

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McQuady (McQuaddy, McQuiddy) W7603

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

On this 7th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Woodford County now sitting John McQuady a resident of Woodford County and State of Kentucky aged seventy-three years the 22nd day of March last 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 he was born in Culpepper [Culpeper County] in the State of Virginia where he remained until he was five years old at which time his father removed to Spotsylvania [County] where he resided during the War of the Revolution that in the year 1776 when he was 16 years old the first muster he went to after he was enrolled in the State Militia he was drafted and served a tour of duty under the command of Captain John Craig he thinks Jeremiah Craig was the Ensign, the company rendezvoused at Spotsylvania Court house and was marched to Williamsburg where he remained until he was discharged. The names of his field officers he does not remember the length of the tour he cannot say but supposes it two months as he believes that was the length of time of a tour of duty in the Militia at the end of the term he was honorably discharged during the two succeeding years to wit 1777 and 1778 he served various tours his recollection is not serve him to detail the tours in rotation but he served an additional tour under Captain John Craig as a drafted man he served two tours under the command of Captain Thomas Bartlett he thinks Anthony Bartlett was the Lieutenant during his service in the year mentioned he was under the command at different times of Colonels Mathews, Meriwether, Winslow and McWilliams during the time of his service he was marched to Norfolk Portsmouth James Town and many other places on James River he was in frequent skirmishes with small parties but in no general engagement these four tours designated in 76 – 77 – 78 he supposes and believes were of two months duration each from all of which he was honorably discharged. On the 10th day of August 1779 he volunteered under the command of Captain John Craig Lieutenant Thomas Sharp and Ensign John Johnson as a guard to the Commissioners in running Walker's line the troops rendezvoused at Owen's Tavern in Orange County and was marched to where the commissioners commenced running the line he remained with them as one of the guards until he was discharged and returned home on the 4th of June 1780 after an absence and service of within a few days of ten months after his return home in the same year he substituted for Ezekiel

¹ former widow

Haydon the names of the company officers he cannot recollect but remembers being under the command of Major Quarles during a part of this tour he was stationed at Cabin Point and was marched to Petersburg where he delivered up his arms and was honorably discharged. In the summer of the year 1781 he was again drafted in the company commanded by Captain John Chew he does not remember the names of the subalterns Colonel Mathews commanded the Regiment he was marched from Spotsylvania Court house to Williamsburg from thence to Ruffin's ferry from thence to Richmond from thence to Williamsburg from thence to the neighborhood of York where his tour expired he was honorably discharged and returned home. The services rendered by him as herein stated he believes amounts to within a few days of twenty-two months and he verily believes that he served a considerable time which from the want of recollection he cannot state: 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.

He has no documentary evidence of his services and he forged here with all the evidence he is able to procure.

S/ John McQuady, X his mark

[Benjamin W Rhoten, a clergyman, and T W Sellers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

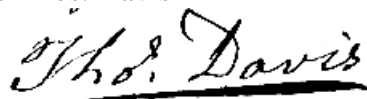
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On this 14th day of October 1833 personally appeared before me TW Sellers one of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Justices of the peace for the County of Woodford Thomas Davis² a credible witness who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that during the War of the Revolution he served a tour of duty in the Militia from the County of Spotsylvania, Virginia that the tour commenced in the month of March 1781 and that John McQuady now an applicant for a pension served on the same tour under the command of Captain John White, Bartlett Collins and Peter Dudley were White's subalterns said Davis was under the command of Captain Mills this deponent has examined the declaration of said McQuady and he finds said McQuady has not stated this tour in his declaration the duration of the tour was 2 months.

Subscribed and sworn to on the date as above stated

S/ TW Sellers, JP WC

S/ Thos. Davis

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Thos. Davis".

Commonwealth of Kentucky Woodford County

This day personally appeared before me TW Sellers one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid John McQuady who being first duly sworn in form of law doth on his oath state that in consequence of his age and great afflictions of late years and the consequent loss of memory he cannot be more precise in his statement and he has detailed in his declaration at present that he now distinctly recollects the tour described by Thomas Davis under the command of Captain John White which he failed to state in his declaration having forgotten it until reminded of it by the evidence of said Davis. This will make the amount of his service now recollected within a few days of two years and he would furthermore say that he has no doubt he has served considerable more service than his memory will now serve him to detail.

² [Thomas Davis W8651](#)

Subscribed and sworn to before made this 16th day of October 183

S/ TW Sellers, JP WC

S/ John McQuady, X his mark

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Woodford County Sct.

This day Thomas Smithey³ a Revolutionary Soldier came personally before me a justice of the peace in & for said County and made the following Statements upon Oath the is that he was well acquainted with John McQuiddy [sic] in the year 1780 and 1781 that they were in the Militia service together in the years above named the Residence of said McQuiddy was Spotsylvania County in the State of Virginia deponent states that said McQuiddy served a tour of three months in each of the years of 1780 & 1781 in the same company with deponent under Captain John Chew in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathews that said company rendezvoused at Spotsylvania Courthouse from whence deponent marched in company with said McQuiddy to Williamsburg from thence we marched to Ruffin's ferry and crossed the River from whence we marched to Richmond at the time the British made their appearance at Manchester & burnt a part of said town, from Richmond we marched again to Williamsburg – from whence we were ordered to little York town about the time of the [indecipherable word] in Lord Cornwallace [Cornwallis] deponent was taken sick and did not go on to York Town but he believes said McQuiddy marched for York Town deponent is in his 76 year of age he believes said McQuiddy to be a man of truth. Witness my hand this 15th day of August 1832.

S/ Thomas Smithey, X his mark

[p 9: In February 1853 in Woodford County Kentucky the widow filed an affidavit stating that she was then 55 years old; that she married John McQuiddy on December 5 1836 in Woodford County Kentucky; that they were married by B. W. Rhoton, a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Susan Smith; that her husband died in Woodford County Kentucky December 24, 1841; that on April 9, 1846 she married Jesse Graddy who died in Woodford County Kentucky August 19, 1851. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 4: On February 23, 1854 in Woodford County Kentucky, Susan Graddy filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of John McQuiddy who was a pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum for his service as a revolutionary soldier; that she married him December 5, 1836; that her maiden name was Susan Hanks; that her husband died December 24, 1841; that she afterwards married Jesse Graddy April 9, 1846; that Jesse Graddy died August 19, 1851 leaving her a widow and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: Copy of a marriage bond dated December 5, 1836 issued in Woodford County Kentucky to John McQuaddy and T W Sellers conditioned on the marriage of John McQuaddy to Susan Smith.]

[Facts in file: At the time the widow of the veteran married him, she was the widow of James D Smith

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as

³ [Thomas Smithey \(Smithy, Smither\) S16532](#)

a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned initially at the rate of \$40 per annum which pension was later increased to \$96 per annum.]