

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McBride S9425

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State of South Carolina Union District: to wit

On this 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Sessions, now sitting for the District aforesaid, William McBride, a resident in Union District, aged seventy-six 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 7 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – "I entered the service of the United States as a Volunteer Sergeant in Fauquier County Virginia, in January 1778 in Captain James Scott's Company, and marched to a place called Quibble Town in New Jersey, where we joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hollingsworth, where we remained until our time expired – and were then marched back, to the residence of Lord Starling [presumably William Alexander, Lord Stirling], where we were prevailed on by him to remain some days and was discharged regularly by Major Blodget [?]¹, and returned home, having served a period of four months. – In the spring of 1782 I again entered the service in Captain John Ball's company, and marched to the Brigade of General Stevens [Edward Stevens] at the Martboro hills [Malvern Hills], below Richmond where we joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elias Edmonds [also spelled Elias Edmunds], and remained sometime, when we marched up to Richmond and from thence to Williamsburg, where we joined the main Army, shortly after which I was discharged, and returned home, having served something more than three months. – I have no documentary evidence of my services – And know of no person who served with or knew me in the service now alive in this Country. – I do hereby relinquish every claim 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. – In answer to the interrogatories put by the Court, I answer.

1st & 2nd I was born in Somerset County in the State of New Jersey on the 16th August 1756, as I have been informed having no record of my age in my possession.

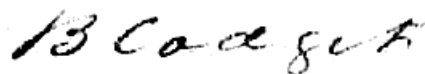
3. I lived in Fauquier County Virginia when I entered the Service, and have lived in South Carolina, where I now live about forty years –

4th. I first volunteered – and next went into the Service as a draft.

5th. See the within Declaration

6th I do did receive a written discharge signed by Major Bladget [?], by order of General or Lord Starling, but the same has been lost.

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I cannot identify an officer by this or any similar name I could devise as someone who served in the Virginia Militia or Line during the Revolutionary War.

7th I referred to the Reverend Willis Walker and Christopher Brandon to prove my character for truth and moral deportment.["]

S/ Wm McBride

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm. McBride". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[Reverend Willis Walker, a clergyman, and Christopher Brandon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]