

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander McFarlane (McFarland) VAS597

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

His Excellency the Governor & Honorable Council  
The Petition of Alexander McFarlin  
Humbly sheweth

That your Petitioner was a Soldier under the command of Colonel Andrew Lewis and that he received his wounds in the Service of his Country in the Battle of Point Pleasant on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1774 which renders him incapable of helping his Family. Your Petitioner was examined by the Commissioners appointed for that purpose who allowed the annual sum of ten pounds on the second application, he drew said some, soon after he removing to Clinch a very remote place of this State and the invasion of the Savages in that part rendered his situation so difficult that it prevented him of making further application for his annuity. Your Petitioner Humbly in treats your Excellency & Humble Council will take his case under your consideration, which bound will ever pray.

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I do hereby certify that I have examined the wounds of Alexander McFarlane & find that he has received 2 from Musket balls; one entering the latissimos dorsi [??] (muscle), fractured the last but one of the interior ribs; the other, entering near the origin of the Vastus externus [??] (muscle) of the left, passed through both thighs, occasioning an expoliation of the Of Sernories [??], where it entered. The extracting of the pieces of bone & the wound occasioned by the ball, have almost entirely destroyed the externus [?] Muscles & rendered him incapable of earning his bread by active labor.

Stanton

June 7 1788

S/ Alexr Humphreys

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His Excellency the Governor

Sir: Alexr. McFarland who has Petitioned your Excellency & Honorable Board for his pension was enlisted at Staunton in 1775, by Lieutenant Thomas [last name indecipherable] of Captain Faunton's Company for the term of one year in the summer (or spring) of 1776, he (with others) returned on furlough – in the Fall of the same year – '76, he was a soldier from Clinch on the expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the Command of Colonel Christian [William

Christian]. Sometime after that, he was a soldier from Nowlachucka [??]<sup>1</sup> against [indecipherable word] Indians, at which time, he lost the sight of his eyes by accidentally falling & striking it, the point of an Indians spear which he had taken in the skirmish. Several other particulars I might insert from good authority, but will add only that I have reason to believe from the same [indecipherable word] that he has upon all occasions acted the part of a Faithful Soldier to his country as stated in his Declaration particularly against the Tory party so far as he was capable of. I have been also [p 8: top portion of this page is missing] his wounds that they injure him much & are not yet come to their worst. I have also heard it from some of his neighbors that I could depend on that his wounds had troubled him much ever since he had returned to that County, which was in 1784. As a friend to humanity I beg leave to request your Excellency to present his case before the Honorable Council and oblige Sir

Your Excellencies Obedient Humble Server  
S/ Alexander Gibson

Richmond October 7<sup>th</sup> 1788

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At the request of Captain Alexander Gibson who solicits for the arrears of Pension for Alexander McFarlin I hereby inform your Excellency & the Honorable Board that Mr. McFarlin received his wounds in the Battle at Point Pleasant the 10 October 1774 under the command of Colonel Andrew Lewis, & that I have been informed from good authority he behaved well in the action – He afterwards enlisted with Lieutenant Thomas Hughes of Captain Fountain's company & was in the Battle at the Great Bridge [December 9, 1775], Lieutenant Hughes informed me he reenlisted for three years & was furloughed & he never returned again but was an out layer during the war – his wounds was four or five several of which was very bad & I make no doubt as he advances in age, they will be very troublesome. Colonel Archibald Cary & the other commissioners that settled the expense of the South-Western Campaign made the allowance to Mr. McFarlin, which was confirmed by the Convention. I am very respectfully your Excellency's obedient humble servant

S/ James Mathews

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I do with the advice of the Council hereby Certify that Alexander McFarlin, aged about 38 years, late a Private in the Militia was disabled in the Service of the Commonwealth, then the Colony, of Virginia by Several wounds received at the battle of Point-pleasant in October 1774; and that he is allowed the Sum of Ten pounds yearly, from the first day of January 1783.

Given under my hand as Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, at Richmond this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1782.

S/ T. Meriwether

S/ Edm. Randolph

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At a Court held for Augusta County May 20<sup>th</sup> 1791

Ordered that the Sheriff pay unto Alexander McFarlin ten pounds that being his pension for the year 1789 which appears to be due him by the Governor's Certificate where on the same

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<sup>1</sup> *Nowlachucka*

is endorsed. Test

S/ A. McClanachan, Clk

[Note: the bulk of the papers in this file relate to the annual administration, disbursement and receipt of the pension due the veteran up to and including September 29, 1804.]