

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McLure S8889

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State of North Carolina Cabarrus County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Cabarrus County begun & held in Concord October 15th 1832

On this 15th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, now sitting, Thomas McLure, a resident of the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina, aged Sixty-seven years, the 25th of 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 act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated --

"I joined the militia, as a volunteer, about the 15th day of April 1780 -- in the County of Mecklenburg NC in a company commanded by Capt. James Staggart [James Ligert a/k/a James Taggart] -- Lieut. Robert McKnight Ensign George Graham -- Major James White & Col. Davidson (afterwards General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] who was killed on the bank of the Catawba River) -- I was a volunteer under these officers for 30 days (one month). We were stationed as a guard on McAlpine Creek in Mecklenburg. About 300 men were there with us. I served out this time and was discharged by James Staggart about the middle of May 1780. I was again a volunteer in the same County (Mecklenburg) in the month of May 1780 (date not recollected, but it was a few days after I was discharged before) under the same officers -- Staggart , McKnight -- Major White -- Joseph Graham Adjutant -- Col. Davidson , General Griffith Rutherford for the expedition against "Ramsour's Mills" [June 20, 1780] -- served three weeks -- and was discharged by Capt. Staggart in June 1780. I arrived at Ramsour's about an hour after the battle -- which was on the __ day of June 1780 as well as I recollect -- was one of the guard over the prisoners after the battle. I again volunteered in Mecklenburg County in the month of June (the last of the month) 1780 -- under Capt. McKnight -- Major White -- who was the commander of our Corps -- we marched from Mecklenburg towards "Rocky Mount" in South Carolina. I was a volunteer during the expedition and served three weeks and was discharged in July 1780 by Capt. McKnight. I was again a volunteer in the last of September 1780 for four weeks in Mecklenburg County (near Charlotte) where my father lived -- was of mounted infantry -- under Will. R. Davie [William Richardson Davie], Col. -- in these four weeks we did much hard service in the vicinity of Charlotte -- was discharged by Col. Davie about the last of October 1780 -- Col. Davie during these four weeks took at one time fifteen prisoners & upwards of three hundred baggage wagons, from the rear of the Main Army under Cornwallis. I again volunteered in the County of Mecklenburg, in the month of December 1780 for six weeks (proclamation

having been made that all who volunteered for this six weeks tour should receive pay as for three months) I joined in this tour under Joseph Tygart [Joseph Taggart] Capt. -- James Spratt Lieut. -- was in the Regiment commanded by General Francis Locke -- we marched through Guilford & Orange & about Hillsboro NC and joined General Nathanael Greene of the Regular Army at Haw River -- we had been met before this by the Cavalry under Col. Washington [William Washington] and Col. Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] we [several words missing as a result of the bottom of the page being torn—I believe the missing text may read "marched through the Country"] until this six weeks had expired, at which [several words missing as a result of a water stain obliterating most of the top line of the next page] ...lford was fought -- I was then in the month of February, after having served six weeks, as a three months soldier according to the proclamation, regularly discharged by Capt. Tygart -- I was afterwards in the month of September (the 10th or 12th day) drafted and placed under Capt. John Duckworth -- Lieut. Joseph Frasier -- Ensign Alexander Robinson -- had no higher officer until we joined the Main Army under Greene. I was drafted for three months -- and was marched under these officers to South Carolina -- joined General Greene at the High Hills of Santee was placed there under Col. Malmeda [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] a French officer of the Regulars -- remained there till within ten days of three months was sent with prisoners, that had been taken at the battle of the Eutaw [Springs, September 8, 1781], to Salisbury NC where I was discharged by Capt. John Duckworth. While at the High Hills of Santee I knew Major Hamilton of the Regular Army. I served this three months and was discharged in December 1781. I served in all nine months, if the six weeks under General Locke & Greene, is allowed for three months according to the proclamation -- if not, then I served in all eight months -- I have lost or mislaid all my discharges -- I was born on the 25th day of December 1764 -- in Pennsylvania, 18 miles from Lancaster in the County of Lancaster. My family moved from there and settled in Mecklenburg County NC -- from where I moved to that part of the same County now called Cabarrus in which I have now live about 21 years -- I was always a volunteer -- except the last three months, when I was drafted. I have no documentary evidence of my service -- I know of no living witness by whom I can prove my services as to the reputation of my service and my character I refer to the Rev. Dr. John Robinson, D.D. and Abraham Alexander Esquire. 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.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas McLure, X his mark

Questions propounded by the Court -- to Thomas McLure

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born in the State of Pennsylvania on the 25th of December 1764.

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

Ans. I have none now having lost the same.

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

Ans. I always lived in Mecklenburg County when called into the Service. I lived there since the Revolution till about 21 years ago -- when I moved to that part of Mecklenburg County now called Cabarrus, where I now live --

Question 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 was always a volunteer -- except during the last 3 months when I was drafted -- when I

was marched to South Carolina.

Question 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. I remember General Greene -- Col. Malmedy -- Major Hamilton, who were with us, very well -- I was under Greene both in North Carolina & South Carolina. I served under Col. Davie about Charlotte NC. I remember General Sumner of the North Carolina Militia, who was with us near the Yadkin River on his way to the South --

Question 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 was always discharged regularly -- first by Capt. Staggart -- again by him the 3rd time by Capt. McKnight -- the 4th by Col. Davie -- the 5th by Capt. Tygart -- and this 6th and last time by Capt. Duckworth. They are all lost -- mislaid or destroyed.

Question 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. I refer to John Robinson D.D. and Abraham Alexander Esquire.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Thomas McLure, X his mark

[John Robinson, a clergyman, and Abraham Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25.78 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 22 days in the North Carolina militia.]