

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Patrick McEwing (McCuin, McEwin) R16267 Polly McEwing¹ f33VA
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Virginia Prince William County to wit

On the 2nd day of November 1818 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court in State aforesaid Personally appeared Patrick McEwing aged 70 years resident of or in the County of Prince William in the said State being one of the counties in my Judicial Circuit who by me being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made and Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain Persons Engaged in the land & Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war that the said Patrick McEwing enlisted in the County of Prince William in the State aforesaid under Captain Thomas Ewell in the year 1776 in the State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the year 1780 when he was discharged from the service in the state of New Jersey and that he was in the Battles of Stony point [July 16, 1779] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and many others and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of assistance of His country for support and that he has produced evidence now in his power of his services sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

Charles Ewell² this 2nd day of November 1818 personally appeared before me & made oath that he was a Captain in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain from the year of 1776 until the conclusion of the war that Patrick McEwing whose declaration this affidavit is annexed was a Soldier of the aforesaid Regiment that he enlisted under Captain Thomas Ewell who is now dead for the term of 3 years & served faithfully during the term that the said Patrick McEwing is now in very reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for Support. Given under my hand & seal the day & year above

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

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Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension List under the Act of the 18th of March 1818
County of Prince William: SS

¹ Also appears as MacEwing, McCuin, McEuin and McUin

² [Charles Ewell W9432](#)

On this 7th day of March 1831 personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for the County of Prince William and State of Virginia Patrick MacEwing resident in said County, aged 88 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said MacEwing enlisted for the term of three years on the 23rd day of January in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas W. Ewell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps until ___ of December 1779, when he was discharged from the service at Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name was placed on the roll of the State of Virginia and drop there from in consequence of his not having served on the Continental establishment – but in Colonel George Gibson's Regiment. And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have taken place in my property having no property at that period nor since.

Sworn to and declared on the 7th day of March before the said Court.

Schedule of Patrick MacEwing delivered into Court this 7th day of March 1831.

Personal }

Real } Property – Non-whatever save my wearing apparel

Mixed }

S/ Patrick MacEwing, X his mark

[p 33: By act of Congress passed March 3, 1836, the Secretary of the Treasury was ordered by Congress to pay Patrick McEwen the sum of \$1129.14 out of money of the Treasury as a revolutionary pensioner of the United States.]

[p 9: On January 4, 1859 in Prince William County Virginia, Polly McCuin (sometimes spelled Mcuin or McEwing or McEuin) sometimes called Polly Sartin, 70, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act as the widow of Patrick McCuin; a pensioner of the United States at the rate of \$96 per annum during his life; that she married him in 1839; that her husband died in Prince William County [date left blank]³. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 10, 1831, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Prince William County Legislative Papers indexed under the

³ In an affidavit appearing in this file signed by disinterested witnesses, the veteran is said to have died in 1845.

name "Patrick McCuin"

To the Hon. the General Assembly of Virginia; the petition of the undersigned Patrick McCuin of the County of Prince William and State aforesaid, respectfully sheweth: That your petitioner did in the year 1776 enlist as a soldier under the command of Capt. Thomas Ewell of the State troops of Virginia for three years; that in the year 1777, he marched, in the company of said Ewell attached to the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson, to the Northward and joined the Army commanded by General Washington; that he continued in said service until the expiration of his term, during which time he trusts that he performed the Duty of a good & brave soldier. Your Honorable body is aware that it would be vain for your petitioner to apply to the Federal Government for a pension, since the Rule adopted by Congress excludes from a participation in their bounty all who belonged to the State Establishments: consequently it devolves on the Legislature of this state to determine whether they will turn unrequited and unnoticed from their doors a meritorious soldier, who has fought and bled in behalf of the Commonwealth, whilst another whose service may claim no superior merit shall be cherished & supported by the liberal kindness of the General Government only because he happened, or chose to join the Federal Army – Your Petitioner is now very old, poor & infirm, without property & unable to maintain himself. And extension to him of the bounty which he hereby solicits from the Legislature would relieve him from the dreadful doom of pauperism, & in live in the now dreary remnant of his existence. The vigor of his life has been decayed in toiling for his country when first struggling for freedom. But fortune has not smiled on his destiny, & he has derived naught from his exertions save the high gratification which always fills the bosom of the Patriot in the reflection of having performed the first of duties. He is now in the twilight of his Existence & cannot hope to survive many years; he therefore trusts that your honorable body will not neglect this, perhaps last opportunity of performing an act of liberality & justice due to your petitioner.

signed Patrick McCuin⁴

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick McCuin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Patrick McCuin".

Prince William County, November 15th 1826

I do hereby certify to the best of my personal knowledge and from all information which I have received, that the within petitioner Patrick McCuin is in a state of extreme want, so much so that he would be driven to the Poor House of his County for Support, but for the aid of his relatives, who gain their subsistence by hard daily labor, & are very poor.

S/ Geo. W. Macrae

[Reverse]

Petition of Patrick McCuin

December 17th, 1826

For a pension

(George W Macrae)

Referred to Claims

⁴ The signature is probably not that of the veteran because the handwriting appears to be identical to the body of the petition. I have included it to show how the person who prepared the petition spelled the veteran's name throughout the document.

1826 December 21
Laid on table
23rd Reasonable
26 Reported
28 Bill Drawn

I do certify that Patrick McCuin of the County of Prince William & State of Virginia did in the year 1776 enlist as a Soldier under Capt. Thomas Ewill [sic] of the State Troops of Virginia for three years that in the year 1777 the said McCuin marched under the said Ewell as such in the 1st Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson to the Northward & joined the Army Commanded by General Washington & continued in said Service until the Expiration of his Term Performing the duty of a Good & Faithful soldier & I do further certify that he is now an aged & infirm old man & have know [no] property whatsoever.
Given under my hand this 5th November 1825

S/ Ch. Ewell [Charles Ewell]



I do certify that Patrick McCuin within named was stricken from the United States' pension list, on which he had been place by act of Congress, on the ground, and that only, that he had served in the state establishment of the state of Virginia, from whose legislature alone he could obtain a pension, by the rule adopted by the department of war, under the act of Congress.

S/ Geo. W. Macrae

December 16th, 1825