

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McWaters [McWalter, McQuarters] R6817 Priscilla McWaters  
f20SC

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[p 6: the original is on p 7 of the SC Audited Account file No. 5157A [hereafter "SCAA"]  
To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives in General  
Assembly at Columbia met.

The Petition of John McWaters of Fairfield District humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner spent the prime of his Life in the defense of the Country  
against the enemies in the Revolutionary war besides losing his property and having become old  
and infirm (being more than Seventy five years of age) and not wishing to become chargeable to  
the District but being fully confident that on account of the services he has rendered to the  
Country and the difficulties he has gone through & the sufferings he underwent in defense of his  
Country he is entitled to the gratitude of his Country.

Therefore your Petitioner prays that your Honorable Body will  
take his case into consideration and grant such relief as to Justice & the State of the case doth  
belong and your petitioner as in duty bound shall pray.

(signed) Jno McWatter

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[p 8 of SCAA]

South Carolina, Chester District}

Before me Chas. J. Colcock one of the Judges of the State personally appeared John  
McWaters and being duly sworn makes oath that he enlisted as Sergeant in the ten months  
service Capt. John McCord's [John McCloud's] Company of Cavalry Col. Wade Hampton's  
Regiment and the Brigade commanded by General Thomas Sumter in the month of April or May  
in the year 1781 and that he continued to serve in said service until the expiration of the term of  
enlistment when he was regularly discharged at Orangeburg in March 1782 by order of Col.  
Middleton [Charles S. Myddleton] then commandant. That he the deponent was in the following  
engagements to wit the Hanging Rock,<sup>1</sup> Rocky Mount,<sup>2</sup> Fish dam Ford,<sup>3</sup> Blackstock's,<sup>4</sup> whilst in

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

the militia service, and at the Jupiter Springs<sup>5</sup> whilst in the 10 months State service and that he received three wounds at the battle or engagement of the Jupiter Springs, and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his Country for support. Sworn before me this

S/ C. J. Colcock

S/ John McWatters

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I have no personal knowledge of the above deponent but from his affidavit & certificates I am satisfied he was a soldier in the revolutionary war as above stated & that he is in indigent circumstances.

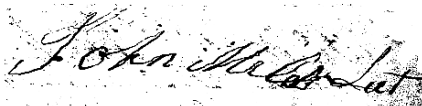
S/ C. J. Colcock

[p 9 of SCAA]

State of South Carolina Chester District} Before me the subscribing Justice personally appeared John Miller<sup>6</sup> & being duly sworn makes oath that he was well acquainted with the within named John McWaters during the Revolutionary War that said John McWaters served as a Sergeant in the Company commanded by Capt. John McCord Col. Wade Hampton's Regiment General Thomas Sumter's Brigade of State Troops ten months service in the year 1781 & 1782 and that the said John McWaters was regularly discharged at the expiration of said service and that he the said John McWaters is in need of the assistance of his Country  
Sworn to this 21st July 1819

S/ James Gill, JP

S/ John Miller, Lieut.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Miller Lieut.", with some ink bleed-through or smudging around the letters.

[p 10 of the SCAA]

South Carolina Fairfield District} Before me personally appeared Capt. John Hollis<sup>7</sup> and being duly sworn makes oath that he is well acquainted with the above named John McWaters that he saw said John M<sup>c</sup>. at Orangeburg South Carolina whilst said McWaters was a soldier in the State service in Col. Middleton's Regiment State Troops that he believes he served his full term of ten months and was regularly discharged. That he stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support from his reduced circumstances.

Sworn to before me the 27th day of September 1819

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fishdam\\_ford.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_blackstocks.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_mydeltons\\_ambuscade.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mydeltons_ambuscade.html)

<sup>6</sup> [John Miller S38950](#)

<sup>7</sup> [John Hollis S21827](#)

S/ Robert L. Knox, JP

S/ John Hollis



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South Carolina

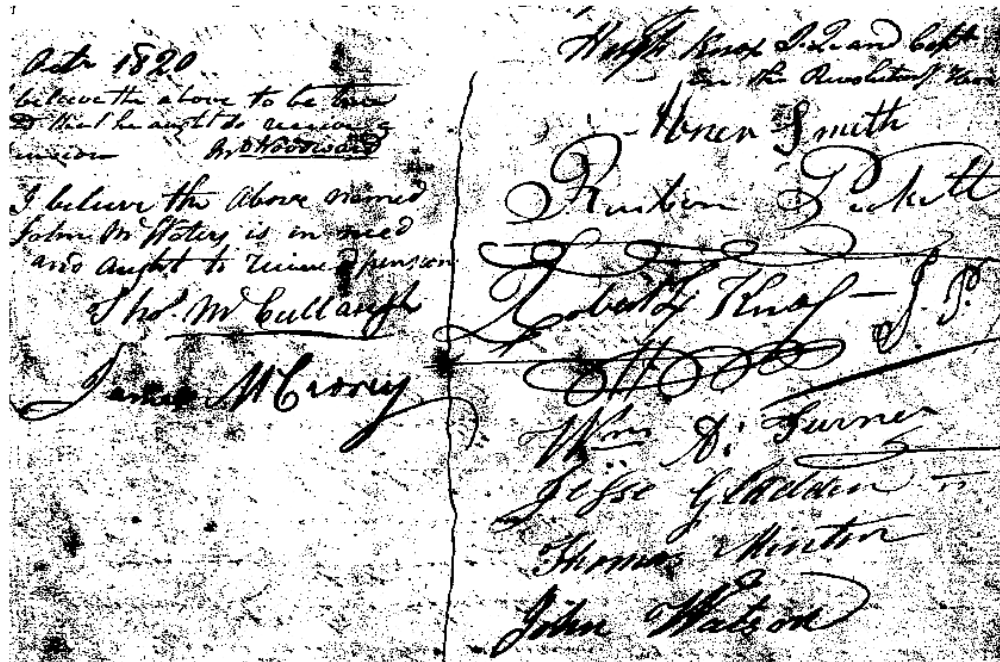
We the Subscribers do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with John McWaters of Fairfield District & State aforesaid and know that he the said John McWaters was a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War & performed his duty as such in a peculiar Manly and good manner & had the high approbation of his superior officers & that he underwent many difficulties and sufferings he being always ready to turn out as a volunteer on command &c & being now old & infirm we believe that he has a just claim on the this State for a gratuity suitable for an honorable soldier who has spent the prime of his life in the service of his Country and at last has become needy.

Certified by us this 30th of October 1820  
I believe the above to  
be true & that he ought  
to receive a pension

S/ Jno. Woodward

I believe the above named John McWaters  
is in need & ought to receive a pension  
S/ Thomas McCullough  
S/ James McCrorey

S/ Hugh Knox,<sup>8</sup> JQ & Liet. in the Rev. War  
S/ Job Smith  
S/ Reuben Pickett  
S/ Robert L. Knox, JP  
S/ Wm A. Turner  
S/ Jesse Gladden  
S/ Thomas Minton  
S/ John Watson



<sup>8</sup> [Hugh Knox W10180](#)

[p 10: Priscilla McWaters petitioned the State of SC for a widow's pension saying that her husband John McWaters died in Fairfield District in August 1828 [August 31, 1828, according to James McWaters]; she signed her application with her mark.]

[p 3: In Fairfield District, SC on April 11, 1857, John McWaters, 64, filed a claim under the 1836 act stating that he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Priscilla McWaters deceased, widow of John McWaters "... who as this declarant has been informed & verily believes entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein after stated in the War of the Revolution: That during the war of the Revolution his said father resided in the State of South Carolina in the present District of Fairfield and entered the militia under the command of Capt. Joseph Howe & Lieut. John Steel & John Kincaid under the command of Col. William Bratton & served as Sergeant of Cavalry in the militia of this State nearly five months: That he also served as Sergeant under Capt. John McCord [John McCloud?] in the year 1780 and in the Spring of 1781 as a Sergeant of Cavalry for ten months under Capt. Francis Moore in Myddleton's [Charles Myddleton's] Regiment Sumter's Brigade of State Troops in the spring of 1782. That he was in the following battles namely Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock in 1780, Fish dam Ford, Blackstock's & Juniper Springs in what were then called "Sumter's Rounds" in this State during the years 1780, 1781 & 1782: that of his Comrades were John Hollis & Jesse Gladden late of this District. That he continued to reside in said District in said state until the year 1821 was allowed a pension by the Legislature of this State which he continued to draw till the year 1828 – when he died & in the year 1831 his said mother said Priscilla McWaters who had married his father just before he left said service was allowed a pension by said State which she continued to receive as his widow until just before her death in said District & State which took place on the second day of September 1841. That there are only this deponent & his brother James McWaters & his sister Polly Moore of Chester District in this State of the children of said father & mother known to be now living. That neither of his said parents ever received any pension from the United States & that their family record showing the exact date of their marriage these children cannot now produce it having been lost or carried off by some members of the family, and that there were no public registration of marriage regulated by law in this State as deponent has been informed & believes at the time of the marriage of his said parents....”

*John McWaters*

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>9</sup> relating to John McWatters/McWalter/McQuarters AA52 &3  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5157A & 5157H

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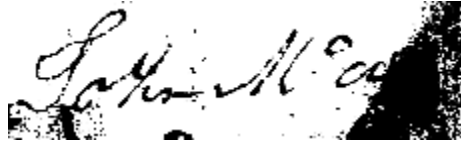
<sup>9</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Gentlemen

You will please Deliver Colonel \_\_\_[illegible] Hampton all the Indents due me and My brother Samuel which fell in the late war for our Services done in the State Troops in retained this in the within Bond as your Receipt; and you will oblige Gentlemen your

Humble Servant

S/ John McW

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McWatters", written in dark ink on a light background.

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No all men by these presents that I John McWatters [undeciphered words] unto Henry Hampton Esquire in the full [paper damaged and wording rendered illegible] hundred pounds Sterling [several undeciphered words] I bind myself my Heirs Executors Administrators & assigns firmly by these presents sealed with my seal in this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1780 for and in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of American Independence.

Now the Condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound John McWatters his Heirs Executors Administrators & assigns [undeciphered words] and 70 pounds Sterling [undeciphered words] (with the Interest of the same from the Commence thereof within 6 months from the date of [words obliterated] then this obligation to be [word obliterated] otherwise to remain in full for [undeciphered words]

S/ John McWatters

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[p 4: Printed form of indent No. 245 Book L dated October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1784 “delivered to Mr. John McWatters this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Sterling for One hundred and twelve Days Militia duty as per Account Audited.”]

[p 14]

The petition of John McWalter praying for increase of pension

J. Havis

Petitions

Reject the Petition so far as not to allow and addition there to. The petitioner’s moral conduct is against him so says a member of the Committee

[p 15]

To the Honorable the Legislature of South Carolina

The humble petition of John McWalter Sheweth to your Honorable body that he was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War, he served nine months in Captain Hawkins [Dennis Hawkins?] Company of Colonel Stewart’s [Lt. Col. John Stewart’s] Regiment of minute man, in the year ‘76. He afterwards enlisted in Captain John McCord’s Company of Colonel Middleton’s Regiment of State Troops, and served ten months in the year ‘80. Your Petitioner has been

Concerned in twelve hard-fought battles besides others of minor importance, in which he has received three wounds. Part of the services of your petitioner was rendered in the Capacity of Sergeant. He has now buffeted the difficulties of 83 winters, and at the close of a long life the prime of which was spent in the service of his Country, he finds himself in abject poverty, and want of all the conveniences and many of the necessities of Life. Your Petitioner begs leave to observe that for a few years he has received from the State a pension, but from limited amount, and the bitter inability of your petitioner to exert himself for his own support, finds himself reduced to great want. He therefor prays that arrearages of pension may be paid him or that his pension may be so increased so as to enable him to close his few remaining days in P. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ John McWalter



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December 15 18 20

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of John McWaters

In the House of Representatives

December 19:1820

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report

Ordered that it be sent to the Senate for concurrence

By order of the House

S/ R Anderson, C. H. R.

November 30, 1821

Recommend to the Committee on Pensions

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of John McWaters, praying relief for his services in the Revolutionary War –

Report

That they considered the same, and recommend he be placed on the Pension Roll

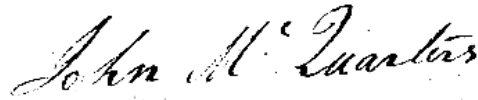
S/ Sam Warren, Chairman

[p 27]

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the legislature of the State of South Carolina  
Gentlemen Your petitioner is a poor man having neither land nor Slaves Enlisted in the State troops of South Carolina in the year 1776 for the Term of ten Months a Sergeant in Captain John McCord's company Colonel Charles Middleton's Regiment your petitioner is an old man Eighty-four years old and Received Three wounds one in the head and one in the shoulder and one on the hand your petitioner has received sixty dollars a year has been informed that he is entitled to Ninety Dollars by an act of the legislature your petitioner John McQuarters Prayeth that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and grant him such Relief as you May think proper your Petitioner Resides in Fairfield District about ten miles northwest of Winnsboro your compliance will ever occasion your petitioner to pray

October the 24 1826

S/ John McQuarters



We the undersigned do certify that the above named John McQuarters was a Sergeant In the State Troops of South Carolina in the year 1776

S/ John Hollis

S/ A. F. Peay



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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of John McQuarters praying for an increase of pension

Respectfully Report.

They have considered the same and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman

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South Carolina Fairfield District}

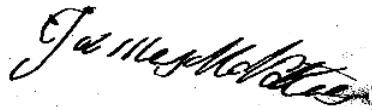
Before me appeared James McWatters [sic] and makes Oath that John McWaters, late of Fairfield District, and late a Pensioner of the State of South Carolina, placed on the Pension list of said State for his services rendered said State in her Militia in the Revolutionary War, died on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August last in the District of Fairfield aforesaid. That said John McWaters deceased left a widow in poverty and no property. No pension has [undeciphered word]

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 1<sup>st</sup> December 1828

S/ J. H. Hudson, JP

S/ James McWaters



[p 33]

Petition of Priscilla McWaters for Arrearages of Pension & to be placed on Pension List pensions

A. F. Peay

[p 34]

To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the House of Representatives

The petition of Priscilla McWaters Sheweth



That for Several years past John McWaters Late husband of your petitioner received a small pension from this State in Consideration of his faithful Services rendered during the War of the Revolution.

That the said John McWaters departed this Life in Fairfield District in August 1828. At which time certain arrears of his pension were then due him from the State.

Your petitioner is in very advanced Life – in a State of abject poverty and looks to the Legislature with confidence as the Soldier’s widow for a continuation of that bounty.

Your Petitioner therefor prays that she may be entitled to receive such arrears of pension from the proper officer, as were due to her said Husband at the time of his death, there being no administration Granted of the few inconsiderable Effects which belonged to him and further that She may be in consideration of the facts above stated be permitted to receive from the State the Amount of pension given to her Husband for and during the few remaining years of her Life, and that she be allowed one years past pension.

And your petitioner will pray &c

Test S/ Thomas Lumpkin, JP

S/ Priscilla McWatters, X her mark

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South Carolina Fairfield District} Personally appeared before me Priscilla McWaters and makes oath that the facts Set forth in the within petition are to the best of her knowledge true.

That John McWaters her Late Husband, was on the pension List of said State, that he died on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 1828, and that she believes herself entitled to certain arrears due to said John McWaters as pensioner at the time of his death, as set forth in the within petition.

Sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1830

S/ Thomas Lumpkin, JP

S/ Priscilla McWatters, X her mark

[p 40]

State of South Carolina Fairfield District} Personally appears Priscilla McWaters before me and makes oath that the following Schedule contains all her Husband’s John McWaters’ property Real and Personal at his death to wit

The Bed he died on and his wearing Clothes. Sworn to before me this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1830

S/ Thomas Lumpkin, QU

S/ Priscilla McWaters, X her mark

[Note: Priscilla McWaters was granted a pension of \$30 per annum with the last receipt in the file being dated June 7, 1834.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts relating to John McWaters

AA3

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 5156H

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[p 2 : Printed form of Indent No. 349 Book M dated first of October 1784 “delivered to John McWaters<sup>10</sup> late a Serjeant in Moore’s [Francis Moore’s] Troop, Myddleton’s [Lt. Col. Charles S. Myddelton’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for

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<sup>10</sup> See, [B232](#)



the Sum of One hundred and five pounds fifteen Shillings Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements but none by the veteran. The endorsements by Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina treasury; Thomas Sumter Junior and John Boykin. How these men acquired an interest in the indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]