

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald McCorkle S9431

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: SS

On this 22nd day of February in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Pearsall Thompson an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid Archibald McCorkle, a resident of Mecklenburg County and State of North Carolina aged Seventy-five years past, 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein this after stated. That he was born in the State of Pennsylvania in the County not recollected in the year of our Lord 1758 in the month of March of said year, that his age is recorded in his father's family Bible (which is now in the possession of his brother Matthew McCorkle), that he removed from the State of Pennsylvania when he was about Six or Seven years of age to the State of North Carolina and settled in the County of Mecklenburg, where he has resided ever since, That he entered the Service of the United States sometime in the year 1776. Sometime in the month of November in that year and served as hereinafter stated. That the first Tour he served under the following named officers (viz.) William Hagins [William Hagan] was his Capt. Foster was Lieut. Thomas Polk his Col. and Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] his General and commanding officer. That this tour was one month against the Scotch about what is now called Fayetteville that he was regularly discharged but that he has lost it. The next Tour he served as a private under Capt. Hagins in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians¹ that he entered as a volunteer that he does not recollect the name of his Col. That Rutherford was the General and commanding officer. That he was marched to the head of Catawba River, and after serving the time for which he volunteered he was discharged at the head of the Catawba River at Cathey's Fort, which discharge is lost. This Tour was in the year 1775 [sic, 1776]. The next expedition and Tour that he Served was in the Cavalry that he volunteered under Capt. Bartley [Robert Bartley], William Davie [William Richardson Davie] was Lieut. and Nathaniel Alexander was Ensign Butler was the commanding officer of the Infantry to which they were attached. This was in the year 1776 [sic, 1779] as well as he can recollect, he served in this expedition six months and was in the battle of Stono² near or not far

¹ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html

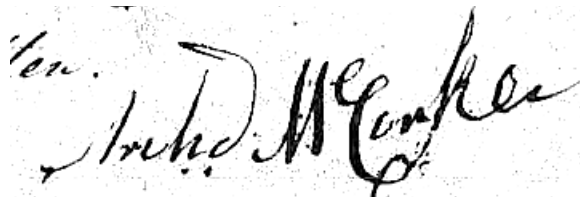
² June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

distant from Charleston where they met the British and fought them, that they were also at Augusta in Georgia during this expedition, that he was regularly discharged in South Carolina near Charleston, our Capt. Bartley was broke of his commission during this time by Court Martial for intemperance and Davie assumed the Command of the company, he then returned home to Mecklenburg and volunteered under Davie who was then promoted to the rank of Major that he was frequently out and protecting the country from the British who were advancing into the Country, That he was at the Battle of Hanging Rock³ in South Carolina. That he was continually from this time under the command of Davie until the cessation of Hostilities, and was with Davie & General Rutherford when the battle of Ramsour's [mill]⁴ was fought in Lincoln and arrived with the Main Army on the battleground immediately after it was fought and aided in assisting the wounded and in burying the dead, he was under Capt. Martin [Samuel Martin] at the battle of Guilford,⁵ he then Served under Capt. Summerville in the expedition to Wilmington under General Rutherford in Cavalry Graham [Joseph Graham] was the Major, he served at least one month, he is confident, that he was in the United States service at least four years and he verily believes more, that from old age and infirmity of mind and body he is unable to make a clear specific and definite statement of all the details of his services, and he also states that from old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to attend Court to the be examined as the law in such cases requires, and that he lives about 20 miles from the Court House: he begs leave therefore to refer for corroborating evidence of his statement to the certificate of Andrew Walker⁶ and George McWhorter⁷ which are attached to and made a part of this declaration. He 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 & subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/ P. Thompson

S/ Arch'd McCorkle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arch'd McCorkle". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[James Houston and John Houston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This day personally appeared before me Pearsall Thompson an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Mecklenburg Andrew Walker a resident of the County and State aforesaid and who after being duly qualified deposeth and saith as follows Viz That he is well acquainted with Archibald McCorkle who is a resident of the County and State aforesaid and that he the said Archibald McCorkle was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he was then a

³ August 6, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hangingrk.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁴ June 20, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

⁵ March 15, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁶ [Andrew Walker S7830](#)

⁷ [George McWhorter S9011](#)

resident of said County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina. That he the said Andrew Walker was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, that he the said Archibald McCorkle served with him the said Andrew Walker one month Tour in the year 1775 in an expedition to Cross Creek in North Carolina the place where Fayetteville is now situated to quell the Scotch Tories; that they both served in the same company and under Capt. William Hagins. This deponent further saith that he was in another expedition with said Archibald McCorkle in the Revolutionary War in the year 1775 as before stated -- And in the same company with the said A. McCorkle viz The expedition against the Cherokee Indians that they were in that expedition commanded by the said William Hagins that Thomas Polk was their Col. Rutherford was their General this was a tour of three months as this deponent is very certain . The foregoing affidavit was sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of December A.D. 1833/

S/ Andrew Walker. X his mark

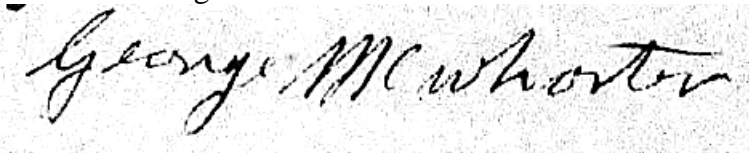
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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This day personally appeared before me Pearsall Thompson an acting Justice of the peace for the County of Mecklenburg, George McWhorter, who is a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid who after being duly qualified deposeth and saith as follows viz. That he is personally acquainted with Archibald McCorkle who is a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina and that he perfectly well recollects that the said Archibald McCorkle was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and a staunch Whig that he the said George McWhorter served in a campaign with said Archibald McCorkle during the Revolutionary War and in the same Regiment with him the said McCorkle that he believes the said McCorkle entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer -- that the Regiment to which your affiant and the said McCorkle were attached marched from the County of Mecklenburg in the State of North Carolina in the year 1780 as well as this deponent now recollects -- that they were marched from the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid to Bacons Bridge in the State of South Carolina on Ashley River, that they there met the Main Army Col. Kershaw was the Col. that Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] was the General that at Bacon's Bridge this deponent was discharged and saw no more of the said McCorkle, but from information he does believe that the said McCorkle still continued in the service of the United States a long time after this deponent was discharged and that during all the time he continued in such service he was a true friend to his Country and that he endured many hardships and suffered many privations to achieve that independence which we now enjoy. The aforementioned was a 3 months Tour Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of December 1833.

S/ P. Thompson, JP

S/ George McWhorter

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

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the North Carolina militia.]