

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph McClan VAS559

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Maryland Cecil County SS: Be it remembered that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1822 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County John Bennett of the State of Delaware New Castle County late a private in Lt. Colo. Henry Lee's Legion; who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith, that he was well acquainted with Joseph McClan at the time he enlisted in Lt. Colo. Henry Lee's Legion as a Dragoon in the Service of the United States in the winter of the year 1778 in the County of New Castle, State of Delaware and afterwards until the time of his death. This deponent further saith the said Joseph McClan was Sergeant in the second Troops of the aforesaid Legion commanded by Captain James Heard<sup>1</sup> in which he continued until he together with the rest as also this deponent who was then in the first Troop of said Lt. Colo. Henry Lee's Legion commanded by Captain Armstrong [James Armstrong]<sup>2</sup>, and continued in said Legion to the close of the Revolutionary War, in the year 1783, and was honorably discharged at Elkton by Captain Michael Randolph [Michael Rudolph]<sup>3</sup> the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August A.D. 1783

Subscribed and sworn before me

S/ Robert Hart

S/ John Bennett



Maryland Cecil County: SS: Be it known that on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1823 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid John Bennett a citizen of the County of New Castle and State of Delaware made oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God: last a private in the first Troop Lt. Colo. Henry Lees Legion commanded by Captain Pation [probably Henry Peyton]<sup>4</sup> and succeeded by Captain Carsons [probably Patrick Carnes]<sup>5</sup> and last by Captain Armstrong this deponent sayeth he enlisted in said Legion at the County of Cecil in the State of Maryland in the spring of 1778 in the service of the United States for during the war, and continued in actual service to the close thereof. Lieutenant Lewis [William Lewis] Powers [Robert Power] and Middleton [William Middleton] were our subaltern officers of the First Troops. This deponent saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph McClan as he was generally called until the time of his death but probably

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<sup>1</sup> FPA S540

<sup>2</sup> FPA BLWt45-300

<sup>3</sup> FPA BLWt945-300

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<sup>5</sup> [Patrick Carnes BLWt2266-300](#)

known on the roll McLane said McLane or McClan enlisted in the County of Cecil in the State of Maryland in and about the spring of 1777 in Lt. Colo. Henry Lee's Legion in Captain Lindsey [William Lindsay] Troop of Dragoons of said Legion in the service of the United States for the war. This deponent saith Joseph McLane or McClan was a Sergeant in said 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop and that after Captain Lindsey retired Lieutenant John Rudolph succeeded him in the command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop. Captain Rudolph appointed Major & James Heard succeeded Rudolph and Ferdinand O'Neal<sup>6</sup> succeeded Heard in the command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop of settled Legion to the close of the war. This deponent further declares on oath he is well acquainted with Abid Hukill<sup>7</sup> as he is now called but who was when in Col. Lee's Legion called Hukins by whose name he is probably known on the roll as he was generally called Kukins said Hukill enlisted in and about the spring of 1778 when Colonel Lee was making up his Legion at Charlestown and Elkton in Cecil County in the State of Maryland as a private in Captain Lindsey's Troop called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Troop of Lee's Legion in the service of the United States, who now is and has been a resident in Mason County in the State of Kentucky for a number of years. This deponent further saith that said McLane or McClan and Hukill (or Hukins) was with and served faithfully as soldiers in said Legion with this deponent through the whole of the southern Campaign with General Green [Nathanael Greene] as also from the period above stated and received an Honorable discharge from Major Eggleston [Joseph Eggleston]<sup>8</sup> and Captain M. Rudolph at the close of the Revolutionary War in 1783.

Subscribed and sworn to before me

S/ Alexr. Kinhead

S/ John Bennett

[Note: This file also contains an affidavit dated September 18<sup>th</sup> 1822 given in Cecil County Maryland by Robert Crouch<sup>9</sup> but the image of the body of the affidavit is in such poor condition, that I could not discern enough of the words to warrant transcribing it. It appears from what I can see that Crouch more or less gave the same testimony as is contained in the first affidavit given by John Bennett as set forth above. Crouch's signature is very legible as follows:



<sup>6</sup> [Ferdinand Oneal \(O'Neal\) R16846](#)

<sup>7</sup> Abiah Hukill FPAS35439

<sup>8</sup> [Joseph Eggleston W8687](#)

<sup>9</sup> FPA S34717