

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McClain (McLain) R6616

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To the Commissioner of Pensions

The Memorial of the undersigned Nancy McLain [sic] daughter of John McLain [sic] who was a soldier of the Revolutionary war respectfully shows that her father the aforesaid John McLain entered the service in South Carolina in Lieut. James Martin's Company in 1779 in which he served 57 days also 72 days duty in Capt. James Martin's Company in Col. William Bratton's Regiment in 1780 as horseman (the first 57 days being in Ross Regiment) also 100 days as prisoners taken at Briar Creek Defeat from 3rd March to the 11th of June 1779 in all 229 days as will be seen by reference to the Comptroller Generals Office of South Carolina that the said John McLain departed this life in the York District South Carolina on the 31st day of July 1829 in proof which she refers to the affidavit of Dr. John Hall and Clark Robeson herewith sent and also in prove the services of John McLain refers to the certificate from the Comptroller General Office and also the affidavits of Joseph Jamieson¹ & Robert Wilson² that they are now remains alive the following children of the said John McLain viz. your petitioner & Obadiah McLain, Arthur McLain, Martha Creekman & Levicy Stewart, they therefore claim the benefits of the Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided and request that a pension certificate may be issued to them to be paid in Charleston in the State of South Carolina

Sworn to and subscribed before me November 25th 1846

S/ J. M. Ross, O. Y. D.

S/ Nancy H. McClain



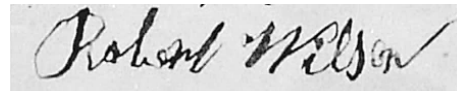
South Carolina York District }

Personally appeared Robert Wilson before me and made oath that he was well acquainted with John McClain and served with him in the Revolutionary war in the year 1780 and 1781 & that he served under Col. Hill, General Sumter and their Army was stationed in North Carolina and marched into South Carolina to Rocky Mount.

Sworn to and subscribed September 8th 1846 Before me

S/ Samuel G. Brown, Magistrate

S/ Robert Wilson



¹ [Joseph Jamieson S9360](#)

² [Robert Wilson W2302](#)

South Carolina York District: Personally came Joseph Jamieson before me and made oath that he was acquainted with John McClain and served with him in the year 1781 that they Lay Quarters for some time at Ancrum's old Field in Richmond District that McClain served under General Sumter.

Sworn to and subscribed September 8th, 1846

S/ Joseph Jamieson, X his mark

Comptroller General's Office
Columbia SC September 16th 1846

Book V

Indent 603 Issued the 12th September 1785 to John McClain
for Thirty two Pounds 13S. 6D. for duty
in 1779 & 1780 per account with the Commissioners
Principal £32.13.6D Interest £2.5.8D

Book V

Account 603 } John McClain his account of 47 days duty as horsemen in Lieut. James Martin's
Company also 72 days duty in Capt. James Martin's Company in Col. William Bratton's
Regiment in 1780 as horseman (the first 57 days being in Ross [Francis Ross's Regt.] – also 100
days as prisoner taken at Briar Creek Defeat³ from 3rd March to 11th June 1779 at 10 S a day
Certified by Lieutenant James Martin in all 229 days Sterling, £39.16.5D

I Certify the above to be a true copy of the Records in this office

For Comptroller General

J. Aug. Black

Comptroller Genl's Office to
Columbia S.C. September 16. 1846.

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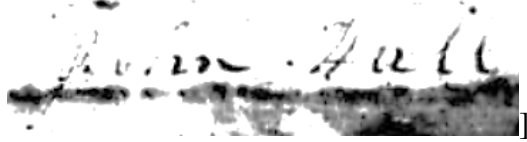
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[Note: The above records no longer exist in the SC Audited Accounts.]

³ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

[On October 16, 1846, in York District, SC, Dr. John Hall gave testimony that he was the attending physician for the veteran in his last illness when he died July 31, 1829.



South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to John McClain pp 5
Audited Account No. 4919.5A

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[Note: The following are the only documents that now exist in the SC Audited Accounts relating to the claims of John McClain.]

[p 2]

John Adams' Claim, signed for John McCain signed John McClain

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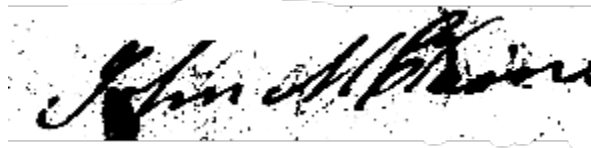
This claim appears to be paid by Indent No. 603, book V for duty &c – no account to be found in this office – rejected By the Board AL

Entered

[p 3]

I do Hereby Impower Edward Lacey Esquire to Receive an Indent Against the State of So. Carolina in the Amount of my Account & his Receipt shall be your Sufficient Discharge from Gentlemen your friend & Humble Servant

John McClain



24th January 1785

To the Commissioners of the Treasury
of the State of So. Carolina

Taken & Acknowledged before

Jo Palmer, JP

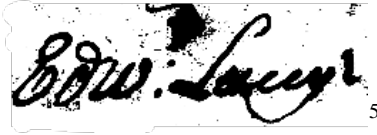
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Sir/ Please to deliver to John Adair the Indents due to John McCain [sic] as per the within order and his receipt shall be good for the Same June 4th 1792

To the Treasurer in Charleston

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Edwd Lacey

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwd. Lacey". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background. A small superscripted number "5" is located at the bottom right corner of the signature area.

I do hereby Certify that the above was Signed before
Phillip Walker, JP Chester County

[p 5]

One Account for Services in Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment – And one for horses lost
and appraised

Edwd. Lacey

⁵ This is the signature of Colonel Edward Lacey of the South Carolina militia