

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John McLaughlin W18494

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The Commonwealth of Virginia  
Bath County to wit,

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of said County now sitting in open Court John McGloughlin aged about sixty nine 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he was born on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1764 in the County of Rockingham (then Augusta) in the State of Virginia, that he entered the service of the United States on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1781 as a volunteer under the command of Captain William Kincaid & Lieutenant Jacob Warwick in the County of Bath (then Augusta) that he was attached to the regiment commanded by Colo. Sampson Matthews That he marched to Portsmouth in the state of Virginia where he served three months as a private in the company in which he entered the service he does not recollect the number of the said regiment to which he was attached during the above service he was engaged in a skirmish with the British on a Sunday morning near said Town of Portsmouth after the expiration of the three months for which he volunteered he was discharged and returned home. that he was afterwards drafted in the said County of Rockingham for a tour of three months against the Indians which happened either the first or second Spring after the surrender of Cornwallis [on 19 Oct 1781] that he marched under Captain William Smith as a private and served a tour of three months that during this tour he was stationed at Hinkle fort on the north branch of the South fork [N Fork of S Branch] of the Potomac River and that he was in no engagements with the enemy that their only officers at Hinkles fort were Captain William Smith Lieutenant Neil Cane [Neil Cain] and perhaps an ensign whose name he does not now recollect a few days before the three months expired he was discharged. He further states that he served another tour of duty as a volunteer in the year 1783 to the best of his recollection, for three months that he marched from the said County of Rockingham as a private under Lieutenant Neil Cane to Tygart Valley and thence to Clarksburg in Virginia against the Indians but was in no engagements there was no field officer attached to this service having served out the tour of three months he was discharged. He did not receive a written discharge in any instance & is not in possession of any documentary evidence by which he can establish the fact of his service as above set forth. That he does not know of any person now living by whom he could prove the same. That there is no Minister of the Gospel residing in his neighborhood. That William Green, John Sharp, and Robert Bratton are his neighbours who will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief as to his services as a revolutionary soldier that he has no record of his age. That 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 and subscribed this day and year aforesaid —

John X McGloughlin

NOTE: On 27 Apr 1841 Anne McLaughlin, a resident on Jackson River in Bath County, aged 72, applied for a pension stating that she married John McLaughlin in Nov 1791, and he died 19 Mar 1838. In the file is a copy of the record of the marriage of John McGloughlin to Ann Wiley on 9 Nov 1790. Another document in 1843 referred to a son, John.