

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John McConahey: S16953

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State of Virginia Bedford County S.S.

On the 27th day of October 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Bedford now sitting John McConahey a resident of the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia aged Seventy one years 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 after stated. That he volunteered under Cap Daniel Figgins [sic: Feagan] in the County of Loudoun in the State of Virginia about the first of October 1780 for a tour of three months in the militia to go to North Carolina; that he marched from Loudoun county to Richmond where the company was detained about a week he was then marched to Chesterfield courthouse, where he was informed that he was not to be marched to North Carolina, but was marched to Petersburg and from thence to Mackeys mill and from thence to sleepy hole ferry on the Nansemond River, where he was marched backwards and forwards watching the brittish, who was said to be on the River until his tour expired, and he was discharged, that he served under Major Thomas Hardeman [or Hardiman]; the col's name he cannot now recollect, that he has no written evidence of ever having served this tour, and knows of but one living witness that he can prove it by, which is Jacob Shepherd, who marched in another company from the same County at the same time commanded Capt. Adam Vincent [possibly Vincell] and to whose affidavit he refers. the next Tour was for two months as a substitute for John Oldacres[?], that he commenced his march he thinks in the month of July 17th under Cap. Thomas Canning from the County of Loudon in Virginia, and was marched to Pamunky [sic: Pamunkey] river to New castle where he joined the army commanded by Colo. Merriweather [sic: Meriwether] and Major Hardeman who was attached to Gen'l. [Edward] Stevens brigade, that he was marched from thence to Ruffins ferry in King & Queen [sic: King William] County in which neighbourhood he continued until his term of service expired. That he never went home after the expiration of this tour, his own Tour of two months had then come on. He was put in charge of Cap. Daniel Johns waggon and team & went with it to a place called the new magazine near Williamsburg and continued halling about Williamsburg and York until after the siege at York, that he assisted in halling the French Baggage from Springfield to York and also assisted in halling the american baggage, that he was at york during the whole siege [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and assisted in halling the ammuniton in the night. that he could not lie down in the day time as the teams would have been shot, that after the capitulation at York he was loaded with the Brittish baggage and carried it to Nowlin's [Noland's] ferry on the Potomac River, where he delivered it and was dismissed. that he has no written evidence of the service of either of these touers, but can prove them by James Davis of Amherst County in the State of Virginia who served the tour, that he knows of no other living witness that he can prove it by, having moved from the county of Loudon (the place where he resided when called into service) about Thirty two years ago a distance of about Two hundred and twenty miles. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court. John McConahey
The following is his answer to the several interogatories propounded to him by the court Viz.

1st I was born in Bucks County in the State of Pensylvania on the 15th day of April 1762.

2nd I have a register of my age now in my possession as kept by my parrents.

3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th answered in the above declaration.

7th I refer to William Leftwich a clergyman & to Pleasant Preston who reside in my neighbourhood and who are acquainted with me as to their belief of my service and my respectability.

John McConnely [sic]