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Pension Application of John McCauley S7207

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State of Virginia } SS.

Washington county }

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Washington county aforesaid John McCauly a resident of the said State and county, aged seventy five years in December last, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he enlisted in the army of the United States on the fifteen day of February 1776 with Lieutenant John Goggins of Captain Terrells [sic: Henry Terrill's] company of the 5th Virginia Regiment for the term of two years. In the month of march after he enlisted the Company marched from that part of the county of Bedford now Campbell where the recruiting station of Capt Terrells company was situated, to Williamsburg – thence to Suffolk – thence to Norfolk, wh[ere] they remained until August or about that time. They then after various marches returned to Williamsburg from thence marched to York where they went on board of the squadron and sailed to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD]. From this place they marched to Wilmington – thence to Chester in Pennsylvania – thence to Trenton. It was now the month of November. From this we marched to Amboy thence to Newark at which place Colo afterwards Gen'l Stevens [sic: Adam Stephen] commanded. From thence we retreated before the Brittish to New Brunswick – thence to Princeton – then crossed the Delaware below Trenton – then marched up the river to McConkeys ferry [McKonkey's Ferry]. Here we remained until the 25th of December in the evening, then crossed the river, marched to Trenton and on the 26th fought the battle with the Hessians Gen'l. Washington commanding us. We then returned to the same Camp on the Delaware. The said John McCauly further states that in this march he was so injured in one of his ankles that he was permitted to go to Newtown [Newton NJ?] where he remained until his ankle got well and then in January 1777 he marched as a Sergeant of a waggon guard and joined the troops at Springfield in New Jersey. From this we marched to Chatham. From this he was ordered to Whippany township with some of the Virginia Troops, who were to be inoculated with the small pox he having had the small pox himself In March he returned to Chatham thence we marched to Westfield where we remained some time under the command of Gen'l Maxwell – leaving this place we were marched to Quibbletown [in present New Market NJ] or near it and in May to Middlebrook where we joined the army under Gen'l Washington. As well as I now recollect in July we marched to Morristown. From this about the last of the month we marched to the Highlands of New York. We then wheel'd back and scarcely halted until we crossed the Delaware at Carolls ferry. From thence we marched to Germantown from thence to the Cross roads – from thence we made various turns and marches until we got to a place called Ridley creek. The enemy approaching we marched and crossed the Brandywine at Chads ford [sic: Chadds Ford] and on the 16th of September [sic: 11 Sep 1777] faught the battle of Brandywine. That evening we retreated to Chester and next morning marched near to Germantown & encamp'd. Then made many marches and counter marches towards Philadelphia and out into the country. At length we marched near to Germantown and about the 5th or 6th [sic: 4th] of October faught the battle of Germantown. Towards the last of October the said John McCauley took the Camp fever and on the 30th of the month was permitted to go into the country for the recovery of his health. Having recovered he again early in February joined his company at Valley Forge and here remained until he was honorably discharged by Colo Wm Russell [William Russell] then in command of Gen'l Muhlenbergs [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade at that place. The said McCauley further states that he sent his discharge to Richmond by Capt. James Montgomery a Delegate from the county of Washington and he was afterwards informed that it was burnt –

The said John McCauly further states that he was born, as he had been informed by his parents, in New Castle county, State of Delaware in December 1756 – his father having a record of his age. from which place his father removed with his family into York county Pennsylvania when the said John was young. From there he again removed to Loudon [sic: Loudoun] county Virginia, lived there three years and then removed to that part of Bedford county now Campbell where he resided when the said John enlisted at the house of John Bryans a neighbour. After leaving the service the said John returned to Campbell county and resided there until February 1779 He then removed to Washington county where he has resided ever since.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] John McCauley

State of Virginia

Washington County Ss

On this 30th day of November 1832 personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid John McCauley, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that in addition to the facts set forth in his declaration made before the Court of Washington county and dated on the 27th day of August 1832, he declares the following. That he was appointed a Sergeant in the Company to which he belonged, on the 25th day of December 1776 and continued in that office until the end of his term of service, which took place two or three days after the 15th of February 1778. He further declares that he served the full term of two years or two or three days more and was honorably discharged. He further declares that at the time of his discharge the company was commanded by Capt. [William] Fowler and was one of the companies of Colo Josiah Parkers Regiment, but that Colo Parker was not with his Regiment at that time Therefore to sum up the matter the said John McCauley declares that he served, as he has stated, from the 15th day of February 1776 to the 25th day of December 1776 as a private being 10 months and 10 days and that he served as a Sergeant the balance of his two years, being one year, one month and twenty days: and for such service I claim a pension [signed] John McCauley

NOTES:

The following is in the pension application of Joseph Scott (S9474):

State of Virginia }

County of Washington } SS. BE It Known, that on this day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Thomas McCauly aged sixty nine years of sound body and mind, a resident of Washington County, and made oath in due form of Law, that he was born and raised in said County of Washington, and that he was well acquainted with Joseph Scott a soldier of the revolution, and that his Father John McCauly told him, that he and Joseph Scott were in the same Company, and under the command of Genl George Washington in the War of the Revolution, and that they both belonged to the Virginia line and he remembers distinctly, that Mr. Joseph Scott stayed all night at his Fathers John McCauly's and both of them conversed on the subject of the pension due them from the Government of the United States and that each proved the others services in said War, and the reason why Joseph Scott did not apply for his pension was, his circumstances at that day enabled him to live without it, and that Joseph Scott after that never applied for his pension, he has heard his Father John McCauly say, that he and Joseph Scott enlisted for three years, and were mess mates, and I Certify that the witness Thomas R. McCauly above named is credible, highly respectable, and disinterested and can most surely be relied on. Given under my hand this 17th day of May 1854

A Treasury Department document states the children of John McCauley were paid his pension from 4 Mar 1840 to the date of his death on 6 Oct 1840.