

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob McLaughlin R6778 Mary McLaughlin f23NC[sic, GA]
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Virginia, to wit

At a Court of Quarterly Session continued and held for Russell County at the Court house, on Thursday the 7th day of May 1818.

Jacob McLaughlin who resides in the County of Russell in the State of Virginia, wishing to become a pensioner pursuant to the provisions of an act of the Congress of the United States passed the 18th day of March 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," personally appeared in court and declared on oath, that he enlisted with Lieut. Henderson in the North Carolina Line [sic, Georgia State Troops] and served three years in the revolutionary War in Capt. Michael Dixon's [Michael Dickson's] Company, Col. Samuel Jack, Commander. He was at the Battle of St. Mary's, Georgia Gov. Houston commanded at the battle of Savannah and at Augusta. He finally served in the Georgia State Legion. The said Jacob McLaughlin presented to the Court a writing purporting to be a discharge from said last mentioned service, of which the following is a copy. "I hereby certify that Jacob Lohorn soldier in the Georgia State Legion is discharged during which space he on all occasions has behaved himself as a brave soldier and worthy citizen of the United States. Augusta August 13, 1781. H. Allison Capt. Infantry."¹ And it appears satisfactory to the Court, that the said Jacob McLaughlin is a person of credit as a witness; that it was generally understood in the neighborhood of the residence of the said Jacob McLaughlin previous to the passage of the said Act of Congress that the said Jacob McLaughlin had served in the Revolutionary War; and that he the said Jacob McLaughlin is in such reduced circumstances in life as to need of assistance from his country for support. All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

Virginia -- Russell County, to wit

I James P. Carroll Clerk of the County Court of said County and State do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the records of my office of the Declaration of Jacob McLaughlin for a pension. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at the courthouse this 15th day of April 1846

S/ James P. Carroll

[p 2: On April 18 1846 in Russell County Virginia Davis L. McLaughlin, 59 years old the 3rd of

¹ This document is not among the documents preserved in this file.

January 1846, gave testimony that he is the lawful son of Jacob and Mary McLaughlin; that his parents always lived together as man and wife until the death of his father on January 22 1831 in Russell County Virginia; that his mother remains the widow of his father; that he often heard his parents say that they were married in South Carolina on the Catawba River but does not know in what County. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 4: On April 18, 1846 in Russell County Virginia, Mary McLaughlin, 79 made application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Jacob McLaughlin; that she has no living witnesses to her husband's services unless his brothers Stephen and John McLaughlin are still living; that she married him in South Carolina on the Catawba River but she does not remember in what County; that they removed to Virginia 52 years ago and for the last 45 years have lived in Russell County Virginia; that her husband died January 22, 1831 in Russell County Virginia; and that she's remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of Virginia County of Tazewell: SS

The deposition of John McLaughlin² a Resident of the aforesaid County taken before me John Cecil -- the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that he is Eighty-seven years of age. That Jacob McLaughlin a brother of this deponent and who died some 15 years ago in the County of Russell and State of Virginia was a brother of this deponent and the oldest of the family, that said Jacob enlisted as this deponent well recollects under or by Lieut. William Henderson a Recruiting Officer in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina on a Creek called "Crooked Creek" in the minute service to serve against the Indians on the Frontiers; and this deponent would say that his brother Jacob aforesaid when he first served against the Indians was stationed at Rogers Fort on the Ogeechee River on the East side of the River, that Stephen [Stephen McLaughlin] another brother of this deponent, enlisted and served (the first of said Stephen's service) with Jacob aforesaid and was stationed at Rogers Fort aforesaid with said Jacob, that while said Jacob & said Stephen were at Rogers Fort this deponents Father removed his family (and this deponent went with him) from Mecklenburg County aforesaid, to said Rogers Fort and this deponent thinks that from the time his brother Jacob first enlisted to the time of the removal of his father heretofore spoken of, must have been nearly 2 years but this deponent is confident was more than one year: That soon after this deponent & his father's family arrived at Rogers Fort aforesaid, his brother Jacob and part of the Company he was then and commanded by Capt. Michael Dixson as this deponent thinks was called off to a place called Wrightsboro & from there to Augusta on Savannah River -- And this deponent were further say that there were two other Forts besides Fort Rogers viz. Grayson's Fort [Fort Grierson?] and Fulton's Fort, that the officers & soldiers stationed at the said forts were sometimes marched from Fort to Fort as necessity required, that said Jacob was stationed principally at Rogers Fort -- And this deponent would say that after or from the time that said Jacob first enlisted in the minute service aforesaid he was transferred to the regular Army to serve against the British recollects his coming home at different periods of time on furlough -- And this deponent would say that himself, and his Brother Jacob & his brother Stephen were all enlisted by the same recruiting officer viz. Lieut. William Henderson, that at one time Capt. Michael Dixon and Col. Samuel Jack were officers of said Jacob = That said Jacob enlisted before this deponent and

² [John McLaughlin \(McGlothlin\) W7436](#)

served under different officers and that his brother the said Jacob served in the Georgia State Legion -- And this deponent would say that his brother Jacob must have served in all more than two years at different periods, that this deponent did not serve in the same company or Regiment with said Jacob had any period of that it War were under different commanders & this deponent would say he himself served better than three years in the War, and this deponent thinks that said Jacob served as long [as] he himself -- And this deponent would further say that of himself and all his brothers not any of them could read & write, that they were formally called by different names some which say McLaughlin & others McGlothlin & others Lawhorn or Lohorn and has no one of the family could when they were enlisted spell their names, this deponent thinks it was spelled differently by different commanders or officers -- and this deponent would say that he has been married 56 years and that his Brother Jacob was married before him and to Mary said Jacob's widow who now lives in Russell aforesaid -- and this deponent would further say that he wishes to be understood that when he says that he served under different commanders and not with his brother Jacob at any period of the war, he would state that Capt. Michael Dixon & Col. Samuel Jack were the said Jacob's first officers, that said Col. Jack commanded said Rogers Fort, and that said Dixon & said Jack were this deponent's first officers that said Jacob was transferred to other service before this deponent enlisted under and served under said officers -- And further this deponent saith not.

In presence of

S/ John McLaughlin, X his mark

S/ Asa Lyon

S/ Samuel W. Cecil

[Attested May 7, 1846 in Tazewell County, VA]

[Facts in file: Veteran and his wife had a son named Neeley who was born around 1802; and another son, their eldest, named Davis L. McLaughlin.]