

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McCall S17579

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The State of Alabama, Limestone County: SS

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court in & for the County of Limestone State aforesaid now sitting, John McCall a resident in said County of Limestone aged Sixty Eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

As well as he can recollect as to the time, in the month of June 1780, he was drafted into a company of North Carolina Militia commanded by Capt. Williams [William Williams of Caswell County North Carolina] in which \_\_ Williams a brother of said Capt., was Lieut., that said company belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col. Taylor [Thomas Taylor], that he cannot now recollect the names of any other of the officers of said Regiment that said Regiment belonged to the Brigade under General Butler [John Butler] that he was marched immediately after being drafted as aforesaid, from the County of Orange where he then resided, under the officers aforesaid, and joined the Troop under General Gates [Horatio Gates] at Rugeley's Mill & a short time afterwards was engaged in the battle when General Gates was defeated by Lord Cornwallis [sic, Cornwallis] [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780],<sup>1</sup> about twelve miles from Camden [Camden] in South Carolina, That before said battle his first Capt. the said Williams went home & his said Company was commanded by Capt. Trice [James Trice] at & before said Battle, who was wounded at said Battle & taken prisoner & afterwards died as he heard, while a prisoner. That whilst on this campaign he saw Generals Gates & De Kalb but does not recollect the names of any other regular officers who were with them. That after the battle he joined the Troops under General Gates at Hillsboro North Carolina & remained there until he was discharged at the expiration of the three months for which he was originally drafted. That he received a written discharge from the said General Butler which he has long since lost. That in the month of February 1781 he joined the Company of said North Carolina militia, as a volunteer, which was then again under the command of the said Capt. & Lieut. Williams & said Company belonged to the same Regiment of militia above mentioned, but was under Command of a different Col., whose name also was Taylor. That he was marched under said officers &

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_camden.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_camden.html)

joined the Main Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] not far from Guilford Court house in North Carolina and was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781].<sup>2</sup> That before said battle his said Capt. Williams had again returned home, & said company was commanded on the day of the battle by Capt. Thompson [Thomas Thompson]. That after the battle he marched with the forces under General Greene in pursuit of the enemy to the mouth of Deep River in North Carolina where he remained in Camp until he was discharged & again received a written discharge from the same Brig. General Butler. That he served three months on this campaign which was the time for which he volunteered as aforesaid. That he cannot now recollect the names of any of the regular officers who served with him on this campaign, but General Greene. That the foregoing is a statement of all the services that he performed in the revolutionary war, except several excursions in which he went out, without any regularly appointed officers against the Tories.

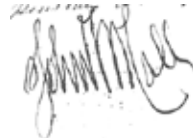
That he was born in the year 1764 as he believes & in the County of York State of Pennsylvania whence his father removed to Orange County State of North Carolina, where this Declarant resided when he entered the service as aforesaid. That he has now no record of his age. That after the revolutionary war, he removed from North Carolina to York County South Carolina, thence he removed to Richmond County, State of Georgia, thence to Pendleton County South Carolina, thence to Sullivan County Tennessee, thence to Jefferson County Tennessee, thence in the fall of 1814 he removed to Limestone County State of Alabama where he has resided ever since & still resides, that he has now [sic, no] documentary proof of his said services & knows of no person now living by whom he can prove them.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert Austin, Junior, Clerk

S/ John McCall

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John McCall".

[David Still, a clergyman, Thomas Martindale & William Murphy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)