discharge & served part of the time as a Sergeant

7th I refer to the Rev. Hezekiah McDugat & Drury Harrington to prove my character for truth & deportment

Sworn to the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ J. J. Pratt, Judge

S/ James McWhirter, X his mark

[Hezekiah McDugat, a clergyman, and Drury Harrington gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Union District: Drury Harrington came personally before me John Rogers Clerk of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for said District & deposeth that he was during the Revolutionary war at three different times in the Service with Mr. James McWhirter to wit Bacons Bridge, Blackstocks & in the Indian nation. I have heard the declaration of James McWhirter read & believes the same to be 13th of June 1834

S/ J. Rogers, Clerk

S/ Drury Harrington

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Drury Harrington". The signature is written in black ink and is centered below the typed name.

[Veteran was deceased by January of 1843; he died sometime after September 4, 1842, when the last payment was made to him on his pension.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$32.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months and 21 days in the South Carolina militia.]