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Pension application of James McNatt W4286

Fereby (Farabe) McNatt f54NC

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State of North Carolina Robeson County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 29th day of August in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful Charles Moore, James Storm & Richard C. Bunting Esquire Justices of the Peace Presiding in the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions holden in and for the County of Robeson aforesaid in the State of North Carolina James McNatt a resident of said County aged Seventy-three 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.

That in the year of our Lord 1788 [sic, 1778?] when he was not 21 years of age he entered the Army of the United States -- that he was drafted or balloted in the fall of that year and as he thinks, about the month of November -- that he lived at the time he was drafted, on the East side of Cape Fear River in the County of Cumberland -- that he first marched under the Command of Capt. Nathan King to Elizabethtown in Bladen County, and thence direct to Purrysburg and South Carolina where he was placed under the Command of Major Doherty [perhaps Major George Dougherty] who had been in aide de camp to General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] -- That afterwards he was in the engagement¹ (between the British and Americans) which took place at Stono River in the State of South Carolina under the immediate command of Major Doherty, that in said engagement General Lincoln had command of the American Army, that the American Army were then defeated. He further states that he was a first Sergeant in the company to which he was attached from the time he first marched under the aforesaid Capt. King until the time he obtained his discharge from service and that at the engagement at Stono River he was for the want of a commissioned officer in the rank of Lieutenant, placed in command of the left wing of his company. He states that the Battle at Stono River took place during the warm weather of the year 1778 [sic, 1779] as he believes -- and thinks it was in the month of July or August [sic, June] -- that he was discharged a short time after said Battle his term of service of nine months having expired -- that he received a written discharge from Col. Lytle [Archibald Lytle] who was under the command of General Lincoln -- that he received said discharge and South Carolina -- that the said discharge is lost, and that he has no official documentary evidence of his services in the Army. He further states that he does not know of any person now living except Nathan King² the Capt. under whom he first marched, who can testify as to his services in

¹ June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm> & http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

² [Nathan King S7105](#)

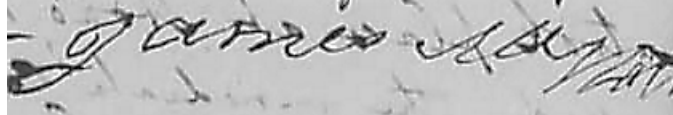
the Revolutionary War, and that the said King is a weak and infirm old man who could not as he believes attend this Court without great inconvenience -- that he has procured to be taken the deposition of said King in the County of Cumberland in this State which accompanies this declaration and is offered as evidence of its truth. He further states that there is not now to his knowledge any clergyman who he can introduce into court who is acquainted with him or his character.

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 the day and year aforesaid in open court.

S/ A. McEachin, Clk.

S/ James McNatt

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "James McNatt". The signature is written on a light-colored, possibly aged, piece of paper.

Questions asked the said James McNatt by the said Court and by him answered under oath

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer -- I was born on the 3rd of September in the year 1758 in the State of North Carolina upon Neuse River

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

Answer -- I have, but it is at home.

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

Answer. When I was called into service I lived in Cumberland County in this State. Since the revolutionary war I lived some time in Cumberland County but for about 40 years past I have resided in this County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was balloted into the Army -- there being but few persons in the County, I was compelled to go into service for 9 months.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer -- I was with Major Doherty, General Lincoln, Major Eaton [probably Pinkethman Eaton], Col. Thaxton [sic, James Thackston], Col. Lytle, the number or designation of the different Regiments I do not recollect the circumstances attending my service are detailed in the declaration to which I have just deposed

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did receive a discharge -- I received it from Col. Lytle -- but it is now lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Neill McAlpin, Jacob Blount and many others

[John W. Powell and John Brown and Neill McAlpin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Cumberland County

Personally appeared before me John McNeill one of the Justices of the peace in and for

the said County of Cumberland Nathan King and after being duly Sworn deposes as follows (viz.) That he was well acquainted with James McNat [sic] from being a small boy and lived within three or four miles from him from that time until he was balloted to serve nine months in the revolutionary war and that he marched the men from Fayetteville to Purinsburgh [sic] in South Carolina that was at that time balloted for nine months and that he frequently saw James McNat under the command of an officer by the name of Docharte [sic] and there acted as Sergeant, and that he has been acquainted with him the said James McNat ever since, Sworn to before me this 12th September 1831

S/ John McNeill, JP

[p 13: State of North Carolina Robeson County: on the 29th day of March 1844, Ferebe McNatt, 88, made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of James McNatt, a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$45 per annum; that she married him in 1782; that her husband died January 23rd 1842; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 4: family record]

John McNatt the son of James McNatt was Born October the 23 1734

James McNatt the son of John McNatt and Mary his wife was Born September ye 3d 1758

Mikel McNatt the Son of James McNatt and [illegibly faint] his wife was born the 22 Day of November 178_ [last digit is missing]³



The image shows a handwritten document with two entries. The first entry reads: "John McNatt the son of James McNatt was born October the 23 1734 James McNatt the son of John McNatt and Mary his wife was born September ye 3d 1758". The second entry reads: "Mikel McNatt the son of James McNatt and [illegibly faint] his wife was born the 22 Day of November". The handwriting is in cursive and the document appears to be a family record.

[p 39: On November 24, 1845 in Robeson County North Carolina Rebecca Council, 55, gave testimony that she is the daughter of Ferebe McNatt a deceased pensioner of the United States; that her mother died February 10, 1845 leaving the affiant, James McNatt and John McNatt as

³ In an affidavit (p 14) given in support of the widow's application for her pension, the witness authenticating the family record indicates that the record is that of Michael McNatt who was born in November 1782.

her only surviving children. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Facts in the file: The widow died February 10, 1845 leaving the following children: James McNatt, John McNatt who died February 25, 1845; and Rebecca Council who in 1845 was 55 years of age and a resident of Robeson County and married to Isham Council. The veteran and his wife had a child named Mikel or Michael born November 22, 1782. The widow's maiden name was Fereba Jones.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 9 months in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]