

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas McDow S9427

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District

On the 15th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before his honor William D. Martin, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting, Thomas McDow, a resident of Lancaster District in the State aforesaid aged sixty-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: --

That he entered the service as a volunteer in Lancaster District, in Capt. George Dunlap's Company and Major Thomas Thompson's Battalion from which he was marched and joined the Army under the command of General Francis Marion then stationed at Santee Swamp below Nelson's Ferry in the month as well as he remembers of July A.D. 1781 -- He remained there some weeks and was then marched towards Jacksonborough to dislodge a party of British who were stationed there -- when they got within 2 or 3 miles of that place, they received information that the British were retreating from there towards Charleston -- they pursued as far as Carter's Ferry on Edisto River where they had a skirmish with the British, in which Col. Harden's [Lt. Col. William Harden's?] men who were not well supplied with ammunition were first attacked and compelled to retreat.¹ From thence they returned to Head Quarters in Santee Swamps; where having remained several days an express came from General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] to Marion requiring him to join him for the purpose of going against the enemy who were stationed at Eutaw Springs -- they were then instantly marched ~~from~~ round the British to Pinckney's Ferry on Santee from whence they proceeded in front of Greene to within 4 miles of Eutaw when they dismounted and leaving their horses, moved forward by platoons and fought the memorable Battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].² Marion's Regiment was stationed on the right and commenced the engagement; but after having fired 5 or 6 fires a charge of Bayonets was made against them, when they gave way for the regulars under the command of General Greene. General Henderson's [William Henderson's] Regiment was on the left. This deponent was sent from thence with James Delaney, their cook who had been wounded in the engagement, to Doct. Purvis on Santee about 15 miles below Nelson's Ferry where he remained until his term of three months service expired. He received a discharge which has been lost, but he does not recollect by whom signed.

He was drafted and again entered the service the ensuing Summer in June or July in

¹ Veteran MAY be describing the action at Wiggin's Hill, January 24, 1781

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_wiggins_hill_1.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

Lieut. Richard Terrell's [Richard Terrill's] Company, in Lancaster District; and from thence was marched through Orangeburg to the forks of Edisto [River] where they joined the Army under the command of General Henderson and was there engaged in various reconnoitering parties against a party of Tories under the command of Col. Maggart, remained there till peace was declared when they were ordered to Orangeburg at which place they were discharged -- In this period he served three months and received a regular discharge, but the same has been lost and he cannot recollect by whom it was signed.

This deponent was born on the 12th of October A.D. 1765 in Waxhaw in Lancaster District South Carolina. He has a record of his age at his house in a Bible of his father's in which the ages of all the family were recorded. He lived in Lancaster District when he first entered the service -- has lived there since the revolution and lives there now -- He entered the service as already stated, first as a volunteer and was afterwards drafted -- He has already stated as fully as he can recollect the names of the regular officers who were with the troops with whom he served and also the regiments of Militia &c together with the circumstances attending his service. He received discharges, but has lost them and cannot now recollect by whom they were signed. The Rev. Jacob Carnes and William Dunlap can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services in the revolution. And this deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in open Court

S/ Jno Adams, Clk

S/ Thomas McDow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas McDow". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Thomas McDow".

[Jacob Carnes, a clergyman, and William Dunlap 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 South Carolina militia.]