

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David McNabb W7438

Elizabeth McNabb

f39NC

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State of Tennessee McMinn County

On this 19 day of September 1837 the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid called at the residence of Elizabeth McNabb, widow & relic of Captain David McNabb, deceased, (she being too aged and infirm to attend the Court) who after first being sworn by me made & subscribed the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions of the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836, providing for such cases. That her said husband (to whom she was married at the time) in the years 1780 & 1781 performed the following service in the Revolutionary war: to wit, as a Captain of Militia then West of the mountains of North Carolina (now Tennessee) raised a company & marched to the South one tour of three months Joined General McDowell [Charles McDowell] in North Carolina & the other General Marion [Francis Marion] well recollects of his going one tour in the summer thinks in 1780 & was absent in the wheat harvest and she, though a weak female, rept [reaped] & took in the Harvest before her husband's return thinks one campaign was under Col. Robeson [Lieutenant Colonel Charles Robertson], until they joined McDowell each tour she thinks was three months though longer absent, Knows of her husband being at the capture of 92 Britons at twenty-two mile house in South Carolina. Capt. McNabb resided in what was then Washington County North Carolina now Carter County Tennessee, there raised his company as volunteers and commanded them both tours across the mountains into the South. Her husband Capt. McNabb died on the 13th day of May 1826 she has no documentary evidence indeed she has been removed from everything of worldly effects or papers, & is now on the brink of the grave, without property or effects or any ability to obtain them.

Sworn to & subscribed this day & year first before written.

Test:

S/ James Billingsley

S/ Elizabeth McNabb, X her mark

Justice of the Peace

State of Tennessee Washington County

Be it remembered that on this 8th day of December 1837 before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, appeared Andrew Taylor,<sup>1</sup> who is aged 76 years and made oath in due form of law that he is the Brother of Elizabeth McNabb formerly Elizabeth

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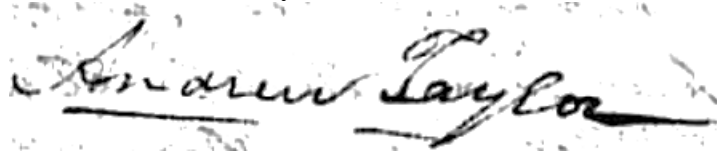
<sup>1</sup> [Andrew Taylor S3761](#)

Taylor, that said Elizabeth is two years older than himself being 79 years of age, that she was married to David McNabb, late Capt., in what was then Augusta County now Rockbridge Virginia by publication as was then the custom by Parson Graham the church pastor at that time at the Stone Meeting House in the aforesaid County that said McNabb immediately on marrying his wife took her to the then Western part of North Carolina, now Carter County Tennessee where his father had before removed with his family & where this deponent shortly after removed & settled in the same County & served under Capt. McNabb a tour of duty in 1779 against the Indians to the Holliby [?] Towns<sup>2</sup> and burned their property & cut down their corn in the spring of the ensuing year 1780 said Campaign was commenced in the winter of 1779 & continued three months, & was again renewed in the spring, that he lived more than 45 years in the County with David McNabb, indeed to the time of his death & from his best recollection the said David McNabb & Elizabeth were married as aforesaid in the year 1778 that this deponent living in the vicinity knew of Capt. McNabb performing sundry other Tours of duty, but the first named three months to the Hilabees [?]<sup>3</sup> in which witness served under him was the only one in which he was out with Capt. McNabb but said McNabb commanded a company across the mountains to the South and at other times, as he understood.

Sworn & subscribed this date above

S/ Wm K. Blair, JP

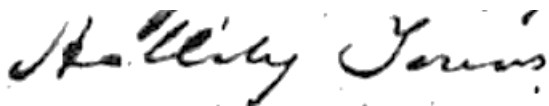
S/ Andrew Taylor



State of Tennessee Johnson County

On the 13th day of August 1838 before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace for said County personally appeared William Wilson<sup>4</sup> aged Seventy-seven years a resident of said County and who is well known to me to be a man of veracity after being first sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposed & stated that he well knew Captain David McNabb now Deceased in the Revolutionary war & that in the latter part of August 1781, Witness was enrolled as a private under Capt. James Roddy to perform a tour of duty of three months and that Capt. David McNabb performed a tour of duty as a Capt. at the same time of three months in what was then Washington County North Carolina and rendezvoused on doe [?] River in said County and marched across the yellow mountain and into South Carolina, Santee River, under Col. John Sevier & joined General Francis Marion, and after being there some length of time Capt. David McNabb was ordered to guard a bridge across a Swamp of the Santee, to keep out the British & said witness served under the said Capt. David McNabb one day, and was discharged by General Francis Marion after performing the three months tour of duty, and that said witness resided in the same County with Capt. McNabb, from the close of the war until the time of his death, knew

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Valley Towns? Hillbilly Towns?

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<sup>4</sup> [William Wilson W2218](#)

his wife, now widow Elizabeth McNabb, and she is the widow of the Identical officer before named and said Capt. McNabb & Company was discharged at the same time that witness was discharged after performing a three months tour of duty, as Capt. by General Francis Marion. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day & date first written before me.

S/ G. Moore, JP

S/ William Wilson, W his mark

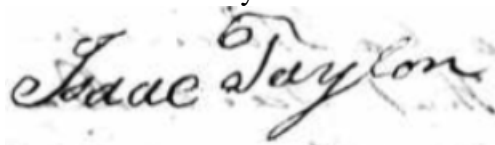
State of Tennessee Washington County September 4th 1837

On this day above written Dr. Isaac Taylor<sup>5</sup> appeared before the undersigned a magistrate in and for the County & State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with David McNabb now deceased but then a Captain in the Revolutionary war. That said David McNabb raised a company in what was then Washington County North Carolina, and joined Capt. Robison's Regiment together with Capt. Trimble's Company (in which declarant was) & in the month of June 1780 they set out for the South against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] who was then marching towards the up country & crossed the [indecipherable word, possibly 'iron'] mountain & Joined General McDowell at a place called White Oak & then ranged & scouted the country until the expiration of the term for which they entered which was a three months tour. This declarant knew David McNabb to have raised & commanded a company on said tour and to have continued the three months & returned home with him as they resided in the same County knew said McNabb ever since up to his death & also his wife Elizabeth now living, to whom he was then married & who to the knowledge of witness cut & took in the harvest while her husband served the aforesaid Campaign. Witness also heard of Capt. McNabb serving other tours of duty but this was performed with him & of which he can speak of his own knowledge being with him.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the date first above written

S/ Wm K. Blair, JP

S/ Isaac Taylor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac Taylor". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes at the end of the name.

State of Tennessee Washington County

On this 8th day of September 1837 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Solomon Hendrix<sup>6</sup> and made oath that he was a private soldier under Captain David McNabb now deceased in the expedition under General John Sevier against the Cherokee Indians the precise time he cannot now state but it was immediately after Kings Mountain Battle<sup>7</sup> witness states that Capt. McNabb raised his company in what was then Washington County North Carolina now Carter County Tennessee said Campaign did not extend quiet twenty-four months but the call was only a draft of three months McNabb lived & died near to him & he knows him to have been the husband of the present applicant widow Elizabeth McNabb was wife of Capt. David at the time of performing the service aforesaid.

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<sup>5</sup> [Isaac Taylor W6235](#)

<sup>6</sup> I have been unable to identify any pensioner by this or any similar name who filed for a pension based on service in the NC militia during the Revolution. This may be the only record that this veteran's service.

<sup>7</sup> October 7, 1780.

Sworn to & subscribed this 8th day of September 1837  
S/ Wm K. Blair, JP

S/ Solomon Hendrix, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for her husband service as a Captain for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]