

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McCall R6597

Elizabeth McCall

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before us Casper Harget & G. W. Houston two acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Mecklenburg and State of North Carolina Elizabeth McCall who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God saith as follows To wit:

Question 1 Are you the widow of William McCall deceased who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution

Answer -- I am

Question, When were you married to the said William McCall

Answer in the year 1778

Question How old were you at the time of your marriage

Answer about Eighteen or Nineteen years

Question how old are you at this time [Answer] going in Eighty nine 98

Answer

Question Where were you living at the time William McCall was drafted [Answer] living here on Goose Creek in Mecklenburg County NC

Answer On Goose Creek Mecklenburg County North Carolina

Question Do you recollect in what year William McCall was first drafted; if so what year was it [Answer] in the year Seventy Nine

Question For how long was he drafted

Answer For three months Four

Question How many tours did he serve

Answer three

Question -- Were you the Wife of William McCall at the time he served as a Soldier

Answer I was

Question Did William McCall ever secure a discharge if so what became of it

Answer I don't remember of ever knowing any thing about one

Question Do you recollect the name of the Colonel of the Regiment in which your husband served

Answer I do not recollect his name

Question When did William McCall die

Answer December 5th A.D. 1827

Question How old was he when he died

Answer Seventy-three years old

Sworn to & Subscribed before us this day of December A.D. 1848.

S/ Elizabeth McCall, X her mark

S/ Casper Hargett, JP

S/ G. W. Houston, JP

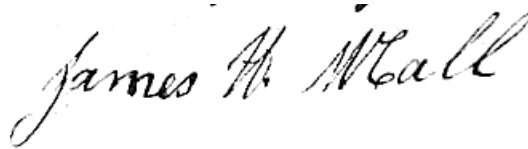
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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This day James H McCall personally appeared before us Casper Hargett and George W Houston two of the acting Justices in and for said County and after being duly sworn saith that he is 69 years old and that he is a son of Elizabeth McCall the above affiant and has remained in the family ever since and kept the family record and says his father died December 5th, 1827 he also says he has often heard his father and mother say he was Drafted three three months towers [tours] and served two tours and from the circumstance of his family he hired a substitute which he paid out of his own pocket for the third touer [sic].

Sworn to and subscribed till [sic] this 9th day of December 1848

S/ James H McCall

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James H. McCall". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James H McCall".

State of Illinois White County

On this 28th day of November A.D. 1851 personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County (and duly authorized by the laws of this State to administer oaths, take the knowledge of the &c) William Stewart a resident of said County and State aged 88 years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, on his oath saith that he was personally acquainted with William McCall during the war of the Revolution, that he believes he was drafted to serve a tour of duty of 6 or 9 months, and that he hired a substitute by the name of Richard Trimble, that he does not recollect what company what Regiment it was in. That afterwards this deponent knows that the said William McCall served in a company commanded by Capt. Matthew Stewart until the said Capt. Resigned in consequence of old age and inability and was then commanded by Capt. Thomas Shelby his successor the company was under the Control of General Davidson, that Deponent served in the same Company with said William McCall -- and after the above service the said William McCall was again drafted or he volunteered, about the time Lord Cornwallis was in pursuit of General Morgan through the State of North Carolina and served a tour of duty, but deponent does not recollect who commanded the Company. Deponent further states that first service was in the year 1778 or 9 the 2nd service was in the year 1780 and the 3rd service was in the year 1781 and it is his impression that said William McCall returned in the march or April following the two last named service was performed on horseback.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 29th day of November A.D. 1851.

S/ Wm Stewart

[Attested] S/ Solomon Vories, Clerk

[p 3—Bible Record]

James H. McCall was born July 16, 1779

Wm McCall was born august 7th 1782

Mathew McCall was born July 1st 1784

Hugh McCall was born February 10th 1787

Jane McCall was born may 19th 1789

Thomas McCall November 12th 1791

[paper torn, part of name missing] li McCall was born November 10th 179[th] [last digit unclear]

[paper torn, part of name missing] Josiah McCall was born the 17 [?] 1798

Azariah McCall was born November 13th 1801

Rachel [balance illegible]

A handwritten list of siblings from an affidavit, numbered 1 through 10. The entries are as follows:
1 James H. McCall was born July 16th 1789
2 Wm McCall was born August 7th 1792
3 Mathew McCall was born July 1st 1784
4 Hugh McCall was born February 10th 1787
5 Jane McCall was born May 19th 1789
6 Thomas McCall November 12th 1791
7 John McCall was born October 12th 1793
8 Eli McCall was born November 10th 179[th]
9 Josiah McCall was born the 17th of July 1798
10 Azariah McCall was born November 13th 1801
The name Rachel is written at the bottom but is mostly illegible.

[p 45, affidavit of James H. McCall in which he lists his siblings as being William, Mathew, Hugh, Jane, Thomas, John, Eli, Josiah, and Azariah McCall.]

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State of Illinois White County: SS

On this 28th day of November A.D. 1851 personally appeared before the undersigned

Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County (and duly authorized by the Laws of this State to administer oaths, take acknowledgment of Deeds &c) William Stewart a resident of said County and State, aged Eighty Eight years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, on his oath says that he was personally acquainted with William McCall during the war of the Revolution, that he believes he was drafted to serve a tour of duty of Six or 9 months, and that he hired a substitute by the name of Richard Trimble, that he does not recollect what Company, or what Regiment it was in. That afterwards, this Deponent knows that the said William McCall served in a Company commanded by Captain Matthew Stewart until the said Captain Resigned in consequence of old age and inability, and was then commanded by Captain Thomas Shelby his successor the Company was under the control of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson], that Deponent served in the same Company with the said William McCall – And after the above service the said William McCall was again drafted or he volunteered, about the time Lord Cornwallis was in pursuit of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] through the State of North Carolina and served a tour of duty, but deponent does not recollect who commanded the Company, Deponent further states that 1st service was in the year 1778 or 9, the 2nd service was in the year 1780 and the 3rd service was in the year 1781 and it is his impression that said William McCall returned in the March or April following. The 2 last named service was performed on horseback

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of November A.D. 1851

S/ Wm. Stewart



and I do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with the above named William Stewart, and know him to be a credible witness.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in Carmi County and State aforesaid the year and day last aforesaid.

S/ Solomon Vories, Clerk

[p 44: On January 6, 1852 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, James H McCall gave testimony that the record containing the names of the children of William and Elizabeth McCall was torn from the family Bible of Elizabeth McCall and that he, affiant knows the record to be true and genuine; that the record was 1st capped in an old catechism of "Fishers" and was transcribed some time before his father's death in his own hand writing on the title page of the New Testament; that the names of the children of William and Elizabeth McCall found on said page are as follows: James H McCall, William McCall, Matthew McCall, Hugh McCall, Jane McCall, Thomas McCall, John McCall, Eli McCall, Joseph McCall, Azariah McCall.

James H McCall]

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State of Illinois White County

Before the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for said County, this day personally appeared William Stewart aged 89 who being by me first duly sworn according to law, on his oath deposes and says, that some time in the month of February in the year 1778 William McCall was married to Elizabeth Stewart, in the house of her father, Capt. Matthew Stewart, that the said marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Thomas McCall a Presbyterian

Clergyman, that the said marriage took place in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina, that deponent was present and witnessed the solemnization thereof.

That deponent further states on oath that he was personally acquainted with said William McCall, and knows that he served three tours in the revolutionary war. The first tour he was drafted for the term of six or nine months deponent does not recollect which, that he, McCall, for said tour hired a substitute by the name of Richard Trimble deponent does not recollect whether McCall served personally any of this tour, but does know that he furnished a substitute. Deponent does not recollect the number of the Regiment or the name of the officers commanding it, but it was what was known as the Wilmington or Newberg [New Bern ?] expedition, that said McCall at that time resided in Mecklenburg County in North Carolina. The second Tour was under Capt. Matthew Stewart for a part of the time and until the said Capt. resigned, and then under Capt. Thomas Shelby as his successor, that he the said McCall volunteered in this tour sometime in the summer of 1780 that to the best of deponent's recollection this tour was for the term of six months that this company was under the control of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. The third tour he was drafted or volunteered about the time Lord Cornwallis was in pursuit of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] through the State of North Carolina, that is to say about the month of January 1781, that he does not recollect the names of officers commanding, that the tour was one of great excitement, and hurry and every man that could go went and McCall returned home from this service, to his house in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina sometime in the month of March or April 1781 that the two last services mentioned above were performed on horseback.

Deponent further states that he took papers belonging to the said McCall to the Auditors office, and delivered them to a man by the name of Wilson a commissioner to ascertain the amount due the soldiers for services in the war, and deponent thinks that it is more than probable that among those papers McCall's discharges was taken and that there may be still some account or information respecting said services found in said Auditors office of the State of North Carolina.

S/ Wm Stewart

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of January A.D. 1852.

S/ Solomon Vories, Clerk

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State of North Carolina Comptroller's Office

I George W Brooks Comptroller of Public Accounts do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office per Book J a list of officers of the Revolutionary Army, that William McCall was a Corporal Comd. under General Gates [Horatio Gates] in the War of the Revolution.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribe my name and affixed the seal of said Office in Raleigh on this the 14th day of August A.D. 1855

S/ Geo. W. Brooks, Comptr.