

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Eli McVay <sup>1</sup> W964

Mildred McVay

f86NC

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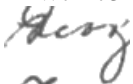
[p 24]

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: November Sessions 1818

Personally appeared in open Court this 25th day of November 1818 Eli McVay aged about fifty-five years or more a Citizen of Hawkins County in State aforesaid who being duly Sworn in open Court according to law maketh the following Declaration (viz.) That said Deponent Enlisted in the Regular Service during the Revolutionary War between Great Britain & the United States under Capt. Dickson [sic, probably Tilghman Dixon] in the Regiment commanded by Col. Archibald Lytle Commanded by General Nathaniel Greene [Nathanael Greene] in the month of May 1781 in the County of Orange North Carolina in the Continental line for "during the War" that said Deponent was marched from Orange County under the command of Major \_\_ Donahoo [sic, Thomas Donoho] to the headquarters of General Greene in the neighborhood of Ninety Six. From thence the Army marched to the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] where a Battle was fought in which this Deponent was -- after said Battle the Army was marched, Eventually, on to Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina about 16 or 18 miles above Charleston where this Deponent remained with the Army about six months. -- from thence they were marched to Ashley Hill, not far distant, After the Evacuation of Charlestown by the British General Greene took possession of said place, and this Deponent was (with the Army) Stationed on James Island [indecipherable word]<sup>2</sup> Charlestown -- in the winter of 1783 and after remaining on said Island till the 4th of July 1783 this Deponent with many others was honorably discharged by Col. Lytle, which discharge from the long lapse of time that has intervned this Deponent does not know what has become of it. This Deponent further states that he served his country faithfully from the month of May 1781 until the 4th of July 1783, when he was discharged honorably from said Service. That he was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs and in one skirmish had with the Enemy before the said battle. This Deponent further states that he has resided in said County of Hawkins & Grainger County of joining about twenty years that he has not received any pension from his Government, that he is in very poor Circumstances and Stands in absolute need of the assistance of his Country for Support, that he is unable to prove by any person in his said Service those persons having Deceased or removed to parts unknown to this Deponent, who Served with him or who knew of said Services.

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[The loop at the top of the first letter of this word belongs to the word above the one in question.]

Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court the day & date above written.  
S/ L. D. Mitchell, Clerk

S/ Eli McVay

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eli McVay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Eli McVay".

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 10th of June 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster roll of the North Carolina Continental line in the revolutionary war that Ely McVay a private in Capt. Mills's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 17th of February 1782 for 12 months, and in September 1782 for the war.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

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State of Tennessee Hawkins County

Be it remembered that at the November Session 1820 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Hawkins County Eli McVay an applicant for a pension filed his declaration in the words and figures following to wit

State of Tennessee Hawkins County: November Session 1820

On this 27th day of November 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for said County Eli McVay resident of the County of Claiborne State of Tennessee aged about 57 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lytle in the company commanded by Capt. Hall in the North Carolina line that he enlisted under Capt. Dixon in the Continental establishment and that he served three years in said Service that his original declaration was made out at the November session 1818 of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Hawkins in said State that he has now in his possession issued from the War Department of Number 14842 to which original Declaration this declarant refers for a more particular account of his services and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or other wise disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz 1 cow \$10.00 4 head of hogs \$8.00 6 pewter plates and one pewter dish \$3.00 6 Japanesed Tumblers \$0.75 4 wooden stools and one sifter \$0.75 3 or 4 spoons 4 knives and 5 forks \$0.50 one sugar bowl one coffee pot \$1.00 one paper box 3 or 4 cups and saucers \$0.50 total amount \$24.75 that I am by occupation a common laborer and am not now able to obtain a subsistence by my daily labor being frequently afflicted with the Rheumatism and laboring under a considerable debility. That I have a wife aged about 48 years who is of a weak Constitution 2 children a boy aged about Ten the other a

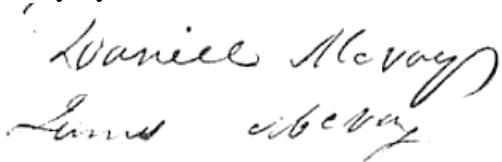
boy and about seven years –

Sworn to and subscribed in Open court

S/ Eli McVay

[pp 84-85 is another application, this one dated May 18, 1821, almost word for word the same as the one filed in 1820. It is not clear why this application was required.]

[p 22: On February 15, 1839 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Daniel and James McVay, heirs at law of Eli McVay, a revolutionary war pensioner, filed a claim for bounty land promised to Eli McVay by the United States.

 Daniel McVay  
Land McVay ]

[p 18: On December 6, 1845 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Mildred McVay, aged 78, filed a claim for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of Eli McVay, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him in Prince Edward County Virginia in 1787; that her husband died September 30, 1830 and that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: On January 24, 1846 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Daniel B McVay signed an affidavit in which he states he was well acquainted with the veteran and his widow; that the family record of the births of their children was in the possession of the affiant but he has lost or misplaced it and cannot find it but that there oldest child is 57 years of age.

 Daniel B. McVay ]

[p 13: On September 1, 1851 in Claiborne County Tennessee, Daniel B McVay being the only son and heir at law of Mildred McVay, widow of Eli McVay and herself a pensioner now deceased having died April 18, 1850, filed a claim seeking the balance of the pension due Mildred McVay at the time of her death.]

[Facts in file: Eli McVay married Mildred Brooks in Prince Edward County Virginia around 1787; veteran died September 30, 1830; Mildred McVay died April 18, 1850; in Claiborne County, Tenn., on September 1, 1851, Daniel B. McVay filed a claim stating that he was the son and only heir of Mildred McVay; on February 15, 1839 in Claiborne County, Daniel and James McVay claimed to be the heirs of Eli McVay.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 25, 1818 for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]