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Pension application of Duncan McCulloch (McCulloch)

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State of North Carolina Bladen County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Sessions 1832.

On this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832, personally appeared in Open court before the Honorable Worshipful Alexander McDowell, John McMillan and James McDuffie Justices of the Peace for said County holding said Court for said County now sitting Duncan McCulloch, a resident of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina aged sixty-nine 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1. He was drafted as a Private at Whites Creek in Bladen County North Carolina, about the first December in the year 1779, in a Company of which Joseph Wood was Capt., James Johnston Lieut. and Matthew Byrne, Ensign, in the first Regiment (as well as can be recollected) of North Carolina Militia, of which an officer by the name of Dunbibbin [sic?] was Col., for a service of three months; he was permitted to remain at home a few days, and did not join the Company, until they had arrived at a place called the Swash, on Long Bay in South Carolina, whence they marched to Charleston South Carolina, where they joined the Main American Army under the command of General Lincoln; remained at that place, until an attack was made by the British shipping on the Fort on Sullivan's Island, when Charleston was evacuated by the American Army; and a few days after that event the company to which he was attached was discharged, having remained in service four months and a half -- one month and a half beyond their term of service. There were four regiments of North Carolina Militia at Charleston under the command of General Lillington, of which (as well as he can now recollect) Lytle, Lowrie, Mebane and Dunbibben [sic?] were Colonels war Commanding Officers, though some of them may have been in the Continental service. The Militia and Continental Troops were stationed in different parts of the Harbor of Charleston, and seldom acted together, and if he ever became acquainted with the names of any of the Continental officers of that portion of the Army, he has forgotten them. He received a discharge in writing, but having long since considered it of no value to him; it has been lost or destroyed.

2. He was a Private in Capt. John Blocker's Company of Bladen Militia, who was called into service, and marched to Hood's Creek in Brunswick County, about 28 miles from his then place of residence in Bladen County for the purpose of cutting off the intercourse between the upper Country and Wilmington, then in possession of the British, was originally a part of the Main body of Militia stationed at the Big Bridge on the North East River, under the command of

Col. Thomas Brown but was detached on the service mentioned, and remained at Hood's Creek, about one month. He has no further recollection of the time when they were called into service except that it was shortly after the British under Major Craig took possession of Wilmington North Carolina: A Company of Brunswick Militia, under the command of Capt. Simmonds was also stationed for a part of the time at the Hood's Creek Bridge, where they had a skirmish with a detachment of British from Wilmington in which Capt. Simmonds and a Private by the name of Thomas Smith were killed. After the Term of service had expired, he with the rest of his Company received nothing but a verbal discharge.

3. In the month of July or August 1782, he was hired as a substitute by Mr. Thomas Smith of Bladen County to go out on an expedition against the Tories. The Bladen Militia engaged in that service were commanded by Capt. Jared Irwin and Col. Thomas Robeson, and continued in active service on the South Carolina line, about one month, when they were marched back to Elizabeth town & there verbally discharged.

4. In the early part of the Fall of the year 1782, while a Private in Capt. John Blocker's Company of Bladen Militia, the Company were required to furnish two privates to collect and drive cattle to General Greene's Camp: one Ralph McKay volunteered his services as one, and he (McCulloch) was hired by Mr. Thomas Smith and others of the Company as the other. They joined the Company, or Detachment collected from other Companies, for that service and which was under the Command of Turpin McRee as Capt., and James D. Purdie, as Lieut.: They were employed in that service for the period of a month or more -- having in that time collected one hundred ninety head of cattle, which they drove to General Greene's Camp, below Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River in South Carolina: Whence they were marched back, and received a verbal discharge. During the Services above detailed, he resided, and has resided ever since in Bladen County, North Carolina; he has no documentary evidence of his service; and has no other witnesses of his service whose testimony he can procure except Thomas Smith Esquire & Edward Davis, whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

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.

S/ Duncan McCulloch

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Answers to the Questions prescribed by the Department of War as propounded to the Declarant by the Court

1. I was born in Scotland June 1763.
2. I have no record of my age: I arrived in this country when I was eight years old
3. In Bladen County and have resided there ever since.
4. I was a substitute twice: a volunteer once: and was drafted once. I was a substitute once for Mr. Thomas Smith and was once hired by him & nine others.
5. I have answered this Question in my declaration -- I recollect the names of none of the Continental officers except Generals Lincoln & Moultrie and a General Hogan [sic, James Hogun], if he was a Continental Officer -- And no Regiments except those named in my declaration.
- 6, Mr. Thomas Smith, Samuel B. Andres, David Lloyd, Patrick Kelly and Robert Harvey Esquires, and others. John Savage  
[Robert Harvey & John Savage gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Bladen County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful William H. Beatty, Esquire holding said Court -- Thomas Smith who after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith --

That he recollects having hired the Declarant Duncan McCulloch as a Substitute to go on an expedition to Drowning Creek in Bladen now Robeson County, against the Tories in a company of Bladen Militia under the command of Capt. Jared Irwin, and that he was engaged in that expedition some time but how long he does not remember. That he and nine others hired the said McCulloch as a substitute to go on an expedition to drive cattle to General Greene's Camp, in a company or Detachment of men raised from the Bladen Militia under the command of Capt. Turpin McRee and Lieut. James B. Purdie -- they were called out for three months but does not recollect how long he served -- And that he went with said Duncan McCulloch to Hood's Creek & was with him there when the attack was made by the British.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

Attest S/ J. Kelly, Clk

S/ Tho. Smith

State of North Carolina Bladen County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions November Term 1832

On this the 6th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Worshipful William H. Beatty, Robert Melvin & GW Bennerman Justices of the Peace for said County, holding said Court, Edward Davis who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes as follows

That he served as a private during the Revolutionary War with the Declarant Duncan McCulloch in a Company of Bladen Militia under the command of Capt. Joseph Wood, Lieut. James Johnson; and Ensign Matthew Byrne. That the company marched from Elizabeth town in Bladen County to Charleston & that said McCulloch served three months -- the term for which the Company was called into service, and left the City a few days before the surrender of General Lincoln with a portion of the Company. After that time this Deponent has no recollection of said McCulloch as he this Deponent remained in Charleston & was taken prisoner.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

Attest: S/ J. Kelly, Clk

S/ Edward Davis