

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McClure [McCluer] S21366

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South Carolina Greenville District

On this the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting William McLure [sic, McClure] a resident of Greenville District South Carolina aged eighty three 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated -- he entered the service before what the is called the "Snow Camps" in South Carolina under Capt. Parson [Major Parson] and Col. Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck]<sup>1</sup> and continued off and on until the end of the war. He served principally as one of a scouting company to guard the line. He is sure he served much longer than two years -- did not leave the service till the close of the War, lived in Spartanburg District South Carolina when he entered the service -- he volunteered -- was in no battles -- was scouting about in the Country -- went to Indian nation -- rescued the prisoners who were taken at Jamison's Fort in South Carolina -- he knew Col. Washington [William Washington] -- Col. Shelby [Isaac Shelby] -- General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] -- knows no Continental Regiments -- was in camp with General Morgan at Skull Shoals on Pacolet [River] in [text obliterated] District -- continued two or three weeks with Morgan -- he knew and served under Capt. Hamilton -- has no documentary evidence of his services

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. McDaniel, C. C. P.

S/ William McLure, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and William Blasingame gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Greenville District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the district aforesaid William McLure who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as

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<sup>1</sup> Neither Parson nor Roebuck is known to have been at the Snow Camps.

to the precise period or periods of the war when he entered the Service of the United States, but to the best of his knowledge and belief it was at the commencement of the troubles in South Carolina in the year 1779 and that to the best of his recollection he served not less than two years as a private in embodied Corps of the militia of South Carolina under Captains Parsons, Hamilton, Hampton & McDowell, and under Col. Roebuck General Morgan & Col. Washington, and for such service he claims a pension -- He knows of no one whose testimony he can at this time procure as to his service -- He never received any discharge. He was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the time of his Service.

Sworn to and subscribed this 1<sup>st</sup> July 1833  
S/ J. McDaniel, C. C. P.

S/ William McClure, X his mark

[p 11: William McClure, Jr., testified in Greenville District South Carolina that his father William McClure received a considerable sum of money, he thinks \$500, for his services in the revolution -- his affidavit is dated October 20, 1835 -- his age is not stated.]



[p 4: Power of attorney dated January 6, 1857 executed by James McClure in which he makes reference to the pension claim of his father William McClure. He signed the power of attorney with his mark. The document is acknowledged in Greenville District South Carolina.]

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

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to William McClure [McCluer] pp 36  
Audited Account No. 4940  
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Entered

William McCluer 473 days duty as private on Horse from 25 July 1780 to 10<sup>th</sup> November 1781  
in militia at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina] Currency per day

Amount £67.11.5 [Sterling]

N: B: the certifying of Major Parsons Captain is counterfeit "for write he cannot."

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J.H.S. [Examined by J. H. S. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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To the Treasurer

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1792

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

Sir Please to Deliver to Bearer Mr. John bring on of Spartanburg County Indents to the amount of my Account in your office for Military Duty as I have empowered him to get for me and in my name to give you a receipt

I am your Humble Servant

Wm McCluer



Signed in presence of  
Edward Good ES [?]

Received the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1800 from D. D'Oyley Treasurer in Charleston and amount of William McClure lodged in the former Auditor's Office for 473 days Service in Col. Thomas's [Colonel John Thomas Junior's] Regiment amounting to £473 Currency or £67.11.3 Sterling, which was rejected as Counterfeit

Thos Moore [Thomas Moore]



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South Carolina  
Pendleton County}

Personally came before me Capt. Major Parsons & being duly Sworn as the Law directs; on his oath Saith that he certified an account in favor of William McClure for a number of Munths (the number of Days he the said Deponent doth not present recollect) which service was done by said McClure as a private in the Horse under the command of him the said Deponent; which account the Deponent understands was rejected by the Commissioners of public accounts as a Counterfeit said Deponent further saith on his Oath, that the account certified by him in favour of William McClure as above mentioned was a Just & true account. –

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1799 [last two digits unclear]

John Harris, JP

Major Parsons Cp



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State of South Carolina – Spartan District

To the Honorable, the Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, of the State Aforesaid

The Petition of William McCluer humbly Sheweth That your petitioner having done personal Service in the late war, Under the Command of Captain Major Parsons, lodged his Account in the Auditor's Office in Charleston – where it hath been detained on account of some error, or fraud, supposed to be intended, in the said Account –

Your petitioner, therefore having made divers applications by the favor of Sundry of

the Citizens prevailed with Col. Thomas Moore (A Representative of the District of Spartanburg) to look after the Account who found it in the Office of the Commissioners of Accounts, deemed to be [a] forgery – Your petitioner then applied again to Captain Parsons who hath certified the legality, and Justice of the demand of your petitioner, who therefore prays, that his case may be taken into Consideration by your honorable House; and Justice done your injured, humble petitioner; and as in duty bound will ever pray &

William McCluer



November 14 day 1801 }

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State of South Carolina to William McCluer  
2 473 Days Service on Horseback in Captain Parsons  
Company Col. Thomas's Regiment commencing July  
the 25<sup>th</sup> 1780 and Ending November the 10<sup>th</sup> 1781  
both Days Inclusive at 20S per day

Debtor

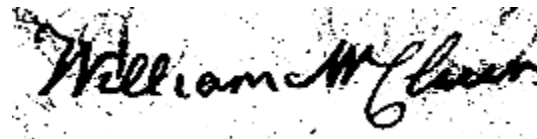
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Ninety Six District } before me William Wood Esquire Personally Appeared William McCluer  
who Being duly Sworn Saith the Above Account as it Stands Stated is Just and True sworn to  
before me this 26 of July 1784

Wm Wood JP

William McCluer



I do Certify that William McCluer Did the Above Duty in My Company in Col. Thomas's  
Regiment in the Time above Specified and that his Account is Just and True Certified this 26<sup>th</sup>  
Day of July 1784

Magor Persons Capt  
Counterfeit



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South Carolina

I do hereby certify that I was personally present at the house of Squire Wood's when the  
within account was attested & certified and I do solemnly assert that the Signature of my name  
(viz.: Major Parsons annexed to the Certificate, at the bottom, on the other side of this paper –  
was not counterfeited, but was Done by my own direction. And I do further assert, that at that  
time I lay in Squire Wood's with the Rheumatic Fevers so that I was totally unable to hold a pen  
in my hand, either to sign my name or make my mark, & I requested my name to be written by

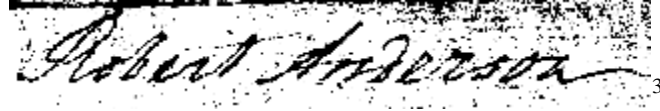
another person. And I still certify that the duty was well and faithfully done by the said William McClure, as charged in the within – Certified the 26th of October 1801

Major Parson



I do Certify that the facts as stated in the above Certificate of Major Parson's are to my knowledge just and true  
Columbia 30 November 1801

Robert Anderson



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State South Carolina

Pendleton County} Personally came Capt. Maj. Parson [sic] before me William Nevill one of the Justice for Said County & Made Oath as the Law Directs that William McCluer Served under him and did Dutey with him in this State in Colo. Rowbuck's [Benjamin Roebuck's] Regiment in the Late war and that the said Capt. Parsons Says that he Was so Afflicted with the Rheumatic Pains that Sum time [sometime] he set his Hand and Sim time Set his mark at other times got Sum Other person to set his Name for him. Sworn to and Subscribed to Before me this 29<sup>th</sup> May A. D. 1792

Wm Nevill, JP

Major Parsons



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State of South Carolina  
Office of the Comptroller General  
December 10<sup>th</sup> 1802

To the Honorable Robert Stark Speaker, and other Members of the House of Representatives of the State aforesaid, The Comptroller general on the Petition of William McClure [sic] specially referred to in the last Session of the Legislature, Reports

That having carefully examined the Books &c in the Treasury, he finds that the account of the Petitioner was rendered in in due time, but that an apprehension that the Certificate accompanying it was a Counterfeit prevented it being passed, a Circumstance which has been since obviated by sufficient testimony, as will appear by referring to Documents accompanying the Petition –

The Comptroller general thinks the Petitioner entitled to relief, and therefore recommends that the Sum of Two Hundred and eighty nine Dollars and 58 Cents, with Interest from the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 1784 the date from which Interest has been allowed on similar Claims<sup>be allowed him</sup> – And that Provision be made for the same among the Claims which have been registered –

<sup>3</sup> This is the signature of Colonel Robert Anderson of the South Carolina militia

Respectfully submitted by  
Paul Hamilton, Comptroller General

[Note: The file contains additional petitions indicating that the claim of the veteran was not granted until 1805 after repeated petitions and reports of the Comptroller General. The last document in this file reads as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the petitions of William McCluer praying Compensation for Services rendered during the War, Report

That they have considered the same together with the Report of the Comptroller General by which it appears that the account of the petitioner was delivered in agreeable to Law – they therefore recommend that the Sum of \$289.58 Cents with Interest from the 26 March 1784 the date from which it Interest has been allowed on Similar Claims be allowed him & that Provision be made for the same <sup>on the [undeciphered word]</sup> the Claims which have been Registered –]