

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McPherson S9008

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The State of Ohio Logan County, SS

On this 27th day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas of said County, now sitting, James McPherson, one of the associate Judges of said court, and a resident of said County of Logan aged 73 years, and 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 was born in the Town of Carlisle in the State of Pennsylvania in the year 1760, and in the year 1776 when living in Westmoreland County in the same State, he enlisted in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonels McCoy [Aeneas Mackey] & Wilson, and enrolled in Captain Samuel Miller's Company. They were soon after stationed at the old Kittanny [Kittanning] Town on the Allegheny River to protect the frontier against the inroads of Indians. In the beginning of the winter of that year his Regiment was ordered to cross the mountains & joined General Washington's Army as the British & Hessians were in full march for Philadelphia, but before their arrival, Washington had defeated the Hessians at Trenton; and the Regiment was ordered into a place called Beabrook [?]; and a part to Quibble Town in the Jerseys where they were stationed for the balance of the winter within a short distance of Brunswick, where the British lay in winter quarters and their scouts had almost daily skirmishes with the enemy. In the spring of 1777, the enemy came out in force in his Regiment was driven back with the loss of 60 [could be "40"] killed and wounded – they fell back, were reinforced & again took possession of their former ground: he was afterward at the Battle of Brandywine, where the enemy kept the ground, he was also in the affair at Paoli, where they were surprised by a heavy force under General Gray – his Regiment sustained heavy loss & his Colonel Daniel Broadhead was wounded. – On the 4 October he was in the battle at Germantown – they then went into winter quarters at Valley Forge and in the summer of 1778, they were marched to Fort Pitt; whence they descended the Ohio to Big Beaver where they built Fort McIntosh, & the same fall went into the Indian country & built Fort Laurens on the Tuscarora. In the summer of 1779 – they went up the Allegheny and attacked the venange [sic?] Towns, inhabited by the Senecas, burned their houses, destroyed their corn & then returned to Fort Pitt, where he received a discharge from Colonel Daniel Brodhead without ever having lost a day or receiving a reprimand. In the summer of 1780 he served as an Indian spy in the Frontiers – in 1781, he served in like manner – In 1782 he volunteered under Colonel Arch Laughey [Archibald Lochry] to join General Geo. R. Clarke [George Rogers Clark] against the Indians, and in descending the River, they were attacked by a body of Indians at the mouth of a Creek since called Laughery's

Creek [Lochry's Creek], and defeated<sup>1</sup> with a loss of 60 killed – he had an arm broken by a ball, and captured & brought to Madriver [sic?] near where he now lives, and was adopted in the place of Logan whose family was killed by Col. Cresop in 1774, and remained with the Indians until Wayne's treaty, when he left them. In 1812 he was employed by General Hull as a guide for the Army & went to Detroit, he took with him about 70 Wyandot, Seneca, & Maumee Indians. In the same year he was appointed by General Harrison son of Indian agent at Lewiston – in 1821 he was reappointed to the same office by John C Calhoun & in 1829 was removed by John H Eaton. He has no written evidence of his service – in the Revolutionary War, his discharge having been lost when a prisoner with the Indians – & he does not certainly know whether any of [his] old comrades are alive. He has a record of his age kept in a family Bible now in his possession, and he is of the age stated:

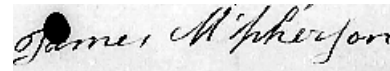
He can refer to Noah Z. McColloch clerk of the court, to Joseph Vance, a member of Congress from Ohio & Lewis Cup, Secretary at War as persons to who know his character. –

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

Subscribed & sworn to, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ N. Z. McColloch, Clk

S/ James McPherson



The State of Ohio Butler County SS

Before me William Hunter one of the Justices duly assigned to keep the peace in and for said County personally came Isaac Anderson<sup>2</sup> of the County of Butler and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that James McPherson of Logan County State of Ohio was his enlisted Soldier and under his command in the spring of the year 1781 for eight months in a company of Rangers for the frontiers of Westmoreland County State of Pennsylvania the officers was commissioned by the Governor and subject to the command of Colonel Archibald Lochry by the request of the governor said Lochry called for the State troops and volunteers to join General Clark on a campaign against the North Western Indians to rendezvous on the first of August at Colonel John Carnahan's on the 3rd we marched for Wheeling, on the 7th we arrived at Wheeling and Clark was gone. We prepared Boats to follow, Colonel Lochry sent an express after Clark who overtook him 70 miles below there he left a horse Boat for 30 light horses and 6 kegs of flour for one hundred six men, he was to stop at the Big Henhaway [Kanawha?] but did not, he was to stop at the big Miami but did not – when we arrived at the Mouth of the Miami I was the officer of the day. The Colonel ordered me on shore to look for signs of Clark. But found signs of 300 Indians encamped I went along side of the Colonel's Barge, he ordered me to call all the officers to come to him to hold a Council what to do, it was agreed that we would stop the first place that we found convenient to cut grass for the horses & cook four Buffalaws [buffaloes] we had on board and pass on down to the falls; About two miles lower down the River we found the appearance of what we wanted and landed, when we were fired on by one hundred fifty Indians, some tried to make to the other shore to get to Kentucky when Brandt [Joseph Brant] with one hundred fifty more Indians fired on us they put their canoes in the River below us and not a man of the one hundred and six escaped forty-five

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<sup>1</sup> There is an excellent account of the engagement known as Lochry's Defeat posted at <http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.Military.amerrev.general/803/mb.ashx>

<sup>2</sup> [Isaac Anderson W4628](#)

was killed on the spot and the balance was taken prisoners. It is too long to tell the sufferings of the prisoners Running the Gauntlet, whipping, Stoning &c But I got to Detroit and there I seen the said James McPherson a prisoner with the English neither the Captain or Ensign belonging to my company went on the Campaign I commanded the Company a Captain's pay was then \$40 per month, Lieutenant's \$30 per month, ensign's \$24 per month, sergeant's \$12 per month – corporal's 10 and private's \$8 per month and further saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 21st day of July A.D. 1834

S/ William Hunter, JP

S/ Isaac Anderson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Anderson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. Below the name, there is a long, horizontal flourish or underline that extends across the width of the signature.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]