

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William McElveen<sup>1</sup> S21880

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared in open Court on the first day of November 1832 the Court of Common Pleas for the District aforesaid now sitting William McElveen who being duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832 says on his oath that he was born in the District aforesaid where he now resides and has ever since he was born, that he entered the service of the United States in South Carolina as a militia man in the year 1779 near Augusta in Georgia under the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] that afterwards he served five or six weeks in Charleston before the siege [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] that early in the spring of 1781 he joined General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade where he remained until the British left Charleston [the British evacuated Charleston South Carolina in December 1782] that Col. Richard Richardson Lt. Col. Jamieson were field officers John Wilson his Capt. and Thomas McFadden his Lieut. that he served in the whole more than four years that he does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the States.

Sworn and subscribed to 30th of October 1832

S/ Wm McElveen, X his mark

S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge

We Samuel Chandler<sup>2</sup> and Thomas Wilson<sup>3</sup> both of State and District being duly sworn in open Court do hereby certify that we were well acquainted with the within applicant William McElveen who has sworn to and subscribed the within declaration and know that he was a soldier of the revolution that we served with him a part of the time in the different companies that he the applicant and the deponents were with him in the battle at Quinby bridge in State aforesaid under the command of Generals Sumter and Marion.

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year within mentioned

S/ Saml. Chandler, X his mark

S/ B. J. Earle, PJ

S/ Thos. Wilson

[Moab Hurt, a clergyman, and John McDonald gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> Transcriber's note: I wonder if this name's name was really McElvaine

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Chandler W8599](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Thomas Wilson S18285](#)

In amendment of the within Declaration

South Carolina Salem County Sumter District South Carolina

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for the District of Sumter William McElveen Senior who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades; For one month in the Snow Camp in the year 1776 under the command of Col. Richardson and Capt. Fullwood [William Fullwood] as a volunteer for six weeks in Charleston as a volunteer same officers in 1777 for one month in Charleston as a volunteer commanded by Col. Richardson & Capt. Fullwood in 1777. For one month as a private in Charleston & Bluford [sic, Beaufort?] under Col. Richardson Lieut. Burgess in 1777 for 3 months as a private at Augusta under Major Fullwood & Capt. Nelson [John Neilson] for one month as a private near Moncks Corner under same officers For one year immediately after the fall of Charleston as a volunteer under the command of Col. Marion shortly after promoted to General Capt. Nelson & Armstrong [John Armstrong] for two months as a volunteer commanded by Col. Richardson & Nelson on both sides of Santee for one month as a private under Col. Richardson & Capt. Nelson at Leneud's ferry on Santee for one month as a private commanded by Major James Lieut. McFadden at Canteys on the Santee for one month as a private under Col. Richardson & Capt. Nelson at Watboo [Wadboo?] one month as a private same officers at Bacon's Bridge, this deponent further saith that he has a record of his age that he was born 18th [could be 10<sup>th</sup>] May 1757 And that for such Service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th June 1833

S/ J. C. Fullwood, JQ

S/ William McElveen, Sr., X his mark

Test S/ Wm McIntosh

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months and 12 days in the South Carolina militia.]