

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McCoy (McCoy)<sup>1</sup> W1053    Margary McCoy    f33NC  
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[p 6: Marriage bond dated January 13, 1789 given by Robert McCoy Senior and Robert McCoy Junior to secure the marriage of Robert McCoy to Margery McCoy, given in Iredell County North Carolina]

[p 11-- the pages of this application are scrambled.]

State of Tennessee Blount County: SS

On this 8th day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before me David Scott one of the Judges of law and Equity in and for the State of Tennessee and for the 2nd Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court now sitting for said County Robert McCoy a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged Seventy 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He resided in Roan County [sic, Rowan County] North Carolina volunteered in the spring of 1780 volunteered under Capt. James Purvince [sic, James Purviance] in Col. William Davisons [William Lee Davidson's] Regiment in General Matthew Locks [Matthew Locke's] Brigade Marched to Wilson's old field below Salisbury against the Tories they had retreated before we got there we returned home from there was many men served 3 weeks was honorably but verbally discharged he was a Sergeant.

Again he lived at the same place in June 1780 volunteered as a Sgt. under Lieut. Thomas Morrison & Major George Davidson in the Cavalry had no Capt. with us marched to the Cherokee Ford on Broad River late till our time was out then returned home served 7 weeks

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Again when living at the same place volunteered in the fall of 1780 under Capt. James Myers in Col. Francis Locke's Regiment in General William Davidson's Brigade marched to Dunn's branch in McLinburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] County North Carolina lay there till out time was out served three months was honorably discharged he don't recollect which of the officers signed the discharge but it is lost.

Again in March 1781 Volunteered under Capt. James Purviance in Col. Francis Locke's Regiment marched into Orange County there we met General Greene [Nathanael Greene] then marched with him to Guilford & to the high Rock Ford on Haw River here we were verbally &

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<sup>1</sup> This file is index in the federal pension records under the name Robert McCoy, but the veteran clearly signed his name "Robert McCoy." Consequently, I have adopted his spelling of his surname for purposes of our index.

honorably discharged Served Seven weeks. He may be mistaken as to the date but as to the quantity of time and the tour above mentioned he is certain he served as there stated. He has no living witness that he knows of by whom he can prove his actual service nor no documentary evidence. He served in the whole seven months and seven days.

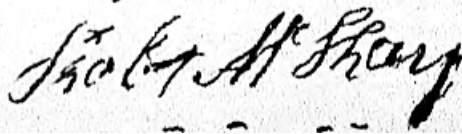
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

There is but one Clergyman immediately in his neighborhood by whom he can prove the report of his service and he is from his having moved cannot the had.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court 8th of August 1832.

S/ D. D. Foute, Clk

S/ Robt McKoy

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert McKoy".

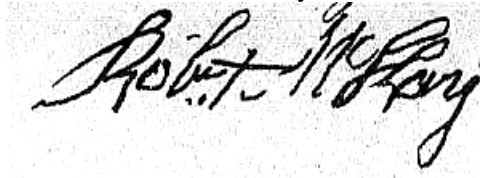
[p 8—there is a separate sheet of paper laid over the last page of this application which reads as follows:]

Again at the same place in February 1781 he volunteered under the said Capt. Purviance marched to Catawba River to guard it to keep Cornwallis' men from crossing he had the command of the guard at that Ford he was a Sgt. at that time served eight days.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court 8th August 1832.

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[Robert Sterling and G. W. McCaskill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 14: On August 1, 1851, in Blount County Tennessee Margary McCoy, 80, filed stating that she was the widow of Robert McCoy; that she married him in Iredell County North Carolina January 14 1789; that he died September 22, 1850; that they were married by one John Pervines [sic, John Purviance?], JP. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.43 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service for four months and nine days as a private and for two months and eighteen days as a Sergeant all in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]