

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James McCaw S18117

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State of South Carolina, Chester District: SS

On this 21st day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the Court of Ordinary of said District now sitting James McCaw a resident of State and District aforesaid aged Seventy One 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 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States as a ^[tour] No. 1 Volunteer in Col. Lacy's [sic, Edward Lacey's] Regiment in Captain Dixon's [David Dickson's] Company and served in what was called the Snowy Campaign¹ in the year 1775 (to the best of his recollection) took some Tories whilst in the service served three months and was dismissed. Tour No. 2 volunteered again in the year 1776 under the command of Colonel Lacey Captain Dixon's Company marched to Charleston was in hearing of the Battle at fort Moultrie on the 28th of June served three months and was dismissed. Tour No. 3 volunteered again under his former officers in the year 1779 marched to Charleston at the Time the British drove General Moultrie to Charleston Served three months when dismissed. Tour No. 4 volunteered again under the same officers marched to Orangeburg served three months when dismissed. Tour No. 5 volunteered under the same officers marched to Black Swamp Served three months when dismissed these last two tours were before the fall of Charleston in the year 1780. Tour No. 6th after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in the year 1780 volunteered in Captain Pagan's [Alexander Pagan's] Company Colonel Lacey Regiment under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] was at the Skirmish at Williamson's Plantation [July 12, 1780]² where Captain Huck was killed was at the Battle of Rocky-Mount [July 30, 1780],³ Battle of Hanging-rock [August 6, 1780]⁴ and at the skirmish at Fish dam Ford [November 9, 1780]⁵ on Broad River Served six months when dismissed. Tour No. 7 volunteered with General Sumter in the year 1781 as a Commissioner to value property that might fall into the hands of the Army went with Sumter on what was called Sumter's Rounds in State of South Carolina was at the Siege of Friday's fort or Congaree fort [Friday's Ferry, May 1, 1781],⁶ marched from thence to Thompson's fort at Buckhead served two months when dismissed. Tour No. 8 volunteered in the year 1781 under Captain Fair [William Farr] and Colonel Pickens [Andrew Pickens'] Regiment marched to Georgia had two Skirmishes with the Indians and made some prisoners then fought

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_williamsons_plantation.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html

⁵ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fridays_ferry.html

with the British at Governor Wright's plantation in Georgia Colonel Twigs [sic, John Twiggs] commanded Georgians served at this [time] two three months when dismissed having served in all at least two years and two months; He further declares that he had to apply to history for the periods of the war but can well recollect his fighting and can pretty well recollect his service.

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 except that he now is on the roll of State pensioners of State of South Carolina.

Answer to Interrogatory⁷ 1: I was born as I am informed in the kingdom of Ireland in the [year] 1762

Answer to 2 Int: I have no record of my age

Ans to Int 3: I was living in Craven County Camden District in the same part I now live in only as to name it is now called Chester District when called into service and have lived there ever since where I now live

Ans to Int 4: I always served as a volunteer

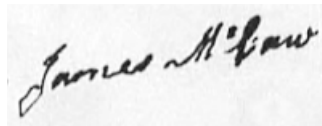
Ans to Int 5: I have seen General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] in Charleston when in Charleston as to other officers and circumstances I have mentioned them in the fore part of my declaration

Ans to Int 6: I never received any discharge but was dismissed

Ans to Int 7: I will name some to whom reference may be had of my veracity Viz William Walker, John Douglass Esq., John Rosborough, Clerk of the Court Chester District, John McCreary (late a member of Congress), John McKee

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/ James McCaw



S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

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South Carolina, Chester District

Personally came into open court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the court of ordinary of Chester District Joseph Gaston⁸ Esq. (a Soldier of the Revolution) who upon being duly sworn saith upon oath that he is well acquainted with James McCaw and has been well acquainted with said McCaw during the Revolutionary War and saith that said McCaw was one of those veterans who turned out in defense of his country when the State of South Carolina was in possession of the British and Tories and further saith that he this deponent was with said McCaw at the Battle of Rocky-Mount & hanging-rock and further saith that he this deponent has sufficient

⁷ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

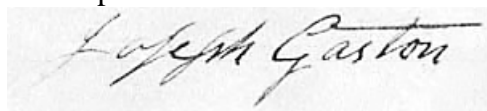
6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

⁸ [Joseph Gaston W23089](#)

information of said McCaw's Services in the State of Georgia as this deponent had two or three Brothers in said service in Georgia with said McCaw and this deponent further saith that he fully believes all the statements set forth in said McCaw's declaration to be true as he believes said McCaw to be a man of truth & veracity.

S/ Joseph Gaston



Sworn to & signed this 17 day of October 1833 in open Court
S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

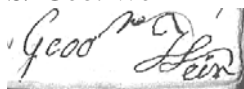
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South Carolina, Chester District

Personally came into open Court before me Peter Wylie Judge of the court of ordinary of said District George Weir⁹ (a Soldier of the Revolution) who being duly sworn saith upon oath that he fully believes the whole of the above affidavit to be true & further saith that he has been in service with James McCaw above named in the revolutionary War and knew him to be true to his country.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of October in open Court.
S/ Peter Wylie, JCOCD

S/ Geo. Weir



[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ¹⁰ relating to James McCaw	pp 18
Audited Account No. 4915	
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[Book] Q [No.] 532 25 May 1785

James McCaw his Account of 275 days of Militia Duty, & for two Horses & a Rifle Gun lost in Service, in 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782 Amounting to
£374 Currency [old SC currency]

or

£53.8.6 ³/₄ Sterling

N:B: no Certificate for the Horses nor Rifle Amount £23.11.5 [undeciphered text] Duty Charged
Ex^d J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received the 25 May 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 532 Book Q

⁹ [George Weir S9528](#)

¹⁰ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

being the Sum allowed as Vouched by the Committee of the General Assembly in part of the within Account

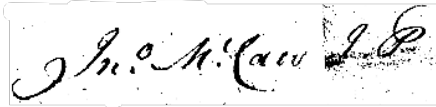
James McCaw



State of So. Carolina Camden District} Personally appeared James McCaw and made Oath according to Law that the within account as it stands stated is Just and true.

Sworn before me June 11th 1783

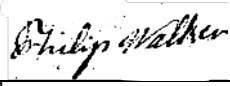
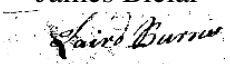
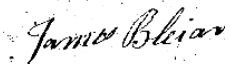
John McCaw, JP



The Rifle Gun cannot be allowed = Certificates of loss for Horses should be from the Officer under whom it happened Col. Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Certificate is not particular – & the charge of the Bay Horse does not say when lost –

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The State of South Carolina Dr. to James McCaw

1779	90 days under Capt. Walker a private foot man at 10/ [10 shillings old SC currency] per day is the above account Certified by me Phillip Walker Capt. 	£ 45	S	D
1780	99 days duty under Capt. Knox ¹¹ a private horse Man at 20/ per day is (in Capt. Knox's Pay Bill)	99	00	00
1781	22 days under Capt. Henderson ¹² a private horse man at 20/per day is (in Capt. Henderson's Pay Bill)	22	00	00
1781	22 days under Capt. Garrison [Benjamin Garrison] a private horse man at 20/per day is (in Captain Garrison's Pay Bill)	22	00	0
1782	42 days under Lt. Craford ¹³ a private footman at 10/per day is (43 days Charged in one of Capt. Cooper's Pay Bills, but as such name appears in a Pay Bill of Capt. Crawford)	21	00	0
1780	Lard Burns and James Bleiar upon oath appraised a Bay Mare Lost at fishdam Ford the property of James McCaw at Sworn to before me this 30 th May 1783 Wm Hill, JP Laird Burns James Bleiar  	45	00	0
1780	Lard Burns and James Blair [sic] upon oath appraises a Bay horse Lost	90	00	0

¹¹ probably Captain Hugh Knox of the Turkey Creek Regiment

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/patriot_military_sc_captains.htm

¹² probably Captain John Henderson of the New Acquisition District Regiment ditto

¹³ perhaps Alexander Craford of the Turkey Creek regiment ditto

South Carolina

Chester District } Personally Appeared the above petitioner James McCaw who being duly Sworn Saith that the Services set forth in the Above petition is Just & true As Also the Other facts therein stated.

James McCaw

Sworn to & Signed this 25th day of October 1826 before me
P Wylie, JP

[p 10: Same petition addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives)

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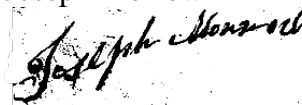
So. Carolina Chester District } William McGerrity Senior¹⁴ Came before me the Subscribing Justice & being Duly Sworn According to Law, on Oath Saith that he was well Acquainted with James McCaw in the time of the Revolutionary War & was in Camps with him & saith that he believes he was A good Soldier in the Liberty Service During the War & was pretty steadily out in Camps During the Whole of the Contest in this State.

Sworn to the 8th day of April 1826
before David Jamieson, JP

William McGerrity, X his mark

South Carolina Chester District } Joseph Morrow A Whig of the revolution Came before me and made oath that he this deponent was Acquainted with James McCaw during the revolutionary War & Knows said McCaw to be a friend of the United States in their struggle for Independence this deponent recollects of seeing McCaw in Service at different times during the war particularly at Julafina [?]¹⁵ Near Black Swamp this deponent further Saith that McCaw is a man of Good Moral Character is now old & not fit for hard Labour.

Joseph Morrow¹⁶



Sworn to & signed this 7th day of November 1826 before me
P Wylie, JP

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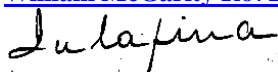
South Carolina

Chester District } Archibald Brown (a Whig of the Revolution) Came before me & made oath that he was Acquainted with James McCaw during the Revolutionary War and this deponent further Saith that he does know that Said James McCaw was A firm friend to the United States in their Struggle for Independence & that the Said James McCaw was in Actual Service under Sumter during the War & this deponent Saith that the Said James is now old & unfit for hard Labour.

Sworn to & Signed this 8th day of November 1826 before me
P Wylie, JP

Archibald Brown¹⁷

¹⁴ [William McGarity R6713](#)

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¹⁶ [Joseph Morrow S21892](#)

¹⁷ [Archibald Brown S39249](#)

Archibald Brown

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S. Carolina

Chester District } James McClure A Whig of the Revolution Came before & made oath that he was acquainted with James McCaw during the Revolutionary War & Knows he was a friend of his country the United States & this deponent further Saith that he saw James McCaw in Charleston in service during the War he further saith that he believes said McCaw is old & poor. Sworn to & signed this 15th day of November 1826 before me

P Wylie JP

James McLure



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S. Carolina

C. District } Col. Geo. Gill [George Gill] a Whig of the Revolutionary War Came before me and made oath that he Was acquainted With James McCaw During the Revolutionary War & knows he Was a friend to the Country in its Struggle for Independence he further states that he Believes said McCaw Was Party [?]¹⁸ Generally in Camps During the Whole Struggle of the United States for Independence & now knows him to be an old Indigent Man

Geo. Gill¹⁹



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S. Carolina

Chester District } David Morrow A Whig of the revolution Came before me and made oath that he was Acquainted with James McCaw during the Revolutionary war & Saith that Said McCaw was a firm friend to his Countrie in its struggle for Independence & he further Saith that he was in Camps & service with said McCaw in the following places (viz.) at Purysburg, Black Swamp & in Rounds with Sumter & in various other Service & believes that he said James was pretty Steady in Camp & service during the whole Struggle & he further [saith] that the Said James is now old & poor

Sworn to & signed this 24th day of November 1826

P Wylie, JP

David Morrow²⁰



[pp 16-18: Vouchers indicate that the veteran was placed on the pension roll of South Carolina

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¹⁹ [George Gill S21229](#)

²⁰ [David Morrow S7253](#)

with the 1st payment of \$60 per annum being made pursuant to a voucher dated June 4, 1828 and the last voucher being dated June 9, 1832.]