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Revolutionary Soldiers in Alabama

BEING A LIST OF NAMES, COMPILED FROM AUTHEN-
TIC SOURCES, OF SOLDIERS OF THE AMERI-
CAN REVOLUTION, WHO RESIDED
IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

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1st sess., 1833-34. Also resided in Washington county.—*Pension Book*, State Branch Bank, Mobile.

McCLURE, JOHN, aged 76, and a resident of Limestone county; private and sergeant N. C. Militia; enrolled on May 10, 1834, under act of Congress of June 7, 1832, payment to date from March 4, 1831; annual allowance, \$80.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in Vol. xiv, Sen. Doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34.

McCONNELL, JAMES, sen., aged 83, resided in Limestone county, June 1, 1840.—*Census of Pensioners*, 1841, p. 148.

McCORMACK, BENJAMIN, aged 89, and a resident of Perry county; private Georgia Militia; enrolled on September 17, 1833, under act of Congress of June 7, 1832, payment to date from March 4, 1831; annual allowance, \$90; sums received to date of publication of list, \$270.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in Vol. xiv, Sen. Doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34.

McCORMACK, JOS. R., aged 96, resided in Jackson county, June 1, 1840.—*Census of Pensioners*, 1841, p. 148.

McCOSKLIN, —, aged 78, resided in Sumter county, June 1, 1840.—*Census of Pensioners*, 1841, p. 149.

McCRAVY, JOHN, aged 87, resided in Jackson county, June 1, 1840, with Thomas Coleman.—*Census of Pensioners*, 1841, p. 148.

McCRORY, JAMES. "James McCrory is buried in a cemetery at 'Old Bethany Church' (Primitive Baptist), near the town of Vienna in Pickens county. The following inscription is on his tombstone :

In Memory of
JAMES M'CRORY.
Died Nov. 24th, 1840, aged 82 years,
6 mo. and 9 days.

Deceased was a soldier of the Revolution and was at the battles of Germantown, Brandywine and Guilford Courthouse, and was one of Washington's life-guard at Valley Forge and served his country faithfully during the war.
Peace to the soldiers' dust.

"The following account of him is copied from the *Tuscaloosa Flag of the Union*, December, 1840 :

“James McCrory was born May 15, 1758, at Larga, on the river Bann, in the county of Antrim, Ireland. He sailed from Belfast in 1775 when he was 17 years old and landed at Baltimore July 1st, in the same year. In 1776 he settled in Guilford county, N. C., and enlisted in the Continental army in the same year. He was at the battle of Brandywine, September 11, 1777, under General Washington at the battle of Germantown, and wintered at Valley Forge in 1777-78. Subsequently he fought under General Greene at Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781, was in the battle of Eutaw Springs, and in the battle of Stono. He was with General Gates at his defeat at Camden and with General Morgan in the glorious victory at the Cowpens. For courage, good service and meritorious conduct he was promoted to the rank of ensign in the Life Guard of General Washington, and while acting in this capacity, he was taken prisoner and confined on board a prison ship for six months. He came to Alabama while it was yet a territory, and made his home at Tuscaloosa for the last twenty-five years of his life. This true patriot died November 24, 1840, at the age of eighty-two.”

“There is a list of North Carolina Continental troops published in the *N. C. Historical and Genealogical Register*, on p. 424 of which we find the name of James McCrory, ensign in the Ninth regiment, under Col. John P. Williams, May 2, 1777. Thomas McCrory was a captain in the same regiment. The services of James McCrory are also stated in the proceedings of the 27th Congress, 2d Session, in the Senate, February 4th, 1842, report of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims:

“James McCrory was a sergeant in Capt. Cook’s company of the 9th regiment, enlisted on the 15th day of April, 1776, for the term of three years; on the 2d day of May, 1777, he was promoted to the rank of ensign. In January 1778, the nine regiments which composed the line, being reduced to three, the supernumerary officers were sent home, of which he was one. He then joined the nine months’ men and marched to the south and was at the battle of Stono, the 30th of June, 1779, and was at Gates’ defeat in August, 1780, and was taken prisoner on the 24th of February, 1781, by Tarleton’s dragoons and was kept prisoner four months at Wilmington and then paroled; and in November, 1782, he took prisoner Colonel Bryant, a British officer, and gave him up to a regular officer of the American army.”

“In spite of this array of gallant services the committee reported adversely because of some technicality; but as the old hero had then been dead two years he was probably not very deeply affected or disappointed by the decision.”—Mrs. P. H. Mell in *Transactions of the Alabama Historical Society*, Vol. iv, pp. 554-556.

Details of his service: He was an ensign 9th Regular N. C. Line; enrolled on June 13, 1829, under act of Congress of May 15, 1828, payment to date from March 3, 1826; annual allowance, \$240; sums received to date of publication of list, \$2,160; John McCrory, agent.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in Vol. xiv, Sen. Doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34. He resided in Pickens county, June 1, 1840, with Robert McCrory, aged 82.—*Census of Pensioners*, 1841, p. 149.

McCUTCHEN, JOHN, aged 78, and a resident of Jackson county; private N. C. Militia; enrolled on January 2, 1834, under act of Congress of June 7, 1832, payment to date from March 4, 1831; annual allowance, \$80.—*Revolutionary Pension Roll*, in Vol. xiv, Sen. Doc. 514, 23rd Cong., 1st sess., 1833-34. The following interesting account is extracted from the *Southern Advocate*, Huntsville, Jan. 27, 1835.

"JACKSON COUNTY, ALA., JAN. 19, 1835.

"It is our unhappy lot to announce that another *Revolutionary Hero* has gone! COL. JOHN McCUTCHEN, who, in 'the times that tried men's souls,' stood boldly forth in defense of the liberty and independence of his country, bidding defiance not only to oppression, but confronting the armed myrmidons of the Tyrant, was on the 17th (inst.) in the eightieth year of his age, summoned to 'another and a better world.'

"He engaged early in the Revolutionary conflict, was at the defense of Fort Moultrie, the battle at Eutaw Springs, and with a true patriotic zeal participated in all the perils and distress that so peculiarly characterized the unfeeling warfare, then waged throughout the Carolinas; nor did he retire until he had the satisfaction of beholding the independence of his country, for which he had so long and ardently struggled, permanently secured.

"Having devoted his youth to the service of his country in the field, in the maturity of manhood he engaged with those fearless and enterprising pioneers, who emigrating to the West, embarked in the arduous undertaking of reclaiming the fertile valley of the Tennessee from its then savage wilderness, and preparing it for the enjoyment of all the arts, luxuries and refinements of social life.

"He has ever been noted as a man of uncommon intellectual endowments—for the last forty years has been a professor of christianity of the Baptist order, and been esteemed by all as a worthy example and an honor to his profession. Thus ripe in years and rich in the consciousness of having at two different periods of his life, rendered important services to his