

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles McManus <sup>1</sup> R6790

Sarah McManus f108SC

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State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate

The humble petition of Charles McManus sheweth to your honorable body that in the period of the Revolutionary War he was active and vigilant to the best interest of his country as a Soldier and so cheerfully was he disposed to aid in the great cause, that he always acted as a volunteer under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], he served a three months tour in this State. He served afterwards under General Marion [Francis Marion] a three months tour and was at the capture of several prisoners whilst under his command. He also served under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. After the services aforesaid your petitioner was promoted to a captainship and afterwards to that of a Major. Your Petitioner hopes he will not be thought when he states that in the different spheres in which he moved as a private and as an officer, he always discharged his duty with fidelity and with satisfaction to his superior officers -- From the great length of time that your petitioner was in the service (during the whole war) and the hardships he endured, he sustained great corporal debility. His pecuniary loss was such that at the conclusion of the war, he was worth not anything. Your Petitioner is now nearly 80 years of age, and his circumstances etc. very humble. He has a wife equally old and frail with self. Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to place him on the pension roll and he well ever pray.  
November 18 1824

S/ Charles McManus

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District: Personally came John Laney before me & on oath states that during the revolutionary war he served as a soldier (a volunteer) with Charles McManus. He knew him to be a volunteer under General Sumpter & General Marion in this State. That he always behaved himself with credit in the camps was a brave & active Soldier, and when he was a Capt. and Major, he gave general satisfaction, his character was always that of an honest man, and after the war was over, he still continued to preserve his good name and character by his moral and upright deportment. His circumstances in life are humble and I know that he has a wife who is both old and frail neither of them is capable to work on account of their

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt38840-160-55

old age.

S/ Jared Funderbuck, JP

S/ John Laney, X his mark

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State of South Carolina  
 To Charles M. Manas Lt.  
 as private soldier in the horse service  
 To 206 days duty a 20/ ————— \$ 206... .. }  
 To 161 dds duty first Lieut a 43/ ————— 362..5 .. } \$ 568.5  
 367 20/ \$ 367 for \$ 52.8: 6 3/4 } \$ 81: 3: 6 3/4

I do hereby certify the above account to  
 be just & true

Fred R. Kimball Col

South Carolina  
 Camden District } This day came Lieut Charles  
 Manas before me and  
 being duly sworn, declares the above account is  
 just and true and that he never received any  
 satisfaction for the same. I sworn this 14<sup>th</sup> of  
 June 1864 before me

Fred R. Kimball J.P.

When the above duty commenced or ended no  
 mention is made. Recd' 29<sup>th</sup> July

Received 19<sup>th</sup> May 1785, full satisfaction for the  
within in an Inland No 227 Book A.

James McManus  
Gentlemen. Please to deliver to Mr James  
McManus any Indent or Indents that may ap-  
pear due to him from the State of South Carolina  
& this shall be your sufficient Receipt for the same  
this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1786.

To the Commissioners of the  
Treasury for the State of South Carolina  
Certified by John Marshall, J.P. Charles McManus  
227 A

Mr Chas. McManus his account of 211 days  
duty as Private & 161 days as Sient

Amount to £ 81.<sup>85</sup> 26<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
Eighty one pounds three Shillings & six pence three  
farthings  
J. M. A. G.

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State of South Carolina district of Lancaster

On this 15th day of July A.D. 1850 personally appeared before me Notary Public within and for the District and State aforesaid Alexander Montgomery<sup>2</sup> aged 97 years a resident of said State & District who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Alexander Montgomery who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. Coffee<sup>3</sup> & Lieut. Job McMurry<sup>4</sup> under General Sumpter in the revolutionary war he further states that while he was out under Sumpter he has often seen Charles McManus deceased under Sumpter but he does not recollect his captain that Charles McManus served under. He further states that he has seen Charles McManus in camps often. He further states he himself volunteered in about a year

<sup>2</sup> [Alexander Montgomery S21890](#)

<sup>3</sup> Henry Coffee and Hugh Coffee both served as captains in the Camden District militia during the Revolution.

<sup>4</sup> John McMurry, Sr. served as a lieutenant under Capt. Henry Coffee during the Revolution.

A.D. 1780 for the term during the war and continued in actual service in said war for the term of six months but he further states that he can't prove any 140 days service in the United Army or militia he further states that he lives in the same neighborhood that Charles McManus deceased lived in and that he married Sarah Hancock in about the year A.D. 1796 and he raised a large family and said neighborhood he further states Charles McManus is dead. He makes this affidavit for the purpose of aiding the widow in her claim to obtain a pension to which she may be entitled under the various acts of Congress he further states that he has no interest in claim of the widow for pension. He further states that he never heard the marriage disputed between Charles McManus and his said widow and that said Charles McManus died at his residence in said District & state A.D. 1830.

S/ Alexander Montgomery, X his mark

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State of Mississippi County of Tippah

On this 10th day of April A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace, within and for the County and State aforesaid, Sarah McManus, aged 79 years a resident of the County of Tippah and State of Mississippi who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Charles McManus, who was a private in the war of the Revolution, and that she does not recollect the company or Regiment, officers, nor does she know at what time or particular place, that he was drafted, or volunteered, But is of opinion, from what she has heard her husband say, that he was in several battles in the State of South Carolina and is confident that he was at the Battles of Camden [January 17, 1781], and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], in said State and that her said husband, did draw a pension, from the State of South Carolina, for his services in the aforesaid war from the year A.D. 1824 to the year 1830 at which time he died, and that she believes she can establish all of the aforesaid facts, from the Records in the archives of the State of South Carolina;

She further states that she was married to the said Charles McManus in Lancaster District in the State of South Carolina on the 15th day of Marched A.D. 1799 by one \_\_ Crowder a Justice of the peace and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah Hancock -- that her said husband died at the place where she was married on the 15th day of marched A.D. 1830, and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855. That she knows of no record of her said marriage he the public or private.

S/ Sarah McManus, X her mark

[p 15: On September 24 1855 in Lancaster District South Carolina, Mrs. Rebecca Sullivan, 80, filed an affidavit in support of the widow's claim stating that she is the daughter of Charles McManus by his first wife whom he married before the revolutionary war, but she does not recall the year; that her father married again after the death of her mother to Sarah Hancock in the year 1796; that she was at the wedding; that her father died at his residence in Lancaster District South Carolina in 1830 and that thereafter his widow, Sarah, moved west to live with one of her sons. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Facts in file: In another filing, Sarah states she had 9 children by her husband, namely: Josiah born July 29th 1802; George born January 14th 1804; James born January 8th 1806;

Susan born May 8th 1808; Burrell born April 3rd 1812; Nancy born July 17th 1814; Mary born February 2nd 1816, William born October 22 1819; and Hugh born June 15 1826; in yet another document she states that she married Charles McManus on March 15th 1797; the widow died in Mississippi September 6, 1856, while living with her son Burwell McManus.]