Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph McQuown VAS620
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[From pension records in the Library of Virginia]

[p 2: Power of attorney dated September 8, 1819 given by Joseph McQuown of Rockbridge County Virginia to Robert M Pulliam to collect his pension from the Auditor of Public Accounts.

Note: all of the documentation in this file relates to the annual administration of the pension due McQuown from 1819 to 1826. There is no substantive documentation giving the details of the service of the veteran or the nature of the wounds he sustained qualifying him for a pension. In most years, the veteran appointed Col. Benjamin Peyton to collect his pension from the Auditor of Public Accounts. His pension was granted under the terms of an act of the VA Assembly passed March 8, 1819. He was granted a pension of $25/year. He apparently died December 25, 1825 at which time $14.85 was due him under his pension.]

[From Digital Library of Virginia | Rockbridge County Legislative Papers]

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of Virginia
Your Petitioner Joseph McQuown of Rockbridge County respectfully Represents, that he was a Soldier in the campaign of 1777 against the Indians on the Ohio River, that afterwards, he volunteered and marched to the Relief of Donnaley's Fort [Fort Donnelly at present Frankfurt Kentucky], and contributed to relieve the Garrison: that afterwards he was engaged occasionally (as a militia man) during the revolution, that from old age, and Infirmity induced by being engaged in the public service, he is now unable to procure a livelihood, and having no other means of support he would Respectfully throw himself upon the clemency of the Legislature of Virginia of which State he is a citizen hoping that they will grant him such relief as they in their Wisdom will think proper and his Situation requires.

S/ Joseph McQuown

[Reverse]
James McQuown's Petition
December 26, 1818
Referred to Claims
(reasonable)
reported January 11\textsuperscript{th}
Bill January 25\textsuperscript{th} 1819

We the subscribers know that the Petitioner Joseph McQuown was a volunteer and marched to
the relief of Donnelly's Fort in Greenbriar in the year 1778 –

The subscriber recollects that the Petitioner Joseph McQuown served his tower [tour] as a
soldier in Capt. Harrises [Harris'] Company at Portsmouth in 1781

S/ James Moore

The Petitioner Joseph McQuen [sic] served as a Soldier in my Company at the siege of York in
1781

S/ Dm Moore