

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Israel McBee (MacBee)<sup>1</sup> S2784

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

The State of Tennessee County of Grainger: SS

On this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Grainger in the State of Tennessee (the same being a Court of Record) Israel McBee, a resident of Grainger County in the State of Tennessee aged seventy-two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1779 with Robert Walters and served in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia line, under the following named officers – to wit – Colonel Abraham Bluford [Abraham Buford], commanded his Regiment, Hughs Woodson [Hughes Woodson] Captain commanded the Company to which he belonged, the names of the other Company Officers, this declarant cannot now recollect. That sometime in the year 1780 he left the service. That he enlisted for eighteen months and after serving for seventeen months he was taken prisoner by the British and at the battle of the Hanging Rock in South Carolina in the Battle known as Bluford's defeat [Buford's Defeat or the Battle of the Waxhaws May 29, 1780] and was shortly paroled by Colonel Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] the British commander – his parole he has lost and cannot now produce, the same having been burned many years since in his father's house. He enlisted in Pysylvania [Pittsylvania] County in the State of Virginia where he resided at the time of his enlistment. He states he was in the battle of the Hanging Rock known as Blufords defeat in South Carolina where he was taken prisoner. He states that in consequence of being taken prisoner as aforesaid – and his term of enlistment having expired while he was on parole he received no discharge. He states that during the period of his service, he was 1st rendezvoused at Fredericksburg in Virginia – from thence he was marched to Petersburg in the same State, thence to Hillsboro in North Carolina, thence to Salisbury in North Carolina – thence through Charlotte thence to Camden South Carolina, then to Nelsons ferry on Santee [River in South Carolina, then back to Camden, then to the battle at the Hanging Rock, where he was taken a prisoner as aforesaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he hereby declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Israel McBee, X his mark<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt26413-160-55

<sup>2</sup> Veteran signed the documents in this file with his mark, but in the supporting affidavit he gave James Spradling

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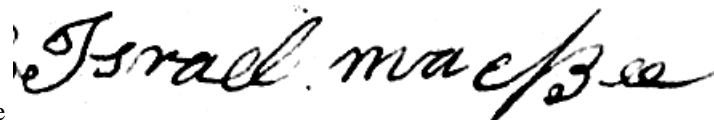
Be it remembered that at a Court of pleas and quarter Sessions, for said County (being a Court of Record) held at Rutledge in said County upon the 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared in Open Court, James Spradling<sup>3</sup> aged eighty-three years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath depose to the following facts, to wit – That in the year 1779 he was a regular soldier in the United States Army in the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia line commanded by Colonel Abraham Bluford, and that he served five years, that he knew personally and was well acquainted with Israel McBee who hath this day applied for a pension & who served as a private soldier in said Regiment in Captain Hughes Woodson's Company. That said McBee served in said Regiment seventeen months as a private soldier, that said Israel McBee was in the Battle of the hanging rock, in South Carolina, where he understood the said Israel McBee was taken prisoner by the British forces as he never saw said McBee again in the Service. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ James Spradling, X his mark

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State of Tennessee Grainger County: Be it known that on this 12th day of October 1843 before me John Bullard a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State aforesaid personally appeared Israel McBee a citizen of said County and made oath that in the month of \_\_\_ day \_\_\_ a certificate of pension issued to him granting him a pension of \_\_\_ per annum that he has drawn his pension ever since regularly up to the March 4th 1843 since which time by a notice received from the Commissioner of pensions the payment of his pension has been suspended for causes which he is unconscious of having done any wrong; and in consequence of a new roll of Captain Hughes Woodson's Company having been obtained, and his name not having been found on it, and in order to be reinstated on the pension roll and obtain what he knows to be his rights; he makes the following declaration; he states that he was born in Pittsylvania County in the State of Virginia and in the year 1761; and my father moved in time of the war to what is now Washington County in the state of Tennessee then it was a County of the Territory of North Carolina in 1778; that her was a call for men to go under Colonel Campbell and Shelby to join Marion and Sumter to put down the Tories; I was the rise of sixteen years old at the time the men was balloted for and it fell to my lot to go; I being young and on that account, my Father fixed me with horse saddle bridle & money and sent me back to Virginia to Pittsylvania County to my relations to stay there a while, for the purpose of avoiding a tour of service to the South; I remained in Virginia from May 1778 to the 9th of August of the same year; There being a call for Militia men and recruiting officers in the Country at that time, I was again called on to go and served a militia tour of service my friends persuaded me and I preferred doing so to enlist in the eighteen months service; I did then enlist on the 9th of August 1778 under Captain Cummings and was sworn in by Colonel John Nelson then a Justice of the Peace for that County. Our Company was marched from the place of my enlistment through Virginia by \_\_\_ to Norfolk Virginia there I was attached to Captain Hughes Woodson's Company near the last of November

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[FPA W62] he clearly signed his name

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or 1st of December 1778; from Norfolk we was marched as far north as Philadelphia remained there perhaps about two weeks and the call for men at the South; There was three regiments of us detailed for the southern service under Colonel Parker, Colonel Heath [William Heth], Colonel Blueford [Abraham Buford] under Brigadier General Scott on our Southern march we passed through Alexandria, Dumfries, Fredericksburg, Richmond and to Petersburg Virginia; Colonel Parker and Colonel Heath's regiments was marched on to the South and Colonel Bleuford's Regiment was ordered to remain there until further orders; Captain Woodson's Company was one of the companies that composed that Regiment I was still attached to it; about the 1st of March 1779 we was ordered on to join the other detachment that had gone on before under Colonel Heath and Colonel Parker at Camden South Carolina; when we started for the South from Petersburg a circumstance took place which will account perhaps for my name not being found on Captain Woodson's Roll there was Waggoners wanted and Obadiah Butts who was Wagon Master was ordered to select Waggoners that understood managing teams in driving them from the line to take the charge of several teams; I having been brought up to driving was one that was selected to drive; on the march to the South and until the day of the battle at the Hanging Rock where I was taken prisoner in South Carolina I did not muster in my Company but was engaged in the scrimmage & was taken prisoner wagon and all; previous to this battle we joined the Brigade at Camden and was ordered on to Charlestown in Company with Colonel Haws' Regiment to join at Head Quarters; but could get no further than a place called Monks Corner [Moncks Corner] being there intercepted by the British we was compelled to take a retrograde march up Rocky River and at the hanging Rock the place before referred to we fell in with Colonel Tarlton's detachment of British troops a battle followed and Colonel Bleuford was there defeated and all taken prisoners Captain Woodson was then my Captain and made prisoner also; but as before observed from Petersburg Virginia until this time I did not muster in the line still driving the wagon but never left my Company being the 24th day of May when this took place; three days after we were all paroled by the British Commander by his orders on our being sworn not to take up arms again until we were exchanged for in consequence of which I was not called into service after my time having expired before any exchange took place of prisoners taken in the South by the British; from this place I in company with many others returned to Pittsylvania County in Virginia where we was first enlisted; Colonel Tarlton's Detachment of light horse and was the British command that took us prisoners; I then remained in Pittsylvania County until the latter part of July 178[paper cut, digit missing] and returned home to Washington County now in Tennessee in August in going to Virginia previous to my enlistment I went by the lead mines as I returned home twenty-two months after I came on by there being the nearest and the common traveling road from that part of Virginia to the Holston and Watauga settlements in Washington each of these trips Mr. Elioot Grills [?]<sup>4</sup> was in service there how long he served each time I do not know I became acquainted with him the first time I passed and saw and became better acquainted with him on my return; and I understand that he was in the Battle at Guilford and that tour was out twelve months; I am made to say in my Deposition that I knew he served the tour last referred to but it was a clerical error I have no doubt honestly made by Dr. Noel States that although he took down my Deposition for Squire Conan his recollection is that my statement was that I only understood so and have on examination of said deposition referred to corrected the same before Squire Conn and made it to read as the facts existed which will I am in hopes fully

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<sup>4</sup> *Mr. Elioot Grills*

explain the seeming inconsistency of my statements in the deposition with my first Declaration besides I was laying very low with the afflictions of old age and disease of the chest at the time and frequently out of my head about the time my Deposition was taken and might have made a wrong statement unintentionally which I know was the case or that I was misunderstood. The Deposition of Shadrach Hail and the Deposition of Samuel McBee all the evidence now living that I know of or have been able to obtain Mr. Spradling one of the witnesses as that was sworn on my obtaining my pension is now dead or is likely. I could have further explained the Fact of my name not being found on the roll of Captain Woodson. I may in this Declaration have committed errors in point of dates from extreme old age, loss of memory and bodily affliction I find it well calculated to impair our memory it is hoped therefore that the department will exercise as much clarity on my case as is consistent with justice; and restore to me that which according to law I know is just and not deprive me of the little pittance that it has pleased the government to give me for services so well earned at a time when I so much need it for causes or supposed errors or mistakes never intended to be committed – all of which is cheerfully submitted with such evidence hereto affixed as I have been able to procure not doubting but the department will do what they believe to be right. I will here make one statement relative to my parole when I arrive to whom it was put in my father's desk and was lost in the lapse of years and prays that justice may be done him.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year 1st above written before me.

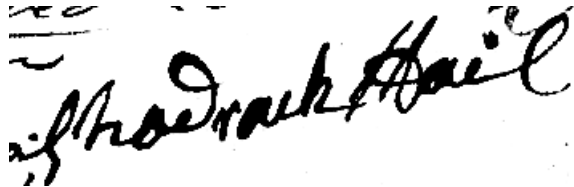
S/ John Bullard

S/ Israel McBee, X his mark

[f p. 47: On September 24, 1843 in Washington County Tennessee, Shadrack Hale [Hail], 84, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Israel McBee in Washington County Tennessee during the time of the revolutionary war; among the questions asked the affiant was the following: "Please state Mr. Hale whether or not you served a tour at the lead mines in Virginia the fall before you left Virginia in 1778: and under whom and whether you saw Israel McBee as he went on to Virginia where he enlisted

Answer: Answer I did serve a tour of three months under one William Watts at the lead mines [Chiswell Lead Mines] and I saw McBee as he went on to Virginia Elliott Grills was in service at the lead mines at the time referred to. Further this deponent saith not."

S/ Shadrack Hail

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shadrack Hail". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Shadrack Hail".

[This man's name is probably also spelled Shadrach

Hale.]

[f p. 18: "Rev." Samuel McBee, Sr., 73, a citizen of Claiborne County Tennessee gave testimony in support of the application of Israel McBee for the reinstatement of his pension stating that he has been acquainted with the veteran since his (affiant's) earliest infancy to the present day and well recollects the veteran returning home to his Father in Washington County, seeing his parole from Colonel Tarleton and recollects the veteran being exempted from serving in the militia on account of his parole.

*Samuel M. Bee* ]

[f p. 9 : On April 26, 1855 in Grainger County Tennessee, the veteran, giving his age as 93, filed for his bounty land entitlement under the 1855 act. He signed this application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the Virginia Continental line.]