

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Petition of Alexander McMaken [McMachen, McMakin] VAS1948

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Loudon County legislative petitions

To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Delegates of Virginia. –

The Petition of Alexander McMaken of the County of Loudoun humbly sheweth – that your Petitioner was appointed a Captain of a Company of Militia in the County of Loudoun during the late War between the United States of America and Great Britain and took upon himself the Command thereof, that during that Period a law was passed by the General Assembly of Virginia at their Session in the year 1779 that each Company of Militia should furnish two soldiers by enlistment each individual paying a certain sum of money for the bounty of such Soldiers which they were to be Credited with in their next year's Taxes – Your Petitioner further sheweth to your Honorable House that the Individuals in his Company as well as those in a Company at that time commanded by a certain Captain Thomas Respass appeared dissatisfied with the Law and did not step forward to aid their Country by advancing the respective sums demanded of them apprehensive that their money would never be reimbursed them nor Credit given in their next year's Taxes, and your Petitioner being Zealous to promote the good of his Country at that Crisis of Affairs advanced nine hundred pounds the bounty of four soldiers, two for his own company and two for the Company of Capt. Respass well hoping that the Commonwealth would either reimburse his money or give Credit to each individual in their next year's Taxes, at which time your Petitioner begs leave to show to your Honorable house that his money was never reimbursed him nor Credit given in the next year's Taxes agreeable to the then existing Law except Ninety Dollars, as will appear by the Deposition and documents sent herewith – the Sum your Petitioner advanced was £900 – as before stated leaving a balance due your Petitioner of £873 – all of which allegations your Petitioner can prove by indisputable Testimony.

Your Petitioner Humbly solicits your Hon. House to grant him relief in the premises and your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Alexander McMaken



There are no papers in this office relative to the above claim, the books & papers during that period were burnt by Arnold [Benedict Arnold]

S/ John Carter, C. Clerk  
Auditor's Office  
9 December 1800

[Reverse]

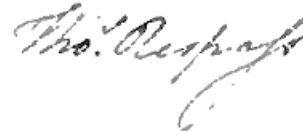
McMaken's petition  
1800  
Rejected

The deposition of Thomas Respass who deposeth and saith that the Two Soldiers enlisted by Alexander McMaken and exempted Two [indcipherably faint word] in this Respass's Company of militia, and the money for their bounty was to be paid by the Classes in proportion to their assessment and they were to have Credit for their Taxes but there being [one or more indcipherable words] between the said McMaken and said Respass about the collection it was neglected except Ninety Dollars which said McMaken received though not collected till the fall 1780 which sum is all that ever the said McMaken or myself received from the aforesaid Classes to the best of my knowledge.

The above deposition was sworn to before me the subscriber this 15<sup>th</sup> March [?] 1796  
Given under my hand

S/ [indcipherable signature]

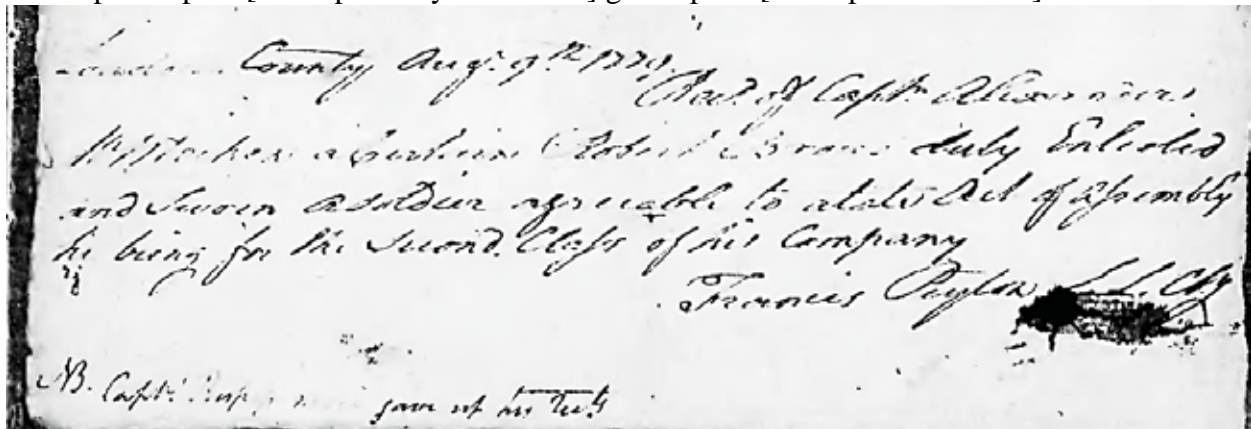
S/ Thos. Respass



Loudoun County August 9<sup>th</sup> 1779

Received of Capt. Alexander McMaken a Certain Robert Brown duly enlisted and sworn a Soldier agreeable to a late Act of Assembly he being for the second Class of his Company  
S/Francis Peyton, L.L.Cty [Loudoun Lieut. County]

NB Capt. Respass [indcipherably faint word] gave up his [indcipherable word]



Loudoun County Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1779. Recd. of Capt. Alexander McMaken  
a Certain Robert Brown duly Enlisted  
and sworn a Soldier agreeable to a late Act of Assembly  
he being for the second Class of his Company  
Francis Peyton L.L. Cty

Memo if the within mentioned to Robert Brous [?] Is enlisted in any other class than that within mentioned he is to be considered as Enlisted for the Division to which he belongs

S/Francis Peyton L. L. Cty  
Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1779

Received of Capt. McMaken a certain John Gregory duly Enlisted and sworn a Soldier for the Division in which he is Enlisted by the Officers & Justices agreeable to a late Act of Assembly certified this 9<sup>th</sup> August 1779

S/ Francis Peyton, L. L. Cty

Memo in case the above named John Gregory should be classed in any other Division than that above mentioned he is to be a Soldier for the Division to which he belongs.

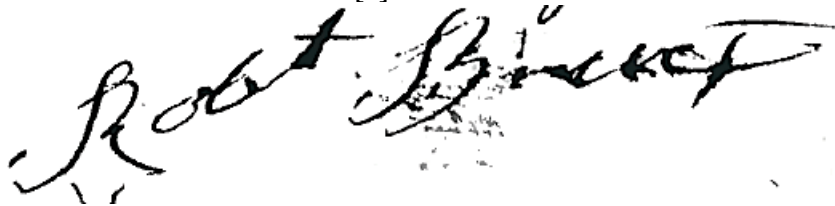
S/ Francis Peyton, L. L. Cty

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1779

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1779

Received from Capt. Alexander McMakin [sic] Seven hundred and fifty Dollars in full for the Bounty due to me on my enlisting to exempt one of the said Capt. McMakin's Districts of Militia agreeable to a late Act of Assembly, by which I acknowledge myself lawfully enlisted.

S/ Robt. Brux [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robt. Brux". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

September 28, 1779

Received from Capt. Alexander McMakin Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars in full for the Bounty due to me on my enlisting to exempt one of the said Capt. McMakin's Distutes [?] of Militia agreeable to a late Act of assembly by which I acknowledge myself legally enlisted

S/ Edmund English, X his mark

Test

S/ John Littlejohn

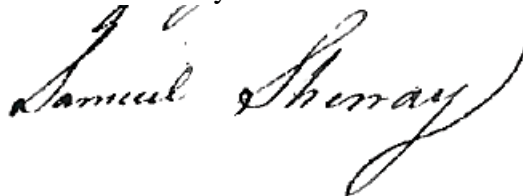
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1779

Received from Capt. Alexander McMachen [sic] Seven Hundred and fifty Dollars in full for the Bounty due me on my Enlisting to Exempt one of Capt. Thomas Resbus Distutes [sic] of Militia agreeable to a late Act of Assembly by which I acknowledge myself lawfully enlisted.

Test

S/ William Taylor

S/ Samuel Sherray

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Samuel Sherray". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

Memo this Money was paid the same day of Edmond English but could not get [one or more words too faint to discern] the date above.