

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McCorkel [McCorkle] S9430

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State of Ohio, County of Lawrence: Court of Common Pleas of August Term 1832

On the 29 Day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared before the judges of the court of Com. Pleas aforesaid in & for said county in open court, Robert McCorkel a resident of Union Township in the County of Lawrence, a farmer, age 72 years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, does on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That, firstly, he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of October 1776 - (the day of the month he does not remember believes the 10th), at Staunton, Augusta County, Virginia, for the Term of two years with \_\_\_\_ and served in the 12<sup>th</sup> Regt. of the Virginia Line under the following named officers, to wit, in the company commanded by Capt. Michael Boyer (or Bowyer) [Michael Bowyer] (the Lieutenant's name was Robert Gamble, Ensign John McDowell) The Regt. was commanded by Col. James Wood & Gen. Scott [Charles Scott] commanded the Brigade. Immediately after he enlisted, he went into the service & served faithfully the whole term, as follows, the company during the following winter were stationed at the head of the Monongahela River called Tigers Valley [Tygart Valley], at Randolph County & remained there till March 1777. From there they went to Philadelphia. Here Declarant was sick with the small pox for some weeks -- as soon as he recovered he marched & joined the main army near West Point. From there he went with the army to Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777], I fought in these battles. Lay at Valley Forge during the winter following. In the spring or summer of 1778 went with the army through New Jersey to White Plains thence to West Point where he continued till he was regularly discharged on the 14 November 1778. This term of service was performed as a private. He further declares that he was born & raised at Augusta County, Virginia, six miles S. West of Staunton where he enlisted. Resided at Augusta Co. at commencement, & for year after the war.

And the said Robert McCorkel further declares, secondly, that sometime in the summer of 1780, (the month & day he does not recollect) he enlisted again at the same place where he resided in Augusta County Virginia, for the Term of Eighteen Months, & faithfully served the whole term under the officers & at the places following - to wit: In the company commanded by Capt. Stribling [Sigismund Stribling] in the first Regt. of the Virginia Line, commanded by Col. Haws [Samuel Hawes] - in Gen. Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Brigade. Immediately after he enlisted he went into the Southern States & continued there till about the close of the year 1781 - when he was regularly discharged. He enlisted for this Term at Staunton in Virginia--thence marched to the right of Guilford to Ninety Six—where he lay with the company besieging the Fort 42 days [May-June 1781]. Thence returned toward Virginia. Thence marched to Orangeburg in South Carolina -- thence to Columbia, Eutaw Springs & Camden, at which latter place he was discharged. He was in the battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], Fort Friday [probably Fort Granby, May 15, 1781] & several other skirmishes. This latter service was performed in the capacity of orderly sergeant. He received regular discharges the first signed by Col. Russell at the termination of both the before specified terms of

service but whether in writing, except the first - or by whom signed except the first he cannot say. He has now no documentary evidence of his service or discharges.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state -

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Jos. Wheeler Clerk

S/ Robert McCorkel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert McCorkel". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1783, in the name of Robert McKorkell, as a Sergeant of Infantry for £54.0.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Captain Culbertson and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1834.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$110 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months and an orderly Sergeant for one year in the Virginia service.]