

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John McCroskey (McCrosky) S2781

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State of Tennessee, Sevier County

This day personally appeared before me John Pitner one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid John McCroskey a resident of said County and State aged seventy-four years and seven months who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to have the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That in the year 1876 [sic, 1776] when he was between sixteen and seventeen years of age and the County of Rockbridge & State of Virginia he was drafted to perform a Tour of duty for the protection of the frontiers against the incursions of the Shawnee Indians and was attached to Captain Andrew Moore's Company and marched to Danda's [?] Station 8 miles from the [illegible word, looks like "levels"] of the Green Briar which station had been attacked by the Indians and that he was three months in service and performed duty as a private soldier and on his return home he was dismissed by the said Captain Moore with the company without receiving any discharge. The said McCroskey further states that he afterwards returned to Washington County, Virginia and in the year 1879 [sic 1779] he volunteered to perform a Tour of duty against the hostile Cherokee Indians and attached himself to Captain Aaron Lewis's company rendezvoused at the big Island of Holston River where we got on canoes and descended the River to the mouth of Chickamauga Creek in the Cherokee nation and was under the immediate command of Colonel Evan Shelby and had some skirmishing with the Indians and was in service two months the most of which time was active and fatiguing service further the said McCroskey states that in the same year '79 he volunteered to go against the hostile Indians who were committing depredations on the settlements on Clinch River Lieutenant Samuel Edmondson¹ commanded him with other volunteers to the New Garden station and was in service two months was marched home and dismissed without getting any discharge. The said McCroskey further states that in the year 1880 [sic 1780] he was drafted to perform a Tour of service against the Tories and common enemy of the Country and was attached to Captain William Edmondson's company and under command of Colonel Arthur Campbell and was in service one month, honorably dismissed without any regular discharge. The said McCroskey further states that in the same year, to wit 1880 [sic 1780] he volunteered to perform a Tour of duty for the protection of the Carolinas against the Tories and the common enemy and attached himself to Captain William Edmondson's company and rendezvoused at Watauga [River] and was under the command of Colonel William Campbell, Lewis and Shelby and was marched to King's Mountain in South Carolina and was in the Battle of Kings Mountain where we defeated and captured the Tories and British further the said McCroskey states that in the next year, to wit 1881 [sic 1781] he volunteered to go against the British in North Carolina and attached himself to Captain James Montgomery's company and was under the command of Colonel William Campbell and joined General Green's [sic Nathanael Greene's] Army near Guilford and was in the skirmish or Battle at the Reedy fork of Haw River and was in service about one month and dismissed by his officers without receiving any regular discharge, said McCroskey further states that he performed all of said Tours of duty during the time of the revolutionary war and he believes that owing to the difficult[y] of the times no discharges were given but if any were given it has escaped his recollection he further states that he believes that all the time he was in the service of his Country during the revolutionary war will amount to ten months, actual service he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify the whole of his services, and the said McCroskey 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].

S/ John McCroskey

1 Also spelled Edminston in other documents

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

S/ John Pitner, JP

State of Tennessee, Sevier County

This day personally appeared before me John Pitner an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County of Sevier, Andrew Creswell aged about seventy four years who being first duly sworn according [to] law, says he is well acquainted with John McCroskey who signed the foregoing declaration and that he served with the said John McCroskey in the Campaign to King's Mountain and that he knows the declaration of the said McCroskey as above written in relation to the said Campaign is substantially true and that he has reason to believe the whole of the said John McCroskey's declaration true.

S/ Andrew Creswell

Sworn to and subscribed before made the first day of August 1832.

S/ John Pitner, JP

Declaration

of John McCroskey in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832

State of Tennessee, Sevier County

On this 18th day of May 1833 personally appeared before me John Pitner one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid, John McCroskey a resident of the State and County aforesaid aged seventy five years seven months and twenty two days being born on the 25th of September in the County of Rockbridge Virginia in the year 1757 as appears from the record of his Father 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that he was drafted when between eighteen and nineteen years of age and the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia to perform a Tour of duty of three months for the protection of the frontiers against the incursions of the Shawnee Indians and joined a company of militia commanded by Captain Andrew Moore as a private soldier in the month of May 1776 and was marched with said company from Kerr's [?] Creek in the County of Rockbridge to Jackson's River then up said River through a mountainous country and over the North Mountain to the waters of Green River and passed a station at the head of Green River then to Danda's Station 8 miles from the levels which Station had been attacked by the Indians a few days before and was in service three months and dismissed from the service in August in the same year & John Caruthers was Lieutenant in said company affiant received no discharge that he recollects of affiant states that afterwards he moved to the County of Washington and State of Virginia and in the year 1779 he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer to perform a Tour of duty against the hostile Cherokee Indians and joined a company of volunteers commanded by Captain Aaron Lewis and Lieutenant Robert Edmondson (who was afterwards killed at the battle of King's Mountain) and marched from Abingdon under said officers in company with a company under command of Captain Montgomery to the big Island of Holston River affiant states that about 500 men rendezvoused at the said Island of Holston & that Colonels Evan Shelby and Robertson commanded that affiant with said Troops descended the River in canoes to the mouth of Chickamauga Creek in the Cherokee nation and near the great Suck [?] in Tennessee had some skirmishing with the Indians and served two months as a private soldier that campaign the most of which time he was [in] active and fatiguing service and that affiant joined said Captain Aaron Lewis's company in the month of March in the year aforesaid, to wit 1779 and dismissed by the said Captain Lewis in May following without receiving any written discharge affiant further states that in the month of June in the last mentioned year to wit 1779 he volunteered to perform a Tour of duty for the protection of the frontier settlements on the Clinch River against the hostile Indians who were committing depredations on the

settlements and marched from Abingdon in Washington County in the State of Virginia under the command of Lieutenant Samuel Edmondson across Walker's Mountain to the New Garden Stationed on Clinch River and served two months as a private soldier under said Lieutenant Edmondson and dismissed without receiving any written discharge the said McCroskey further states that he joined the service of United States in the month of June in the year 1780 being drafted to perform a Tour duty against the Tories and common enemy of the Country and was attached to a company of militia commanded by Captain William Edmondson and was marched from Washington County Virginia (the place of his residence) with other militia through a mountainous broken Country under command of the said Captain William Edmondson and Colonel Arthur Campbell to a Tory's settlement called Baker's settlement on the three or were to of the New River where we hung one Tory and dispersed a great many who fled to the Mountains affiant states that he served one month as a private soldier under said officers that campaign & dismissed by the said Captain William Edmondson without receiving any written discharge the said John McCroskey further states that on the 23rd of September in the last mentioned year to wit 1780 in the County of Washington and State of Virginia he volunteered to perform a Tour of duty for the protection of the Carolinas against the British and Tories and joined a company commanded by Captain William Edmondson and marched from Abingdon in the County of Washington State of Virginia to the Sycamore Shoals on Watauga River the place of rendezvous where we were joined by Colonels Sevier [John Sevier] and Shelby [Isaac Shelby] with about four hundred & forty men Colonel William Campbell had about 300 [?] men the officers held a counsel and the command was given to Colonel Campbell we then crossed the Yellow Mountain into North Carolina and crossed Tow [?] River and through the old settlements of the Catawba Indians and across Catawba and Broad Rivers after crossing the mountains we were joined by colonels Williams [James Williams] Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Blandon [sic, Thomas Brandon] with about 300 men affiant was a mounted gun man this campaign and the Mounted men rode all night the night before the action at King's Mountain leaving the foot behind and got up with the enemy about two o'clock in the evening having captured their picket before we got up with the Main Army affiant was in the Battle and done his duty as a private soldier and assisted in defeating capturing and guarding the Tories and British to the Mulberry fields near Hillsborough in North Carolina and was in the service one month this campaign and was dismissed by Colonel William Campbell without receiving any written discharge – the said John McCroskey further states that in the month of February in the year 1781 he volunteered to perform a tour of duty against the British in North Carolina and in the County of Washington and State of Virginia the place of his residence he joined a company commanded by Captain James Montgomery and marched from the said County of Washington the nearest direction to the Moravian Town in North Carolina Colonel William Campbell commanded the Troops from Washington County Virginia Captain James Dysart also commanded a company from Washington County from the Moravian Town we were marched to Guilford County and joined General Green [sic Nathanael Greene] and his forces consisting [of] foot and Horse the Cavalry was commanded by Colonel Washington [William Washington] and Lee [sic, Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee] the day after joining General Greene Colonel William Campbell with Major Reed and about 300 men one of which was this affiant having by some mistake separated from the Main Army had a severe skirmish with the British at the Reedy fork of Haw River in which 25 men were killed from the Reedy fork of Haw River affiant under command of the said Captain James Montgomery and Colonel William Campbell was marched to Dan River affiant states that he served one month this Campaign as a private mounted gunmen and was in North Carolina without any written discharge. The said John McCroskey states that he performed all of said Tours of duty in the time of the revolutionary war affiant further states that all the time he served in the revolutionary war does amount to ten months actual service he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the whole of his services and that the said across the 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] affiant states that he is well known to William Snoddy, John Shark [?] and Edmund Hodges in his neighborhood who can testify to his credibility.

Sworn to and subscribed or me the day and year just above written.

S/ John Pitner, JP

S/ John McCrosky [sic]