

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McElhany (McIlhaney)<sup>1</sup> R16313

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State of Virginia Rockbridge County viz.

This day John McCampbell formerly a resident of Rockbridge County now a resident of the State of Ohio – appeared in open Court Being a Court of Record & made oath – That he was well acquainted with Major John McElhaney formerly of said County of Rockbridge & who served as a Captain in the Revolutionary Army – & that he the said McCampbell was at the Wake of said John McElhaney the night after his death – & that as well as (he) recollects he died on New Year's Day 1806 – & was buried the succeeding Day – This affiant was at that time a neighbor of said McElhaney & knows that it was considered a matter beyond all doubt be he had been a revolutionary soldier – & further that this deponent knew all his family and children – & that at the time of his death he had seven children – two of whom have since died without issue – viz. Sophy & Betsey – the other children now surviving are Strother L McElhaney – Polly McElhaney – Peggy McElhaney, Jane married to David McCampbell & Ann McElhaney – This affiant further states that he is now between sixty-two & three years of age.

S/ John McCampbell

This Day John Wiley a Citizen of Rockbridge County aged seventy-one years & a soldier of the Revolution appeared in open Court Being a Court of Record & made oath that he was well acquainted with John McElhaney both during the Revolutionary War & up to the time of his Death which occurred to the best of this affiant's memory on the first or 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1806. This affiant was with him after he had received and Injury which terminated in Death until he died & believes he is not mistaken as to the time. This affiant further states that he himself was a soldier of the Revolution & seen the said Captain John McElhaney in the service & in command in the character of a Captain belonging to the Virginia State line this affiant met with him in the lower part of Virginia on the South side of James River – the precise place this affiant does not recollect – This affiant lived within one mile of said McElhaney from the conclusion of the Revolutionary War – until the day of his death – their Plantations adjoining each other – & knows the notoriety as well as the fact that had been a Captain in the Virginia Line during [the] Revolutionary War – This affiant also was well acquainted with the said McElhaney's family his wife is now dead – he left seven children – two of whom have died since his death, without issue viz. Sophy & Betsey – his surviving children all of whom are still known to this affiant are Strother L McElhaney, Polly McElhaney, Peggy McElhaney, Jane married to David McCampbell & Ann McElhaney.

S/ John Wiley

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<sup>1</sup> VA Half-Pay

This day William McKee a Citizen of Rockbridge aged seventy-three years – appeared in open Court Being a Court of record & made oath – That he knew John McElhaney now deceased formerly of Rockbridge County – during the revolutionary war & afterwards – That he seen him at the siege of York – & knows that he served as a Captain in the Virginia State line – having seen him acting in his official character.

S/ Wm McKee

State of Virginia Rockbridge County viz.

This Day – Samuel Paxton<sup>2</sup> aged eighty years appeared in open Court Being a Court of Record & made oath he the said Paxton served as a soldier during the Revolutionary War & was acquainted with John McElhaney who died in the said County of Rockbridge several years ago – that he seen the said McElhaney several times during the Revolutionary War & knows that he was a Captain in the Virginia State line & seen him occasionally after the war up to the time of his death.

S/ Saml. Paxton, Senr.

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<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Paxton S11206](#)