

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward McKay S9016

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions September Term 1832

On this the 3rd day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared Edward McKay in open court before the Court aforesaid resident of the County aforesaid aged about 73 or 75 years of age and after 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 passed June 7, 1832.

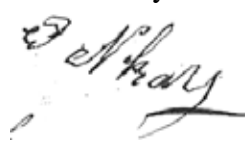
That he was drafted into the Militia of the State of North Carolina about the year 1782, and served first under one Capt. McCranie [Neil McCrany] and afterwards under one Capt. Archibald Smith of the County aforesaid, that he was employed in herding the cattle and in driving them to the Army in South Carolina, then under the Command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], that he assisted in driving said cattle to the Camp of Greene then at Ashley Hill near Charleston, that after staying some time in Greene's Camp, they marched back to Cross Creek in Cumberland County, now known as the Town of Fayetteville, That he served with one Morris Morrison,¹ whose affidavit is hereunto appended, that he was in no battle nor was never wounded. That he knows of no other person to prove his service but the said Morrison, that he had a discharge but has lost the same -- that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service -- That he then resided and has resided ever since in the County of Cumberland, that there is no Clergyman in his neighborhood from whom he can obtain his certificate -- That he was born somewhere about 1756 or 1759, that has no record of age, and lived in the County of Cumberland when called into service, that he was drafted, that his discharge was signed by his Capt. Archibald Smith. That his neighbors Neill Munroe & ___ can prove the respectability of his character -- and can testify as to the repute in his neighborhood that he served in the Revolutionary War -- That he only served 6 months.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. McDiamid, Clk

S/ E McKay



¹ [Morris Morrison S2868](#)

Personally appeared before the Court aforesaid Morris Morrison, and after being duly sworn according to law, doth on his [oath] say, that he served with Edward McKay in the manner as above stated by said McKay, first under Capt. McCranie and afterwards under Capt. Archibald Smith, that they were employed in herding & driving cattle to the Army in South Carolina under General Greene, that they drove of cattle to Ashley Hill in South Carolina where Greene was then encamped, that they afterwards marched to Cross Creek where they were discharged -- that they were drafted in 1782.

Sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ D. McDiamid, Clk

S/ Morris Morrison, X his mark

[Alexander Clark and Neill McLean gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]