

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert McComb R6639

Margaret McComb

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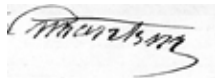
State of North Carolina Gaston County

On this 27th day of May in the year 1852 Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid William Rankin¹ a citizen of said County aged ninety-one years a revolutionary Soldier and a pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 a man of sound mind and memory and entitled to the utmost credit who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath states he was well acquainted with Robert McComb who was a Soldier in the revolutionary war that he served with him under Capt. Samuel Martin in the Regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Dickson in the year 1781 that they marched into South Carolina in pursuit of Floyd then returned and kept in the rear of Cornwallis' Army Sometimes in pursuit of small parties of British and Tories at other times chased by them, he recollects well McComb being along when they killed three Tories below baties [sic, Beatties] Ford he also recollects seeing McComb giving water to one Robert Williams out of his hat the morning after the Battle at Ramsour's Mill [June 20, 1780].² Williams was an acquaintance of both his and Robert McComb, and was wounded in the Battle and died that night, he states he does not recollect the amount of service the said Robert McComb performed during the war but knows of his being out three or four tours, he further states that Robert McComb was living at his, this deponent's father's, when he was married, that he married one Margaret Wishard, he recollects well McComb borrowing a shirt of his father's, to get married in and that his father and mother went with McComb when he went to get married, and that he saw Robert McComb and his wife Margaret soon after they were married. The aforesaid William Rankin further says he does not recollect the precise date of the marriage of Robert McComb and Margaret his wife but thinks it was in the year 1770 and from all he knows he is certain they were married. Robert McComb and him lived within one mile of each other from the close of the war up to McComb's death which was in the year 1807, his three oldest children was born before the war viz., Joseph, William and Jane his other children was Robert, John, Rosannah and James which is the youngest and he thinks the only one living.

Sworn to and subscribed before me day and year above written.

S/ D. F. Ragan, JP

S/ Wm Rankin



¹ [William Rankin S7342](#)

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

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State of Missouri Cape Girardeau County: SS

On this 16th day of August 1852, personally appeared before me acting Justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, William McComb and Robert McComb, who being duly sworn according to law, on their oaths depose and say that they are the grandsons of Robert McComb who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and of his wife Margaret McComb. that there grandmother, Margaret, remained a widow from the death of their said grandfather Robert McComb, which was in the year 1807 until she died, which was on the 27th day of June in the year 1843 -- and that the following is a true copy of the family records in their possession (to wit) Margaret McComb departed this life the 27th of June 1843, said deponents state that they have no other family record in their possessions except as above stated, and said deponents further state that according to the best of their recollection and belief that she remained in North Carolina until about the year 1816, on the place her said husband died at, in Lincoln County, when she broke up housekeeping, and went to Alabama with her son-in-law John Brown, and afterwards moved to Tennessee and lived with her son Robert McComb until he died which was about the year 1825, when she moved to Missouri with her son John McComb, and lived with him until she died as above stated which was on the 27th of June 1843 and never was married after the death of her first husband Robert McComb.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of August A.D. 1852

S/ William S. Watson, JP

S/ William McComb

S/ Robert McComb

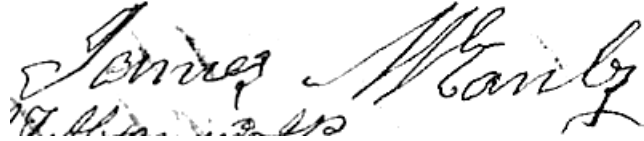
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State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On the 19th day of October in the year A.D. 1852 personally appeared in Open Court James McComb aged Sixty-one years who being sworn in due form of law on his oath states that he is the son and only child now living of Margaret McComb widow of Robert McComb of Lincoln County in the State of North Carolina who was a private in the Company commanded by Capt. Samuel Martin in the Regiment commanded by Col. Joseph Dickson in the Revolutionary War that he entered said company some time in the year A.D. 1780 and served until the Close of the War, that he was at the battle of Ramsour's Mill and Cowan's Ford [February 1, 1781]³ and different skirmishes and small engagements with the Tories in said State during the War That he resided in Lincoln County State aforesaid until his death, which was in the month of October in the year A.D. 1807, that he was married to his mother Margaret McComb (whose name before marriage was Margaret Wishard) about the latter part of the year A.D. 1769 or the early part of the year A.D. 1770 And that his Mother remained a widow until her death that she died in Cape Girardeau County State of Missouri on or about the 10th day of June in the year A.D. 1843, that she never received a pension during her life time for the Services of her husband the aforesaid Robert McComb, and that there is no record of the marriage to be found, That he makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the pension to which his mother was entitled to under the Act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 and other acts granting pensions to the widows of Officers and Soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War. Sworn to and Subscribed in the year and date above written before

S/ James McComb

³ http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cowans_ford.html

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Martin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn to in open Court, Present
S/ J. T. Alexander, JP
S/ J. Raiman, JP
S/ George Coon, JP
Witness: R. Williamson, Clk

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North Carolina Gaston County

William Rankin⁴ being duly sworn before me Isaac Holland one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the said County on his oath saith that he was along with Robert McComb in the Revolutionary War of 1776 at different times: one time under Capt. Peter Forney and another time under Capt. Samuel Martin and at other times: but under what Capt. he does not recollect, but to the best of his knowledge said McComb him in served at least Six months as a soldier in said War Sworn to and Subscribed this 5th day of October in the year of our Lord 1853 before me.

S/ J. Holland, JP

S/ William Rankin, X his mark

⁴ [William Rankin S7342](#)