

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David McPeaters (McPeters) W2145 Susannah McPeters f39NC

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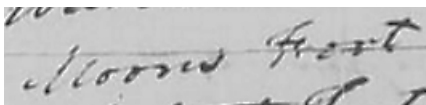
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State of Illinois Morgan County: SS

On this Sixteenth day of November in the year while Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before Samuel D. Lockwood presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Morgan County now sitting as a court of Chancery David McPeters a resident of the County of Macoupin in the State of Illinois aged Seventy Six 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. In the month of May 1777, he volunteered to serve as a private in the militia, a tour of duty of six months in a company commanded by Capt. William Moore, in the County of Burk [sic, Burke] in the State of North Carolina, the company was formed in the County of Burke aforesaid, and was stationed on the Catawba River at a place called Moore's Fort [could be "Moon's Fort"]¹ in said County, the company remained at that Fort keeping Garrison and guarding the frontier during the six months, except a part of the company left the Garrison to go out in the Indian nation, and was absent about twenty days, there were no officers at the Fort of a higher grade than a Captain After serving the six months this applicant was discharged, -- In the spring of the year 1778, there was another company of volunteers organized in the said County of Burke and this applicant joined the said County as a volunteer in the month of April, to serve six months, the company was under the command of Col. Charles McDowell, who was the Col. of the militia of the County. The company was stationed at the Fort above named, and the duty performed was guarding and protecting the frontiers from Indian depredations, this applicant served six months on this tour of duty and was discharged. In March 1780, this applicant volunteered to serve another tour of duty of three months, and joined a company commanded by Capt. Robert Patton, this company was composed of mounted men and this applicant furnished his own Horse & gun the company marched from Burke County where it was formed, to a place called Moncks Corner in South Carolina and there joined the Regiment of mounted men, or Cavalry commanded by Col. Washington [William Washington], the night of the day on which the company joined Col. Washington's command, Col. Washington was

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attacked [April 14, 1780]² by the British and compelled to Retreat, -- the troops generally Scattered, and assembled together again at Nelson's ferry on Santee River, after remaining a few days on Santee River Capt. Patton's company, to which this applicant belonged left Col. Washington's Regiment, and joined the Army under the command of General Caswell [Richard Caswell] at Campden [sic, Camden], in South Carolina, the company was attached to Col. McDowell's Regiment at Camden, the Army under General Caswell shortly after, marched into North Carolina to a place called Cross Creek, the same place that is now called Fayetteville, McDowell's Regiment separated from General Caswell at Cross Creek and went to Salisbury. At Salisbury Col. McDowell's Regiment joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford, and proceeded to a place called Ram Sower's [sic, Ramsour's] Mill, to attack and disperse some Tories assembled at that place, but just before the Army reached the place Col. Lock [sic, Francis Locke], had attacked and defeated the Tories [June 20, 1780], and drove them from that place, Capt. Patton's company was discharged at this place and marched home, the term of service having expired --This applicant served in this expedition three months.

In the Spring of the year 1781 this applicant volunteered to go on an expedition into the State of Georgia, had joined a company commanded by Capt. Joshua Inman, the company was formed in the County of Burke and marched from that County towards Georgia, and joined the Army commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at a place called Ninety Six, and remained there during the Siege [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781]. So soon as General Greene retreated from that place, Capt. Inman's company marched on to the State of Georgia, joined the General Twiggs [John Twiggs] at Augusta, the Army remained at Augusta a short time and then changed its position to a place called Beach Island, Capt. Inman's company remained with the Army at that place until the time of service had expired within about ten days, and the company was discharged, this applicant served on this expedition, three months within a few days.

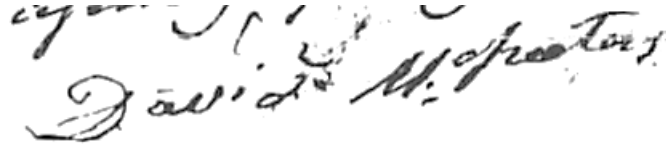
About the first of October 1781 the applicant volunteered to serve a tour of duty of three months in Capt. Joseph McDowell's company, which was formed in the County of Burke aforesaid, the company marched to Wilmington having joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] at Salisbury, when the Army reached Wilmington, the news of Lord Cornwallis's defeat [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] and surrender had reached that place, and the British had retired. General Rutherford then marched the Army back to Salisbury, and the men that were dismissed at Salisbury and marched home by companies, this applicant served on this expedition three months, and a few days over. This applicant had three discharges, for three tours of duty but he has lost them, he does not remember by whom the discharges or either of them were signed. He has no documentary evidence in his possession or power by which to prove his services. He does not know of any person now living by whom he can prove those services. This applicant was born in North Carolina in a County called Troy Arm [sic, Tryon?] until after the Revolution, the name was changed to "Lincoln" on the 14th day of January 1756. He has no record of his age, but he states the same from having seen the record made by his father in a family Bible. He resided in Buncombe County North Carolina after the Revolutionary War, until 17 or 18 years since, he then removed to Tennessee, resided in Tennessee in the Counties of Morgan & Robertson, until about three years since he removed to Illinois, resided one year in the County of Morgan, then removed to Macoupin County where he now resides. In the neighborhood where he now resides he is personally known to Edmond Richards, John Steward, Reuben Ross and Pennington Downes Ownby, all of whom can testify

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

as to his character for Honesty.

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 or Territory.

S/ David McPeaters

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David McPeaters". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ David McPeaters".

Sworn to, and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Samuel Lockwood, Judge

[John Steward, a clergyman, and Pennington D. Ownby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 5 is a copy of the marriage license bond given by David McPeters and Adam Cooper in Cumberland County North Carolina on January 16, 1798 to secure the marriage of David McPeters to Susannah Loyd.]

[Facts in file: p 12: Veteran died March 27, 1846 in Andrew County, Missouri; veteran married on January 16, 1798, in Buncombe County North Carolina Susanna Loyd; the widow was allowed a pension on January 7, 1850 while living in Andrew County Missouri and aged 75 years; the file indicates that the couple had children but there is no information regarding them. The widow signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$72.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina infantry and for 3 months in the North Carolina cavalry, all in the militia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]