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Pension application of John McWhorter W9560 Elizabeth McWhorter f51SC
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State of Kentucky, County of Casey

On this Twenty seventh day of July 1832 personally appeared before me John Ruffin one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid John McWhorter a resident of the County of Casey & State of Kentucky aged eighty three years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to attain 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 Capt. Thompson's [Robert Thomson's] Company Regiment commanded by Col. Freair [sic, probably William Farr] in 177[last digit is illegible, probably 1776] when the British & Tories first appeared in Union District State of South Carolina. He turned out as a volunteer & served from the Commencement of hostilities in that part of the State of South Carolina until the close of the War. He was at all times ready & stood as a minute man & was in several small engagements with the Tories. [He] served [in] the Snow Campaign as so called in 1776 & in the same state under the same officers served what is called Bush River Campaign & was also the same year at Fortainbury [?] Station as guard upon the Congaree River. [He] was at Ninety Six in the year 1781 under General Morgan [sic, Nathanael Greene commanded at the Siege of Ninety Six in 1781, Morgan was not present at Ninety Six] & was in the Battle at Bacon's Bridge & [in] 1781 was on a tour of duty at Warfords [sic, Wofford's] Iron Works & at the Cherokee Fort on Rieade [sic, Reedy] River. He further states that all his documentary evidence is lost and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. [H]e hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he 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

S/ John McWhorter



We Jesse C. Portman a Clergyman residing in the County of Casey and Jesse Coffey residing in the same hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with John McWhorter

who has Subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be eighty three years of age; that he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution; and that we concur in that opinion.
Sworn and Subscribed this 21st day of August 1832.

S/ Jesse C. Portman

S/ Jesse Coffey

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Amended Declaration of John McWhorter personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace for Casey County State of Kentucky John McWhorter who being duly sworn deposed & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades was a volunteer for the year 1778 and served as above stated 6 months for the year 1779 served 6 months and for the year 1780 served 6 months and for the same served 3 months as a drafted militia man & for the year 1781 I was in actual service 6 months making in all 2 years & 3 months and for which services I claim a pension & will give the answers to the several Interrogatories prescribed by the War department [one or more indecipherable words] have not heretofore answered it Answer born in Albemarle County State of Virginia in the year 1749 2nd answered, I have no record of my age, -- 5th -- answered under Col. Farr & Col. Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon?] of the Militia and Col. Morgan of the Continental establishment and General Marion of the militia of South Carolina 7th -- answered -- Osborn Coffey & George Portman.

Sworn to and subscribed this 11th day of January 1833

John McWhorter

State of Kentucky Casey County: Declaration for a Pension

This day personally appeared before the undersigned a justice of the peace George Portman and made oath that he has a distinct recollection of often seeing the above named declarant John McWhorter, on his way out upon several expeditions in the old Revolution War & Returning in company with my Father & heard them at various times tell over their actions with the British & Tories and am bound to believe what is stated by him to be correct & true, whose character for veracity is as good as any other man's.
Sworn to & subscribed this 11th day of January 1833

S/ George Portman

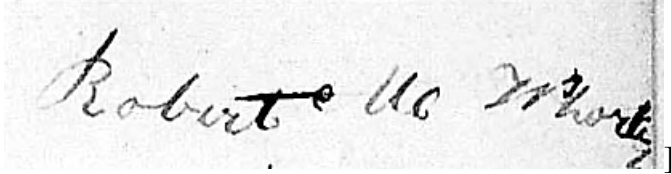
Osborn Coffey deposed & saith that the character for veracity of the Declarant John McWhorter is good & that I believe he was a soldier of the Revolution & believes that we were frequently together in the South particularly at the siege of Ninety Six though not acquainted, But in conversation upon the subject I am bound to believe we were together in the same Camp. Sworn to & subscribed this 12th day of January 1833.
S/ Osbourn Coffey¹

[p 22: On January 23, 1839 in Casey County Kentucky, Elizabeth McWhorter, 76, filed for a widows pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John

¹ [Osbourn Coffey \(Coffee\) W8612](#)

McWhorter; that she married him April 14, 1784; that her husband died June 7th 1833; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 24: On January 2, 1839, Robert McWhorter, son of John McWhorter, gave testimony that he has in his possession the family Bible of his father which shows that his father and his wife who is applying for a pension were married April 14th, 1784.



Robert McWhorter

[p 7: On December 19, 1838, in Pulaski County Kentucky, John Jasper Senior, aged 69, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John McWhorter, a revolutionary war pensioner and with Elisabeth his wife who at this time resides in Casey County Kentucky; that John and Elizabeth were married in South Carolina, Union District in either 1783 or 1784, which the affiant cannot state positively; the affiant was not present at the wedding but was at their "Infair" the day following the wedding from which time John always publicly recognize Elisabeth as his wife; that John McWhorter was married twice, by his 1st marriage the affiant was a brother-in-law of John McWhorter.



John Jasper

[p 23, Salley Pegg [sic, Sally Pigg?], 53 in 1839, gave an affidavit in support of her mother's application as the widow of John McWhorter; p 24: Robert McWhorter, son of the veteran and his widow gave a supporting affidavit to her application]

[p 11: On May 4, 1840 in Ray County Missouri, Elizabeth McWhorter applied for the transfer of her pension benefit to the Missouri agency; she states that she has moved from Casey County Kentucky to Missouri about October 1, 1839 and intends to remain there; she states she is nearly 80 years of age and afflicted with the palsy which renders her helpless; that her 2 sons and 2 daughters removed to Missouri and she desires to reside with her children who are willing to look after her. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 21: On April 27, 1853 Robert McWhorter, son of John McWhorter, deceased filed a power of attorney in which he states the widow of his father lived until about 1841 and died in Ray County Missouri.



Robert McWhorter

[Facts in file: John McWhorter's first wife's name was Jasper (first name not given, nor dates of marriage or her death); on April 14, 1784 in Union District SC he married Elizabeth (her maiden name not given)]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina [sic South Carolina] militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]