

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nicholas McCubbin W3574

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State of North Carolina Rockingham County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 29th day of August personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, Nicholas McCubbin a resident of the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years the eight day of last January ^{according to his brother Zachariah McCubbin who resides in Tazewell} and 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, that he entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Guilford and State of North Carolina and in the year 1779 sometime in the spring, and served in the regiment Commanded by Colonel McDowell in the company of Captain John Davis & Lieutenant George Pearce, that said Pearce was afterwards made captain of said company, that he entered the service for the term of nine months, that his company first rendezvous[ed] at Guilford old Courthouse, from there he marched to South Carolina crossing the Yadkin [River] at Sloane's ferry that he was stationed about forty miles West of Charleston at a place called the Pon-Pon roads, that he remained there until after the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], which took place on Sunday the twentieth day of June as near as he recollects, that he fought in said battle, until he received a wound in his ankle which disabled him for some time; that his term of service expired shortly after the battle of Stono, he recollects that General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Commanded on that day he also recollects that General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] was there & there were also several other generals there on that day, that General Butler [John Butler] commanded [the] North Carolina troops __ that he was discharged after having served his nine months, by Captain George Pearce, which discharge he has lost,

That in the year 1780 as a drafted militia man he again entered the service for the term of three months in the company commanded by Captain George Pearce in the regiment of Colonel Paisley [John Paisley], that he was first rendezvous[ed] at Guilford old court house, that he marched from there to six mile about eight or ten miles from Charlotte that the same night he arrived at Six Mile Creek the British attacked them, and they were compelled to retreat with the loss of their baggage, that the enemy pursued them as far as Salisbury where they halted, that he recollects that they arrived at the Yadkin in their retreat they found the river up and they were compelled to cross in one boat about three thousand as near as he recollects, he remembers that the horsemen swam their horses over, that after passing the Yadkin they halted until the enemy left Salisbury for the South, and when they re-crossed the river and returned as far as New Providence the place where they had been before attacked, and from there in pursuit of the

enemy as far as the Catawba River, that he served out his three months and received his discharge near six mile Creek from Captain George Pearce at this time he was under General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] who was killed¹ a few days after his discharge in crossing Broad River, he recollects, that he was discharged in the morning, and on that day on his return he met General Green [Nathanael Greene] with his army marching to join General Davidson that he has lost his discharge.

That sometime in the winter of 1780 – 1781 he again entered the service as a volunteer militia man for the term of six months in the regiment Commanded by Colonel Abel Culp [Abel Kolb] in the company commanded by Captain Bevell on Pedee [River] in South Carolina about six miles below Cheraw Hills, and continued stationed within about one mile of the long Bluff until his term of service had expired, when he was discharged which discharge is lost; that he volunteered and entered the service as last mentioned at the house of Colonel Culp on the Pedee; and was stationed there until his term of service had expired, that he received his discharge from Colonel Culp, that said discharge is lost.

That in August 1781 he again entered the service for the term of three months as a drafted militia man in the regiment commanded by Colonel Smith [Robert Smith] and Captain William Bethell's [William Bethel's] Company, that he served out his term & received his discharge from Captain William Bethel, which discharge he now has in his possession & here with transmits it to the pension office.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity accept the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Capt's 12 & Subscribed in Open Court the 29th of August 1832

S/ Ro. Gallaway, CCC

S/ Nicholas McCubbin

*of no any state
with his only relations*

John Whitworth² maketh oath that he is acquainted that he is acquainted [sic] with Nicholas McCubbin who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that he knows he was in the service during the revolution, that he marched with him from Guilford old court house to Sumner's ferry on Savannah River that he was in the company commanded by Captain John Davis, that George Pearce was Lieutenant of & one Moore was Ensign as well as he recollects, this affiant states that he was discharged at Sumner's ferry and that, he left said McCubbin in the service, that he does not know how long he served at that time but he thinks he must have served in that tour as much as nine months.

S/ John Whitworth

John Whitworth

Interrogatories propounded by the court to Nicholas McCubbin

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the county of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia near Sandy Creek in the year 1760, on the eight day of January.

2nd Quest Have you any record of your age? And if so where is it?

Answer. My brother Zachariah McCubbin who resides about sixteen miles from Beanis [?]

Station in Tennessee has a record of my age it is recorded in a Bible which once belonged to my

¹ Davidson was killed at the Battle of Cowan's Ford on February 1, 1781

² [John Whitworth S7874](#)

father, now to my brother Zachariah.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in what is now Rockingham County then Guilford about a half a mile above [word too faint to discern] Dan River on the south side. I have resided in the County of Rockingham ever since the revolution, except three years, when I lived in Pittsylvania Virginia, about three miles from the North Carolina line; I now live in the County of Rockingham.

Quest 4 How are you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute?

Answer. As stated in my declaration I first volunteered for nine months; I was then drafted for three months, I then volunteered for six months, and then I was drafted for three months, I then served as a commissary at the request of Colonel Peter Pickens about a mile from Col. Peter Pickens' house. Col. Peter Pickens & his family having inoculated for the smallpox at the time, I served at his request for forty days

5 Quest State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where you serve; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I recollect in the first tour General Lincoln – General Butler, General Williamson, General Smallwood and General ____, Colonel Bell, Colonel Tennon [Hugh Tinnen], Colonel McDowell, Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee of the horse, Major Thomas Owen, Major howsy [sic]. In the second tour General Davidson, Colonel Lock, Colonel Paisley, at this time I recollect no others. In the third tour Colonel Culp, Captain Bevell as stated in my declaration. In the fourth tour General Rutherford, Colonel Smith, major not Recollected, Captain Bethell.

6 Quest Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by home was it Kevin & what has become of it.

I have fully answered this question in my declaration.

Sworn to & Subscribed the 30 of August 1832

S/ Ro. Gallaway, CC

S/ Nicholas McCubbin

[p 50: Alexander Lemons and Edward Godsey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 53: On January 28, 1833, the Reverend Jesse Rankin and James Kyle gave another standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 7: On February 27, 1854 in Rockingham County North Carolina, John McCubbin, 54, filed an application under the 1848 act seeking a pension due his mother as the widow of a Revolutionary war pensioner; he states that he is the eldest and only child of Nancy McCubbin Deceased the widow of Nicholas McCubbin, the affiant's father; that his mother never applied for the pension due her as the widow of a Revolutionary war pensioner; that his parents were married on December the 22nd, 1798 in Halifax County Virginia by the Reverend Elias Dodson; that his mother's name prior to her marriage was Nancy Jones; that his father died in Rockingham County North Carolina February 20, 1846 and that his mother died in said County November 27, 1852. He signed his application with his mark.]

[p 6: Certificate dated February 10, 1854 signed by the clerk of court of Halifax County Virginia, William S Holt, stating that records in his office show that Nicholas McCubbin and Nancy Jones were married in That County on December 22nd, 1798 by Elias Dodson, a minister of the gospel.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service

as a private for 21 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[Another version]

Pension Application of Nicholas McCubbin, Natl Archives Microseries M804, Roll 1674, Application #W3574

Transcribed and annotated by Nancy Poquette

Nicholas McCubbin, a resident of Rockingham County, NC, aged 72 years;

“That he entered the service as a volunteered in the county of Guilford and state of North Carolina in the year 1779, sometime in the spring and received in the regiment commanded by **Colonel McDowell** in the company of Captain John Davis and Lieutenant George Pearce. That said Pearce was afterwards made captain of the company. That he entered the service for the term of nine months.”

“That his company first rendezvoused at Guilford old Courthouse. From there he marched to South Carolina, crossing the **Yadkin at Sloan’s Ferry**. That he was stationed about forty miles west of Charleston at a place called **the PonPon Roads**. That he remained there until after the **Battle of Stono**, which took place on Sunday the 20th day of June, as near as he recollects. That he fought in said battle until he received a wound in his ankle, which disabled him for some time. That his term of service expired shortly after the **Battle of Stono**. He recollects that General Lincoln commanded on that day. He also recollects that General Williamson was there, and there were also several other generals there on that day. That General Butler commanded North Carolina troops. That he was discharged after having served his nine months by Captain George Pearce, which discharge is lost.”

“That in the year 1780 as a drafted militiaman, he again entered the service for the term of three months in the company commanded by Captain George Pearce, in the regiment of **Colonel Paisley**. That he was first rendezvoused at Guilford Courthouse, that he marched from there to **Six-Mile Creek**, about eight or ten miles from Charleston. That the same night he arrived at **Six-Mile Creek**, the British attacked them, and they were compelled to retreat with the loss of their baggage, that the enemy pursued them as far as **Salisbury** where they halted.”

“That he recollects when they arrived at the Yadkin in their retreat, they found the river up, and they were compelled to cross in one boat about three thousand, as near as he recollects. He remembers that the horsemen swam their horses over. That after the Yadkin, they halted until the enemy left Salisbury for the south, when they recrossed the river and returned as far as **New Providence**, the place where the w____ had been before attacked and from there, in the presence of the enemy as far as **the Catawba River**.”

“That he served out his three months and received his discharge near **Six-Mile Creek** from Captain George Pearce. That at this time he was under General Davidson, who was killed a few days after his discharge in crossing Broad River. He recollects that he was discharge in the morning and on that day, on his return, he met General Greene with his army marching to join General Davidson. That he has lost his discharge.”

“That sometime in the winter of 1780-1781 he again entered the service as a volunteer militiaman for the term of six months in the regiment commanded by Colonel Abel Culp [*Kolb*] in the company commanded by Captain Bevell [*Bethel?*], and that he marched to **Pedee** in South

Carolina, **about six miles below Cheraw Hill**, and continued stationed within about **one mile of the Long Bluff** until his term of service had expired, when he was discharged, which discharge is lost. That he volunteered and entered the service as last mentioned at the house of Colonel Kolb on the **Pedee** and was stationed there until his term of service had expired. That he received his discharge from Colonel Kolb, that said discharge is lost.”

“That in August 1781, he again entered the service for the term of three months as a drafted militiaman in the regiment commanded by Colonel Smith in Captain William Bethel’s company. That he served out his term and received his discharge from Captain William Bethel, which discharge he now has in his possession, and herewith transmits it to the pension office...”

“John Whitworth...That he is well acquainted with Nicholas McCubbin...that he knows he was in the service during the Revolution. That he marched with him from Guilford old Courthouse to **Sumner’s Ferry on Savannah River**. That he was in the company commanded by Captain John Davis, that George Pearce was lieutenant and one Moore was ensign, as well as he recollects. This affiant states that he was discharged at **Sumner’s Ferry** and that he left said McCubbin in the service, that he does not know how long he served at that time, but thinks he must have served in that tour as much as nine months.”

Interrogatory- *[Need to see original, photocopy mostly unreadable]*. As stated in my declaration, I first volunteered ____ for nine months. I was then drafted for 3 months. I then volunteered for six months, and then I was drafted for three? months. I then served as a commissary at the request of Colonel Peter Perkins about a mile from Colonel Peter Perkins house, Colonel Peter Perkins family having inoculated for the small pox at that time. At that time, I served as his ?agent for forty days...”

State the names of the regular officers who were with the troops...

“I recollect in the first tour, General Lincoln, General Butler, General Williamson and General Smallwood and General ____, Colonel Bell, Colonel Tinnen, **Colonel McDowell**, Colonel Washington, Colonel Lee of the horse, Major Thomas Owen, Major Lewis.”

“In the second tour, General Davidson, Colonel Locke, **Colonel Paisley**. At this time, I recollect no others.”

“In the third tour, Colonel Kolb, Captain Bevell *[Bethel]* as stated in my declaration. In the fourth tour, General Rutherford, Colonel Smith, major not recollected, Captain Bethel.”